

THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

MARCH 31, 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	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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7:30 AM & 11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
**** 7:30 AM SERVICE ONLY**
*** 11:00 AM SERVICE ONLY**

****AT SUNRISE: THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*Prelude		
The Procession	<i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today</i>	Hymnal 207
The Opening Sentences		The Book of Common Prayer, 355
	Alleluia. Christ is risen.	
	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.	
*Song of Praise	The <i>Gloria</i>	Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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: Acts 10:34-43 *seated*

Note: The season of Easter traditionally includes a reading from the Acts of the Apostles each Sunday. Peter's speech is a thumbnail sketch of the meaning of Jesus and how that meaning informs our life after the resurrection. What short answer would you have if somebody were to ask you about the meaning of Jesus in your life?

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witness-

es, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

read responsively

Note: This is a psalm of the victory of God. The resurrection is a sign of this victory, that, against all odds, God has triumphed in Jesus Christ. This is more than a fact; it is the posture of the human heart. To believe in the triumph of God is to see the world differently, to see ourselves differently. It is live in defiant hope in the world.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the LORD's doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Note: Paul did not know Jesus before the resurrection. The resurrection changed everything for him. Jesus is now available to all of us and prepared to work his grace into our lives. For Paul, Jesus became a major part of his biography. How has the risen Christ informed your life?

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

***Sequence Hymn** *Alleluia, Alleluia* Hymnal 178*

Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

please stand as able

Note: The resurrection is the climactic point of all four gospels. Each has their own way of telling the story. All of them involve women as the first to experience the risen Christ. The women become the first evangelists, which was the last thing on their mind as they went to the tomb that morning. But God surprised them, and their lives were changed. How has God surprised you?

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Homily	The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler Silence for Reflection	
The Nicene Creed	<i>standing</i>	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People	<i>kneeling or standing</i>	
<i>Greetings and Announcements</i>		

The Peace	<i>standing</i>	BCP 360
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	THE HOLY COMMUNION	
*The Offertory Anthem	<i>Anthem of Praise</i>	
The Doxology	<i>standing</i> Hymnal 380 v.3	

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B		BCP 361
<i>The Sursum Corda</i>		Hymnal S112
<i>The Sanctus</i>		Hymnal S130
<i>The Canon</i>	<i>kneeling or standing.</i>	
THE GREAT AMEN,		BCP 363
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
*Choir Anthem:	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	Hymnal 8
*Post Communion Hymn:		Hymnal 178

Post Communion Prayer	<i>kneeling or standing</i>	BCP 365
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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.

The Easter Blessing

Processional Hymn:	<i>Hail Thee, Festival Day</i>	Hymnal 175
The Dismissal Response	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.	BCP 366

PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ DAVID, JAMIE, MIKE, WAYNE, 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, 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, ELVIE, AMY, BETTY, HEATHER, WANDA, PAIGE, GAYLE, AMANDA, MARK, CHRIS, ELIZABETH, ROB, BILL, ANDREW, BRITTANY, SONJA, TOM, FRANK, MOLLY, MAUREEN, LOU, TRAVIS, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE & ED.

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

✠ ARBORS: PHYLLIS, MELANIE, MICHELLE, CAROLINE, TODD & SARAH, PETER, BOO, NED & BESSY & DONN.

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.

A New Start

The resurrection of Jesus Christ means a new start. After Good Friday this seemed unlikely. Hopes had been raised. The disciples had good reason to believe that the world would change, just as they had changed. Then, suddenly, those hopes were dashed.

Hope was dashed suddenly, but not inexplicably. Jesus' life was a constant tension between works of love and growing opposition. He was a dangerous man because he sought more than the world was ready to give him. His death seemed an all too natural consequence of his actions and teachings to a world obstinate to cling on to its own self-destructive behavior.

Easter tells us we have another chance. It also tells us that we are worth it, despite the evidence of Good Friday. More, we are invited to learn, was resurrected that day than one human being. Our hope was raised.

Hope, it cannot be said too often, is not the same as optimism. We are not merely optimistic because of the resurrection. That would simply mean we expect better according to our experience. Hope, on the other hand, goes far beyond our experience and enters the providence of God. In the resurrection we are invited to see the hand of God doing things beyond our experience or imagination.

What new start is God drawing you toward? You might find yourself as surprised as the disciples.

Jamie+

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

Today between 9 & 11 am services. Children of all ages are welcome to participate.

New Tuesday Bible Study

1PM in Davis Hall: "The Lord's Prayer"

Servers Needed

Volunteers are urgently needed in order to fully staff our 11:00am service with acolytes, LEMs and readers. Each volunteer receives complete written instructions for their role(s) as well as coaching and hands-on practice before being assigned. Every effort is made to make it a comfortable and fulfilling worship experience, and to limit participation to twice a month or less. Please call or text Jeff Pawlik (314.629.6183) for more information.

Centering Prayer:

Information regarding the program can be found in the brochures in the narthex. If interested contact Fr. Jamie (770) 324-2035 or Diane Hodgins (850) 339-8540

Lay Eucharistic Visitors Ministry:

If you or someone you know would like to use this service, please contact either Fr. Jamie (770-324-2035) or Diane Hodgins (850-339-8540).

Episcopal Church Women

Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. April meeting will be held 4/22 in Davis Hall. The annual retreat at Camp Mikell will be May 3-5. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com.

Book Club

4/8 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **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:

4/9 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is lead-

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
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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 \$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: stclementsmens-group@gmail.com.

Rector's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at noon via Zoom currently studying Proverbs. Contact the office for the link.

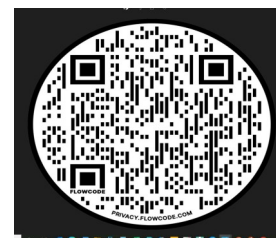
Wednesday Evening Bible Study

7pm, after the Supper in Davis Hall.

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.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Birthdays this week:

Sallee Macknik 3/31
Cliff Morrison 3/31
Tracy Barre 4/5

Anniversaries this week:

Chris & Rebecca
Thomas 4/3

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

as of January 2024

Pledges YTD	\$12,978.56
Total Income	\$34,628.51
Total Expenses	\$34,628.51



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

No Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
GreifShare // 3 p.m.

THURSDAY

No Path to Shine // 1:40 p.m.
Centering Prayer // 1:00 p.m.
Canton Al-Anon // 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

FRIDAY

No Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
Women's AA// 12 noon

WEDNESDAY

No Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
No Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12 p.m.
No Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.
No EYC // 7 p.m.
No Adult Bible Study // 7 p.m.

The Altar Flowers today are

Given to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of Frank Garwatoski on the third anniversary of his passing 3/26/21 by his wife and children Rebecca & Mark.
Given by Patti Davis & family for Randle Davis in loving memory of his birthday April 1st.

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