

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## 9AM Family Holy Eucharist,

The words of the liturgy and music are projected on the east wall.

<i>Processional Song</i> Opening Sentences, <i>Book of Common Prayer 355</i> <b>The Liturgy of the Word</b> The Collect of the Day A Reading / Psalm Song The Gospel Sharing the Good News The Creed The Prayers The Confession & Absolution The Peace BCP 360	<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> <b>The Holy Communion</b> <i>Offertory</i> The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord's Prayer BCP364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration <i>Communion Song</i> Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365 The Blessing <i>Song for the Procession Out</i> The Dismissal BCP366
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### 11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude** *Stand Up, Stand Up...* Hymnal 561  
**The Opening Sentences** The Book of Common Prayer, 355

**Song of Praise** The *Gloria* Hymnal S278 BCP 355

#### The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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 55:10-13

*Note: The occasion here is a joyful homecoming. The exile is over, and all nature is cheering those who are coming home. God's abundant power has made this possible. Just as he gives growth through the power of nature, God gives us growth and abundance and a place to call home in him. The first part of these verses are called the Second Song of Isaiah, Canticle 10, at page 86-87 in the Book of Common Prayer and is part of Morning Prayer.*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

#### The Psalm 65: 9-14

*Note: A psalm of thanksgiving to God. The entire psalm is in three parts: God and the temple, God and the world, and, here, God and the earth. God is like a cosmic farmer who tends the earth.*

#### Te decet hymnus

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 **You prepare the grain, \***  
**for so you provide for the earth.**
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 **You crown the year with your goodness, \***  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**  
**and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \***  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

#### The Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

*Note: Paul contrast life in the Spirit and life in the flesh. Paul does not condemn our bodily natures but urgently encourages us to realize that we are more than material objects, we are creatures beloved of God. That means our materiality is even more significant, more sacred, because it is infused by the Spirit of God.*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Sequence Hymn** *Take My Life* Hymnal 508

#### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

*Note: The parable of the sower in Matthew is particularly interesting because it comes with Jesus' own commentary about it. Parables are inside jokes. Only if you know something about the subject matter do you get the punch line. Clearly no proper farmer would act like this. So, it*

*leads us to wonder if Jesus is talking about something else. Something about our human nature? Something about grace? Something about God?*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**The Homily** The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler  
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

The Offertory *Here Is Bread*  
**The Doxology** *standing* Hymnal 380 v.3

**The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B** BCP 367  
*The Sursum Corda*  
*The Sanctus* Hymnal S130  
*The Canon* *kneeling or standing.*  
THE GREAT AMEN, BCP 368  
**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 364  
**Breaking of the Bread** BCP 364  
Choir Anthem *God of the Prophets* Hymnal 7

**Post Communion Prayer** *kneeling or standing* BCP 365

**Processional Hymn:** *Praise My Soul* Hymnal 410  
**The Dismissal Response** BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

## WE PRAY FOR...

### Our Parish Family, especially

✚ ANNIE, MARY, KAREN, MIMI, JOSEPH, CLYDE, SARAH, EMILY, PAT, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, WANDA, ROBIN, BILL W., MARK, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, JOHN D., SCOTT, MARTI, FRAN, DAKOTA. DEACON JUDITH & MARGARET C.

✚ FR . JAMIE.

✚ THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT'S.

✚ HEIDI AND RUSS, missionaries to Chile.

### Those in the Armed Forces, especially

✚ MARNYCE, JERRY, NICK, JOYCE, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, JAKE, ROSE, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN & NATHAN.

### Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✚ HEALING: HILARY, BONNIE, GRIFFEN, JESS, JOHN, JIM, DANA, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, DIANE, BEVERLY, DAN, LARAMIE, DON, RANDALL, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, THOMAS, BECKY, JUDY, TIM, PINKIE, MELODY, ROBIN, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, LOGAN, KIMBERLY, DALE, REBECCA, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, JOHN, IVY, MAEGAN, ORSON, JOANNE, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, JANE, GILL, TERRY, PATTI, PATTY, KATHLEEN, JUSTIN, MR. B., CHRIS, BRANDON, SHAWN, ANN, DAVID, KRISTINE, ADRIAN, MAN AT KROGER, HEIDI, MICHAEL, LIZ, ANN, TED, CHRISTINE, BILL, PETE, ROBIN, MARY & ALEX.

✚ COMFORT: PAT, RYAN & PEGGY & FAMILY.

### WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.

Please take the bulletin home and pray for these concerns during the week.  
Please contact Trish Cole to update your prayer requests at

770-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com

Prayer request cards are available on the back of the pews.

### Montessori Jesus

Jesus is a teacher. But the way he teaches is just as important. He does not simply decree truisms from above. He teaches as someone who dwells with those he teaches, who lives and breathes the same air they breathe, who knows what kind of life they live.

That is why he teaches in parables. These are stories about ordinary people and ordinary things. His teaching works through the sharing of a common experience. Sometimes it is in response to a question. Consistently they are stories which challenge people and question assumptions.

