April 6, 2025 The Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

Procession In, standing The Opening Sentences In the Cross of Christ The Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymnal 441

Song of Praise

The Trisagion Hymnal S100 BCP 356

The Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

3 When they said among the nations, *

and we are glad indeed.

will reap with songs of joy.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *

6 Those who sowed with tears *

4 The Lord has done great things for us,"

like the watercourses of the Negev.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *

"The Lord has done great things for them."

Note: Paul, having discovered in Christ what is of true value compared to everything else has also discovered his great ambition to reach forward to that vision, leaving all else behind.

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on the make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Sequence Hymn, standing All Glory Be to God on High Hymnal 421

The Gospel: John 12:1-8

Note: The anointing of Bethany is all about Jesus, but the presence of Judas creates a contrast and foreshadowing. Judas has been loved by Jesus who washing his feet on Maundy Thursday just before the arrest. Judas walks away from the love of Christ. That is his great tragedy. Someone once said a cynic is a person who knows the cost of everything, but the worth of nothing.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because

he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Homily The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min

Followed by silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed, standing **BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing Greetings and Announcements

The Confession of Sin BCP 359

The Peace, standing **BCP 360**

> THE HOLY COMMUNION RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory Come Thou Traveler Unknown

The Doxology, standing Hymnal 380, v3 The Sursum Corda **BCP 367** The Sanctus Hymnal S128 The Canon, kneeling or standing.

THE GREAT AMEN **BCP 368**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

Breaking of the Bread **BCP 364** Fraction Anthem My Flesh is Food Indeed Hymnal S169 **Choir Meditation** Deep River Choir

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing BCP 365

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

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: Now Let Us All With One Accord

Hymnal 147

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response **BCP 366**

Thanks be to God

The Collect

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Note: The prophet uses the imagery of the Exodus to apply to the situation of the return of exile from Babylon. The theme is both inspiring and empowering: God will do a new thing even in the wilderness.

Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea,

a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me,

he jackals and ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

to give drink to my chosen people,

the people whom I formed for myself. so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126 in convertendo

Note: Continuing the theme of renewal after a period of challenges, this psalm celebrates a God who restores fortunes and elicits joy.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*

then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,* and our tongue with shouts of joy.

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ➡ SUSANNA, CLYDE, JOAN, PAIGE, CLAIRE, EVELYN, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, SOLOMON, VICTOR, MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET C, JO-SEPH, JOANN, and DEACON JUDITH.
- 中 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.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

HEALING: HILARY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, ANDY, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, ROBIN, 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, and JAN.

 ⊕ COMFORT: RYAN & THE BARRE FAMILY, and THE LOEFFLER FAMILY

 ⊕ ARBOR: PHYLLIS, FRAN, LIZ, BETTY, MARY, ROSE, BOBBY, LESLIE, ANN & ART, BOB, KEIRSEY & OLGA.

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.

A Question of Value

What is most important and what is of lesser importance? It is a critical question and one that we answer all the time, in many circumstances, and about many things. I might choose one type of apple over another or one kind of vacation over another or one kind of moral course as opposed to another.

Judas judges that the expensive ointment which Mary extravagantly applies to Jesus' feet would be better served sold for the poor box. Even if we set aside for the moment the strong possibility Judas may have larcenous motives, his is not a point to be dismissed lightly. Wouldn't his suggestion be better stewardship?

But the question of importance does not exist in a vacuum. Time and circumstance have their effect. What may be of lesser importance in some circumstances may be of supreme importance in others.

Mary's act of extravagant love is one such circumstance. The next day Jesus will enter Jerusalem to the great cheers of a crowd on what we call Palm Sunday, with Holy Week following and all the attendant betrayal, beating, humiliations that can shame him until the point of death and desertion.

But not all. The women stay, and among them this Mary of Bethany, her last gift to Jesus enduring.

Love was most important at that time. A love which Jesus drew out of Mary and draws out of us. A love which Jesus embodied through the hard days of Holy Week and which was supremely expressed on the cross for you and for me.

