

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 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> The Liturgy of the Word 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	Welcome & Announcements The Holy Communion <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	<i>Ye Servants of God</i>	Hymnal 535
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer, 355	
Song of Praise	The <i>Gloria</i>	Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Isaiah 51:1-6

Note: This Sunday's theme of church identity begins with the prophet speaking to a people in exile, under oppression, and under threat. They forget who they are. They forget that there is such a thing as righteousness. They are tempted into despair or complacency. The prophet calls them to remembrance, to power, to hope, and to righteousness. "Lift your eyes to the heavens". How might we do that today?

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended

The Psalm 138

Note: The psalm praises the creating God who he worships, trusts both to be kept safe and to be led in a proper direction, and whose "love endures forever". If we imagine God loves us, where should we go and what shall we do?

Confitebor tibi

- I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, ***
because of your love and faithfulness;
- For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- When I called, you answered me; ***
you increased my strength within me.
- All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- They will sing of the ways of the LORD, ***
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 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.**
- 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: Romans 12:1-8

Note: Throughout Paul's letters he is constantly reminding folks that their identity does not come from the passing turmoil of the world but from the durable, un-surpassing love of God. This identity reveals, in turn, gifts to share with the world in its turmoil. What has God given you to give to the world?

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the

same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Sequence Hymn *Day By Day* Hymnal 654

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Note: The location of the confession of Peter is significant. Caesaria Philippi lies north of the Sea of Galilee and has for thousands of years been a place associated with various Gods. It is a delicatessen of divinity. There are lots of gods to choose from in this world. Whom do you choose?

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 *Jesus King Of Angels*
The Doxology *standing* Al Irvine soloist
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 *instrumental* Hymnal 337

Post Communion Prayer *kneeling or standing* BCP 365

Processional Hymn: *Ye Watchers...* Hymnal 618
The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ **MARGIE, SHARON, MABRY FAMILY, SHARON, ANNIE, KAREN,, JOSEPH, 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, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, JAKE, ROSE, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, JACKSON & NATHAN K.**

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✚ **HEALING: HILARY, BONNIE. GRIFFEN, JESS, JOHN, JIM, SHONDA,, DIANE, SANDRA, BEVERLY, DAN, LARAMIE, DON, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, THOMAS, TIM, PINKIE, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KIMBERLY, DALE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, JOHN, ORSON, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, GILL, TERRY, PATTI , PATTY, JUSTIN, MR. B, CHRIS, BRANDON, ANN, DAVID, ADRIAN, MAN AT KROGER, HEIDI, MICHAEL, LIZ, ANN, TED, CHRISTINE, BILL, PETE, ROBIN, MARY, ALEX, SANDY, TIMOTHY, DEBBIE, SAM, JIM, MARINA, DAV-ENA, WILLS, MARY, TOM, NICOLE, NORM & THE PEOPLE OF MAUI.**

✚ **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.

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

Identity and Action

What is the church? Who are we at St. Clement's? There are at least two ways to answer the question. Ask us who we are and see if that seems to be reflected in what we do or, see what we are doing and see if you can discern from that what we believe we think we are.

If we start with the first, direct, approach we have to ask the deeper question: who is Jesus Christ? Jesus asks his disciples, "who do people say that I am?" What kind of response would we get to that question today? A very good and wise man? A prophet of the old school? A philosopher?

Peter declares him the "Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus goes on to connect that declaration to the foundation of what it means to be church. What does this belief mean?

At the very least it means that God, the creator, has reached out to the world in living form, to be more fully known, in the Christ who gathers around him human beings in his loving salvation of the world, equipped, always, by the power of God, the Spirit of the living God.

That is who we are called be, so close to Jesus to be called the body of Christ, the congregation of the faithful, and the fellowship of the Spirit.

Looking at the second approach, how does this play out in what we are doing? Sometimes our actions seem clearly connected to our claimed identity: we worship this generous God, we reach out to one another and the world around us, we act in ways Jesus did. Sometimes we don't: in our conflicts, in our complacency, in our selfishness and self-centeredness.

That is where we learn, just as the disciples did before us. We learn, again and again, who we are so we can live into that identity in our own imperfect ways.

The most ancient name for the church was simply the "people of the Way". That Way is many things and one thing in particular, the Way of the Love of God.

What Way is the Love of God leading us today?

Jamie

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherokee Family Violence Center

Through today. Lilah Schilling is collecting donations for Girl Scouts. The requested items are cleaning and household needs and toiletries. A detailed list and a box to drop off your donations is in the narthex.

50th Anniversary Fund:

We are accepting donations for the fund through 9/17 to upgrade the kitchen and improving accessibility and appearance of the front and back entrance to the church.

Combined Service:

9/2 10 a.m. with potluck following immediately after. Please bring a dish to share!

Wine 'n Cheese 'n Jazz

9/9 4-6 p.m. Davis Hall. An evening celebrating us! Register online

Daughters of the King

9/10 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.

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:

9/12 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

ECW

9/18 7 p.m. Davis Hall. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

Episcopal Youth Community:

7p.m. Wednesdays. Meal begins at 6:40 with activities following.

Wednesday Bible Study:

7 p.m. We are studying Galatians, using the book St. Francis and the Christian Life by April Love-Fordham. This book teaches Galatians the way Jesus taught: through parables. In this case, the parables are about Saint Francis. Each section ends with a spiritual practice designed to help readers discover their own unique way of living the Christian life. The book is available on Amazon. Join us!

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 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.

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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 now \$50. 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: stclements mensgroup@gmail.com.

St. Clement's 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.

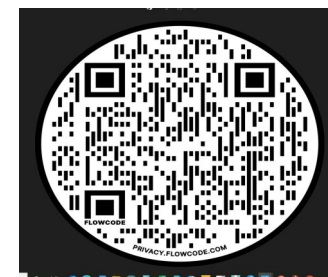
Online Giving available through our website www.stclements canton.org or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

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. **Deadline 8/31.**

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.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Birthdays this week:

Valerie Brumbelow 8/27
Ginny Everett 8/28
Bruce Allen 8/30
Amy MacNeill 8/31
Jacob Hootselle 9/1
Milt Dockweiler 9/1



TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of June 2023

Pledges YTD	\$145,405.90
Total Income	\$195,939.39
Total Expenses	\$162,775.06



August 27, 2023 13th Sunday after Pentecost

We thank you, dear Lord, for the gift of your church, divinely inspired and humanly equipped: in our deep humility open our heart to your constant inspiration that we might be part of your work of your Kingdom come.

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.
Meal // 6:40 p.m.
EYC // 7pm
Bible Study // 7 pm

The Altar Flowers today are given by Joseph & Ann Scattaglia to the Glory of God in loving memory of Olimpia Scattaglia, beloved wife and mother.

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