

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 11, 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> 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

Procession In *Christ, When For Us...* Hymnal 121
The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise *The Gloria* Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Note: Two features of this story of the witness of Elisha to the miraculous departure of Elijah to consider is the dogged determination of Elisha to follow Elijah to the end and the request of Elisha to Elijah to inherit a "double share" of Elijah's spirit, the traditional share of the eldest son. We follow for the favored gifts of the Spirit and that is worth a determined following in the way of God.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho

drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Psalm 50:1-6

Note: A declaration of the coming of God dramatically in our lives.

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above ***
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; ***
for God himself is judge.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Note: The startling point in this portion of the letter is that we seek the light of Christ not in order that we ourselves are exalted, but so we can become servants, just as Paul became a servant to the church in Corinth.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Sequence Hymn *The Love of God* Hymnal 455

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Note: The Transfiguration is found in all four gospels and is perhaps the greatest Epiphany of our Lord next to the Resurrection itself.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 *If God Be For Us* 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 *Sing of Mary* Hymnal 277
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.

Processional Hymn: *Go Forth With God* Hymnal 347
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, SETEVE, 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, BRIT-TANY, SONJA, TOM, FRANK, MOLLY & MAUREEN.**

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

✠ **ARBORS: PHYLLIS, MELANIE, MICHELLE & CAROLINE**

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.

Transfiguration to Lent

Every year, the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountaintop is our transition to the season of Lent. This is because the Transfiguration is the final, climactic Sunday of the season following the Epiphany, the season where we celebrate the revealing of God in Jesus Christ and that says something about Lent.

Seeing God in Christ sets a proper mood for Lent, not as a depressing season of self-abasement, but as a hopeful season which is grounded in not who we would like to be or feel that we should be, but in who we actually are and from which we can make a new beginning.

The Transfiguration enlightens us with the power of God in Christ not to think too highly of ourselves or too lowly of others but to face with grace where we are with our lives and where we are in the lives of others. It does involve personal inventory, but it does not end there. The light of Christ reveals us but also reveals the way forward.

The dazzling Transfiguration of Christ reveals us as children of God worthy of the light of God and the hope of God. That is the compass point of Lent to which this wonderful season points us.

Where is the light of Christ leading you? How is the journey going? What needs to be let go? What needs to be taken on?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday:
2/13 5pm until 7:30 pm the youth will be serving pancakes and sausage for \$10 a plate. This is a fundraiser for the pollinator garden development.

Ash Wednesday:
2/14 services are 9am and 6:15 pm.

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. The first organizational meeting is Thursday, February 15 at 1:00pm in the church when future meeting dates and time will be decided. 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.

Daughters of the King Today 1p.m. Davis Hall to watch the movie Star of Bethlehem. The study Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner will resume in March. Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

Book Club
2/12 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **The Seed Keeper** by Diane Wilson. March book is **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 August **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Alison Pataki.

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
770-324-2035
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Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:
2/13 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

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

ECW
2/19 currently meeting via Google Meet. Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. Contact Wanda Carr wanda-kiddcarr@gmail.com

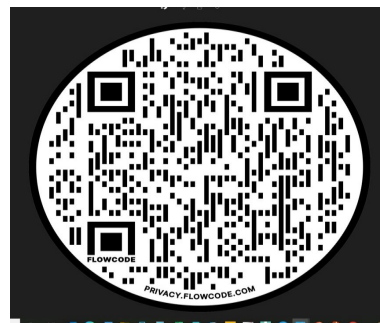
The Altar Guild has dates available on the flower chart if you have someone or something special you would like to commemorate. The chart is in the notebook in the narthex and cost is \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com

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

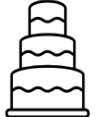
Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.


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: Katie McDonald
Crucifer: Dell Lyons
Gospel Torch: Wayne Smoak
Epistle Torch: Mike Schirk
LEM: Bruce Allen
Reader: Wanda Carr
Teller: Jamie Lyons

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Tim & Diane Hodgins 2/16

 **Birthdays this week:**
Tripp McDonald 2/11

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of December 2023

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



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. 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

The Altar Flowers today are given by The Altar Guild to the Glory of God.

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