

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

**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

**Procession In**                    *Lord Who Through-Out*                    Hymnal 142  
**The Opening Sentences**                    The Book of Common Prayer, 355

**Song of Praise**                    *The Kyrie*                    Hymnal S591    BCP 355

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### The First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

*Note: The covenant made by God to Noah promises to stay with his people even though God knows there has not been a fundamental change in human nature. God has however, in a sense, changed. Hurt as God is from the willful destruction of his good creation by human beings, God will be patient with them.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to

destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

#### The Psalm 25:1-9

*Note: A song imploring our compassionate and loving God to reveal to us frail human beings how we might reveal in ourselves more of the nature of that same God.*

#### Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
    my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
    let me not be humiliated,  
    nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
    let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
    and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
    for you are the God of my salvation;  
    in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
    for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
    remember me according to your love  
    and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
    therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right \*  
    and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
    to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

#### The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*Note: Here the letter makes a direct comparison between the experience of Noah and baptism. In Martin Luther's baptismal liturgies, still found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, he refers to this as well. Baptismal dying and rising in Christ reveals a new creation and a renewed covenant in the newly baptized.*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Sequence Hymn**                    *Lord Jesus Think on Me*                    Hymnal 641

#### The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

*Note: In all four gospels Jesus goes right from his baptism and the divine declaration of his identity into the wilderness and temptation. Our baptismal life, the promised presence of God in our lives, protects us from becoming part of a world which rebels against God's creation.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**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                    *Love One Another*                    Choir  
**The Doxology**                    *standing*                    Hymnal 380 v.3

**The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B**                    BCP 367

*The Sursum Corda*  
The Sanctus                    Hymnal S125  
The Canon                    *kneeling or standing.*

THE GREAT AMEN,                    BCP 368  
**The Lord's Prayer**                    BCP 364  
**Breaking of the Bread**                    BCP 364  
Choir Anthem                    *Kind Maker of the World*                    Hymnal 379 v.1-3  
**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 to 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.*

**Processional Hymn:**                    *God Is Love*                    Hymnal 379  
**The Dismissal Response**                    BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

**WE PRAY FOR...**

**Our Parish Family, especially**

✠ **JOAN IMMKE & FAMILY, JOAN C., TONY, DALE, BOBBY, AL, JEAN, JULIA, HUBIE, MABRY FAMILY, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, JOHN D., SCOTT, MARTI, FRAN, DAKOTA, DEACON JUDITH, MARGARET C. & JOSEPH.**

✠ **FR . JAMIE.**

✠ **THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT'S.**

✠ **HEIDI AND RUSS,** missionaries to Chile.

**Those in the Armed Forces, especially**

✠ **MARNYCE, JERRY, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, JAKE, ROSE, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, JACKSON, NATHAN K. & ADRIAN.**

**Others needing Intercessory Prayer:**

✠ **HEALING: HILARY, BONNIE, GRIFFEN, JOHN, JIM, COURTNEY, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, BEVERLY, DAN, DON, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, ORSON, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, PATTI, PATTY, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, TED, ROBIN, DEVENA, MARY, TOM, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELLIOT, ELVIE, AMY, BETTY, HEATHER, WANDA, PAIGE, GAYLE, AMANDA, MARK, CHRIS, ELIZABETH, ROB, BILL, ANDREW, BRITTANY, SONJA, TOM, FRANK, MOLLY, MAUREEN, PARENTS OF CHAD MORGAN, LOU & TRAVIS.**

✠ **COMFORT: RYAN, PEGGY & FAMILY & KENDRICK & FAMILY.**

✠ **ARBORS: PHYLLIS, MELANIE, MICHELLE, CAROLINE, TODD & SARAH.**

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.**

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

Those from the parish family & intercessory prayer list remain on the list for two months and then are deleted unless notification is given to extend, update re condition, or delete sooner because special prayers are no longer needed. Those in the armed forces remain for one year with the same conditions as above. Notice may be given to Carlotta Ford at the Ministry Center, 770-345-6722 Prayer request cards are in the church pews, or requests can be made by calling Carlotta. Please email or call Trish Cole (770-377-4348) to update your prayer requests.

**The Promise of God in Jesus Christ:  
Lenten Sermon Series**

The God of scripture, both Old and New Testament is a promising God. By that I mean in God is hope for the present and the future. Moreover, God is promising in this sense because he is promising in another sense, God is promising because God has made promises. In the language of the Bible, we call these covenants.

The most famous covenants began with the patriarchs and matriarchs like Adam and Eve, Noah and his family, Abraham and Sarah, and with David and the climactic covenant moment found in the event of Jesus Christ which was written so forcefully about by St. Paul in his contrast between the law and the gospel.

What is this promise, this covenant? It has been expressed very simply and succinctly in Genesis and Exodus and in the prophets (Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Hosea) as the same or similar words from Jeremiah 7:23: "I will be your God and you shall be my people". It is God's promise never to abandon us, expressed in various ways and circumstances.

