July 27, 2025 **The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Opening Sentences, Book of Common Prayer 355 The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day A Reading / Psalm Song

Processional Sona

The Gospel

Sharing the Good News

The Creed The Prayers

The Confession & Absolution

The Peace BCP 360

Welcome & Announcements **The Holy Communion**

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord's Prayer **BCP364** The Breaking of the Bread

The Administration

Communion Song

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Song for the Procession Out

The Dismissal

BCP 366

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In, standing Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hymnal 657

The Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer 355

The Gloria Hymnal S278 **Song of Praise**

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

Note: This passage raises the issue of collective quilt. If some are bad, should all be treated as bad? What is the appropriate percentage? Abraham argues for a very low good-to-bad ratio. He, in effect, prays for the majority bad people. What is the radical message of the gospel? One person can make a difference.

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let

the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Psalm 138: Confitebor tibi

Note: This is a psalm of great praise and thanksgiving, but there is often a subtext of anxiety. The psalmist thanks the Lord for His help because he has needed His help. The conclusion of the psalm is a plea that since You have done so much in my life, don't give up now. Sometimes our prayers sound like that: don't give up on me. God won't.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- g The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands

The Epistle: Colossians 2:6-19

Note: Only faith is Christ is needful. Some in the church at Colossae, or perhaps outsiders, make further conditions necessary, circumcision being one example. Paul makes the analogy that faith functions as a type of circumcision. Just as circumcision functioned as indicating membership in the people of Israel, faith functions as an indication of belonging to the family of God. All we need is faith, and that is as simple and complicated as it needs to be. Christ

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self -abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Sequence Hymn, standing Breathe on Me

The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Note: One text for the Lord's Prayer is here, but the longer and more familiar version is found in Matthew 6: 9-13. It's ancient use in the church is attested by its inclusion in the Didache, a first century liturgical and teaching document. The Didache recommends it being said three times a day: morning, noon, and evening.

Hymnal 508

BCP 337

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him. And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything. I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min The Homily Followed by silence for reflection

BCP 358 The Nicene Creed, standing The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing Greetings and Announcements The Confession of Sin BCP 359 BCP 360 The Peace, standing

THE HOLY COMMUNION RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory **The Doxology**, standing Traveler Unknown

The Great Thanksgiving The Sursum Corda

The Sursum Corda The Sanctus The Canon, kneeling or standing.		BCP 367 Hymnal S1
THE GREAT AMEN The Lord's Prayer	starialing.	BCP 368 BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem Choir Meditation	And Now, O Father	BCP 364
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Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing

Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those in whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. **People**: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

Recessional Hymn: Glory Be to Jesus Hymnal 479

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- MARY & ART, STEPHANIE, AMANDA, WANDA, DOTTIE, SUSAN, LINDA, PAIGE, CLAIRE, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, VICTOR, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, KIM, TED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET, JOANN, and DEACON JUDITH.
- ⊕ FR. JAMIE.
- → THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT'S.
- HEIDI AND RUSS, missionaries to Chile and for the variety of ministries & lives they impact.

Those in the Armed Forces, especially

DAVID, AMANDA, JERRY, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, LAUREN, & GAVIN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

THEALING: HILARY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOHN, KENNETH, JOE, MISTY, LORI, PAT, CATHY, JEFF, EMORY, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, TYLER, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, URSLA, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, JINNY, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, JAN, MARKHAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, JERRY, RICH, TOBY, GEORGE, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELLA, DONNA, JOY, JAN, PERRY & CHRISTY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CHAD, CATHY, & MICHELLE.

☆ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER FAMILY & THE BARRE FAMILY.

♣ ARBOR: The Congregants at The Arbor.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.

Please take the bulletin home and pray for these concerns during the week.

Parish family & intercessory prayer requests stay on the list for two months unless extended, updated, or deleted sooner. Armed forces requests stay for one year. Notify the church office at 770-345-6722 or Trish Cole at 770-377-4348 to update requests. Prayer request cards are in church pews or call the church office.

To Pray is to Make a Beginning

As short as it is, the Lord's Prayer is full of rich meanings. From its initial address to Our Father, the Holy One, through the petitions for His Kingdom and our sustenance, forgiveness, and protection it covers a waterfront of our theology, desires, and needs.