He tells these stories in a particular way. While they are about ordinary and everyday things, there is always a twist, something odd, that makes us think. Parables are a little like riddles: they shift the thinking process to the hearer. As one biblical scholar wrote, they "tease the mind into active thought."

This process is what we might call "integrative learning". The teacher begins with our own body of knowledge, the teacher introduces us to a little twist to that body of knowledge, and we do more than think about it, we integrate it into what we already know, and we are enlarged with a new insight.

Jesus takes what we already know and uses it to expand our lives by way of an experience we may never have dreamed of. Jesus brings the experience of God into our ordinary lives. That is one simple way of describing the incarnation.

This tells us that the experience of God comes more frequently and more profoundly in our ordinary lives and not in spectacular events. The way Jesus teaches us encourages us to be more mindful of those ordinary lives and more expectant to see something important and life changing in their very ordinariness.

Where have you seen God in the ordinary? What has God shown you while you were on the way to doing something else? What should we do with these insights?

Jamie+

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### No Adult Forum today

#### Backpacks:

St. Clement's parishioners - you are AMAZING! Our '50 for 50 years' backpack drive knocked it out of the park! We collected 97 backpacks for the Give a Kid a Chance program. Thanks to Margaret Garwatoski for her leadership!

#### Hospitality:

We need people to sign up for hospitality. The requirements are simple-just bring some bagels or donuts. Signup online through the link in the newsletter or contact Jennifer Morgan jmorgan39@gsu.edu. We have had some interest expressed in returning 11 a.m. hospitably. If there is interest we need a volunteer to lead.

#### ECW

7/17 meeting cancelled. Next meeting will be 8/21 7 p.m. Davis Hall. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

#### All Ages Tubing Trip:

7/23 6th grade and up do not have to have a parent attend with them, but those younger will need to have a parent present. Adults without kids are welcome too! Everyone will have to have a signed waiver to participate. We will leave after the 9 a.m. service. After tubing, we will stop in Jasper for pizza, and should be back at the church around 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$16 per person and deadline to register is 7/22/23. Register online.

#### Parent Meeting:

8/6 9 a.m. There will be a meeting for parents with children in Christian Education to discuss the curriculum for the coming year.

#### Combined Service:

8/6 10 a.m. with potluck immediately following. Please do not bring a desert as we will be also having an ice cream social.

#### Women's Group/Inbetweeners

8/14 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

#### Daughters of the King

9/11 1 p.m. Davis Hall to begin Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. There will be no meeting in July or August Contact: Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

#### Book Club

9/11 1:30 p.m. to discuss **The House in the Pines** by Ana Reyes. The Book Club will not meet in July and August. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee\_m@yahoo.com.

#### Rector's Wednesday Zoom Noon Bible Study

Study of the Gospel of John continues. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

The Altar Guild has dates available on the flower

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*  
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Carlotta Ford, *administrator*  
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chart if you have someone or something special you would like to commemorate. The chart is in the notebook in the narthex.. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com to join the team.

#### The Men's Group

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. (IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton)  
Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com.

St. Clement's newest music ensemble is the **Joyful Noise Band**. If you play a musical instrument, we'd love to have you join us! The band plays 9 a.m. every 3rd Sunday. Contact Judy Reardon -judy.reardon@icloud.com.

#### Wednesday Night:

Wednesday evening Holy Eucharist begins at 6:15. Wednesday Youth and Bible Study is on hiatus until school resumes in August.

**Online Giving** available through our website [www.stclementscanton.org](http://www.stclementscanton.org) or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

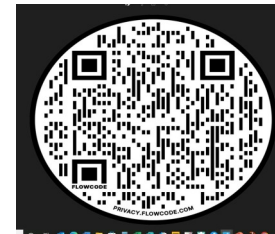
#### Parish Directory:

We are currently updating the parish directory. *If you have your information in the previous directory AND the information is correct, there is no need to fill out a form.* If you have moved and/or would like to add birthdays and anniversaries, please fill out a form in the narthex. If you would like to take it home and fill it out, there are addressed stamped envelopes in the narthex along with the forms for you to fill out and mail back. Contact the office with any questions.

#### Altar Flowers:

The vestry has approved an increase to \$50 per dedication.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



#### Birthdays this week:

Jim Carr 7/17  
Kimberly Vernachio 7/21



#### Anniversaries this week:

Mike & Margie Woltering 7/18  
Joseph & Ashlee Waters 7/21

#### TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of May 2023

Pledges YTD	\$117,403.60
Total Income	\$165,170.76
Total Expenses	\$134,417.09



July 16, 2023

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

We thank you, O God, for the good earth you have given into our hands for its tending and pray that you guide us as proper stewards of its care.

### 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

**SUNDAY SERVICES** // 9 a.m. Contemporary // 11 a.m. Traditional

#### MONDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.

#### THURSDAY

Canton Al-Anon // 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.  
Women's AA // 12 noon

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.  
Women's AA // 12 p.m.  
Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.

The Altar Flowers today are given by Wanda & Jim Carr to the Glory of God & in celebration of Jim's birthday on 7/17/23.

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