In Jesus we see this promise incarnated, where God comes and dwells among us in order to direct us toward a perfected sacrificial union between God and human beings through his body and blood which he offers to us. Baptism is the acceptance of this offer.

As disciples of Jesus, we have signed on to the promise of God. Just as God has promised to be with us, we have prioritized the life of God in our own lives by the power of the grace God himself gives us. We have been recruited into God's great project of making his loving will a present reality on earth as it is in heaven.

We are, therefore, promising people. We show promise in ourselves by the love of God working in us for the sake of the world. We are the people of God in Christ.

Lent is a time to explore that promise and wonder and to see where in our lives that promise can shed a little more light in the world.

*Jamiet*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Lent Cleanout Challenge:**

Each day of Lent find a gently used item in your home (clothing, shoes, books, home goods etc.) that you no longer need and set it aside to donate to those in need. Bring donations to the narthex on Sunday mornings during Lent. Volunteers will collect and sort the donated items and arrange for them to be delivered to nonprofits and mission programs such as No Longer Bound and MUST Ministries. Contact Beth Vaughan elizabeth.m.w.vaughan@gmail or see any ECW member.

**Centering Prayer:**

We are organizing a Centering Prayer group at St. Clement's! Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. The group will meet regularly for about half an hour once a week. More information can be found at www.comtemplativeoutreachatlanta.com. If interested contact Fr. Jamie (770) 324-2035 or Diane Hodgins (850) 339-8540

**GriefShare**, a Christ-centered support group seminar for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend through death. It is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, people discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, people learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. St. Clement's Episcopal Church group meets Monday (now until April 1) from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Davis Hall. Please join us, you do not have to attend all sessions. Contact Mary Koblasz at marykoblasz@gmail.com or 770-655-4005.

**Share the Love:**

This February let's turn love into action! Share the Love 2024 is a month-long social media campaign dedicated to raising critical funding for Path to Shine. You can make a positive impact with as little as \$1 a day! February is all about SHARING THE LOVE So please join with us as we continue to inspire and empower every child at Path to Shine to reach for the stars! Put a check in the plate made out to St. Clement's marked for Path to Shine or donate online via the website or at pathtoshine.org.

**Fish Fry**

Annual Fish Fry **begins 2/16** and continues through 3/22. Contact Katie McDonald to sign up.

**Episcopal Church Women**

**2/19** currently meeting via Google Meet. Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

**Daughters of the King Quiet Day**

**3/16** 9am until 2p.m. a retreat held in the church. We invite you to join Confessing Joy: Living the good life by letting go. .

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**Book Club**

**3/11** 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride, April is **The Year of Living Biblically** by AJ Jacobs, May is **The Villa** by Rachel Hawkins, June is **The Things We Cannot Say** by Kelly Rimmer, July is **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and is August **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Alison Pataki. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee\_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

**Women's Group/Inbetweeners:**

**3/11** 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

**The Altar Guild** has dates available on the flower chart if you have someone or something special you would like to commemorate. The chart is in the notebook in the narthex and cost is \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com

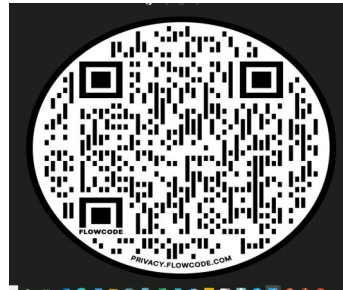
**The Men's Group**

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

**Online Giving** available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

If you have an item you would like included in the newsletter or bulletin, please submit it to the office no later than 2:00pm on Thursdays.

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Serving Today:  
VPOD: Amanda Cerniglia  
Crucifer: Tim Hodgins  
Gospel Torch: Dell Lyons  
Epistle Torch: Margaret Whitley  
LEM: Diane Hodgins  
Reader: Larry Ellis  
Teller: Al Irvine

**Birthdays this week:**  
Mimi Mowery 2/18  
Drew Doran 2/22  
Sharon Nelson 2/24  
Joan Immke 2/24

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**  
as of December 2023

Pledges YTD	\$241,277.69
Total Income	\$394,475.45
Total Expenses	\$393,476.65



**February 18, 2024  
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We thank you, O Lord,  
that we can trust in your  
promise to be with us  
always.

**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) // 9:00am  
Grief Share // 3:00pm

**THURSDAY**

Canton Al-Anon // 7:00pm.  
No Path to Shine // 1:40pm

**TUESDAY**

Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30am  
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8:00pm.

**FRIDAY**

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am.  
Holy Eucharist @ The Arbors // 10:00am  
Women's AA// 12:00 noon

**WEDNESDAY**

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am.  
Women's AA // 12:00pm.  
No Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12:00pm  
Holy Eucharist.// 6:15pm  
No Meal // 6:40pm  
No EYC // 7:00pm  
No Bible Study // 7:00pm

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