Love is always the most important criteria when it comes to deciding what is of greater or lesser importance? What is the most loving thing to do or the lesser loving? Sometimes, however, there are moments when love must be expressed extravagantly, holding nothing back. As Jesus does with his final breath. Love endures.

Jamie #

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after each service for a potluck meal 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

LEV Ministry Meeting

4/8 10:00am Vestry Room

Women's Group/Inbetweeners

4/8 11:00a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: .nhickoryfarms@comcastet

Spring Exterior Planting

4/12 1:00pm Join us for a community effort to refresh the church's exterior for Palm Sunday. Feel comfortable bringing your own tools. All are welcome!

Daughters of the King

4/13 1:00 pm Davis Hall Contact Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com

Book Club

4/14 Davis Hall This month's book selection is <u>Be</u>
<u>Ready When the Luck Happens</u> by Ina Garten.
Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com.

Activities For Lent: Fish Fry

3/7- 4/11 5:00—7:00pm Davis Hall This continues on Fridays during Lent. Tickets are \$12.00

Easter Basket Campaign

3/14-4/13 Donate wrapped Easter Baskets, either purchased or homemade, to Must Ministries for children in need in Cherokee County. Alternatively, you can contribute by placing a check marked for Easter Baskets in the collection plate or donating online through the website. All donations are welcome!

Lent Clean Out Challenge: 40 Days, 40 Items

Bring gently used items (clothing, shoes, books, home goods, etc.) to the Narthex on Sundays for donation to local non-profits. Sponsored by the ECW.

Lenten Series: Journey of Discernment 3/9-4/13 10:15 to 10:45am

Community of Hope International's six-week course is being offered during Lent for adults. Learn how to listen to the call on your journey with God. Classes will be held on Sundays be-

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tween services and after the combined service potluck on April 6th. For more information, please contact either Diane Hodgins at (850) 339-8540 or Fr. Jamie at (770) 324-2035.

Palm Sunday

4/13 9:00am, 11:00am The Sunday of the Passion

Holy Week Services:

Tenebrae

4/16 6:15pm The Liturgy of the Day

Maundy Thursday

4/17 7:00pm The Liturgy of the Day followed immediately by **Morning Watch** until midnight. Sign-up for a 30-minute slot on the poster in the Narthex. All are welcome, and you may sign-up for as many slots as you would like.

Good Friday

4/18 12:00-3:00pm The Three Hours 7:00pm The Liturgy of the Day

Holy Saturday

4/19 9:00am The Liturgy of the Day

Easter Sunday

4/20 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

riefShare

This session of GriefShare is complete. The next session will begin on September 8.

Online Giving available

through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app. Scan to visit our website



Serving Today:

VPOD: Tim Hodgins
Crucifer/1st Server: Doug Blackburn
Epistle Torch: Thomas Cerniglia
Gospel Torch/Bells: Michael Schirk
LEM: Dell Lyons
Reader: Brad Vaughan
Teller: Al Irvine



Birthdays this week:

Marge Loeffler 4/8 Cary Happe 4/12 Margaret Garwatoski 4/12 Sandy Carlson 4/12



Anniversaries this week:

Carlotta and David Ford 4/12

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

as of January 2025

Pledges YTD \$36,120
Total Income \$59,010
Total Expenses \$20,600



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I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

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 (foyer).

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

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

MONDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am

TUFSD

Bible Study- The Way // 1:00—3:00pm Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30am Alcoholics Anonymous // 8:00pm

THURSDAY

Canton Al-Anon // 7:00pm Path to Shine // 2:00pm to 5:00pm

FRIDA\

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am Service @ The Arbor // 10:30a.m Women's AA // 12:00 noon Centering Prayer // 12:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am Women's AA // 12:00pm. Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist // 6:15pm Meal // 6:45pm EYC // 7:00pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Bible Study // 7:00pm

There will be no Altar Flowers during the Lenten Season.

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