And yet, for all of this, it is only a preamble to prayer. Jesus offers this set formula to his disciples not as a complete answer to the question of how to pray, but as a starting point, a beginning, an opening moment to a larger topic.

This is clear in his subsequent explanation in this Sunday's gospel lesson from Luke which is filled with open-ended invitations: ask, search, knock ... "the door will be opened". Jesus gives us the Lord's Prayer as a powerful foundation for a life of prayer, where we open God's continuing conversation with us.

God is always speaking to us. The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' wonderful gift to us which interrupts us in our ordinary lives to stop and listen to what God is saying and, even more, to respond from the honest depths of who we are, and then. find ourselves somehow, led forward.

What prayer is God calling from you?

Jamie H

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after each service for fellowship across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

NEW MAILING ADDRESS: St Clement's Episcopal Church PO Box 36

Holly Springs, GA 30142-0001

- Update address book
- Update Bill Pay
- Update Banks

Episcopalian 101! Adult Forum Continues Sundays 11:15am Come learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian! Led by Fr. Jamie Stutler

Welcome Team!

Do you have a warm smile and a heart for hospitality? We're looking for friendly face to join our Welcome Team! Contact the office at 770.345.6722 for more information.

Parents Meeting

8/3 after the Potluck. Come hear what is in store for our kids this coming year. This is a great time to share ideas and get involved.

Realm is coming in September!

We're launching a new tool to help us stay connected, engaged, and informed. It's simple, secure, and made for churches just like ours. Stay tuned!

Utility Assistance Program

The Utility Assistance Program branch of the Outreach Committee is looking for a few more members who would be willing to man the phones once every other month. For more information, please contact Fran Lepore at 770.842.9108.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is also looking for new members. Your commitment is one weekend per month, and Trish Cole will train you and answer all your questions! Please contact her at (770) 377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com.

Tuesdays

The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com

The Way Bible Study 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall. We study the previous Sunday's readings. For more information, please contact Anna Marie Smith at (717.713.5879.)

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Wednesdays

Rector's Bible Study 12:00 noon via Zoom . We are studying the Psalms.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm

Bible Study 7:00pm Resuming with the study of <u>Twelve Extraordinary Women</u> exploring the lives and faith of women who changed the world through God's grace. In the Vestry Room.

Fridays

Centering Prayer 12:30pm in church.. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.338.8540).

The Altar Guild

Dates are available for flower dedications for someone or some event special to commemorate. See the flowered notebook in the narthex and cost is \$50. Please contact Trish Cole 770.377.4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com.

Online Giving is available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app.

Office Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00am-2:00pm Wednesdays: 9:00am-11:00am

Please call before coming to make sure someone is in the office.

Scan to visit our website



Serving Today:

VPOD: Tim Woltering /Kay Morrison Crucifer/1st Server: Dell Lyons Epistle Torch: Jeff Pawlik Gospel Torch/Bells: Dell Lyons LEM: Janelle Walker Reader: Jeff Pawlik Teller: Scott Burleson

Birthdays this week:



Alice Irving 7/27 Nick Cerniglia 7/28 Bob Werner 7/28 Paige Yacoub 7/29 Rob McDonald 7/30 Helen Tucker 7/30 Mike Woltering 7/30 Reba Daley 8/1



Anniversaries this week:

Tom & Karen Brommelje 7/29

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

as of June 2025

Pledges YTD \$ 121,340
Total Income \$ 205,030
Total Expenses \$ 194,430



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O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting for the first time, let us know you are here by filling out a visitor's card and ask an usher about a gift we have for you in the narthex (fover).

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Regular Sunday Services //9am Contemporary //11am Traditional First Sunday of each month// 10am Combined Service

MONDAY

Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am

TUESDAY

COHI //10:00am Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am Bible Study: The Way//1:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Rector's Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm Women's AA//12:00pm Holy Eucharist//6:15am

THURSDAY

Al-Anon//7:00pm Al-Ateen//7:00pm

FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Service @ the Arbor//10:30am Women's AA//12:00pm Centering Prayer//12:30pm

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving Memory of Ginny Morgan by her family: Chad, Jen, Lily, and Henry

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