

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
APRIL 30, 2023**

9:00 am CONTEMPORARY HOLY EUCHARIST

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

**11:00 AM TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Prelude

The Procession *That Easter Day with Joy...* Hymnal 193

The Opening Sentences BCP 355

Song of Praise *The Gloria* Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us
each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the
Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: *seated*

Acts 2:42-47

Note: The early Christians were a community devoted to God and each other for the sake of the world. How does our community resemble this early church?

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Psalm: Psalm 23

Note: Surely the most durable of the psalms, the one most are likely to know by heart. It is portable, by its very nature, relatively short and a roadmap for life.

Where is this psalm leading you today?

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Note: This letter reaches out to a congregation in pain. Peter urges them to remember who they are, beloved of God, which is the definition of their life. Who do you know, including yourself, could use this reminder? How might this happen?

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Sequence Hymn *Just as I am* Hymnal 693

Holy Gospel:

John 10:1-10

Note: A passage from John 10 is always read this Sunday and so it is always about Christ as our shepherd. The Good Shepherd is a reality in the life of those who trust in Christ. Christ is calling you here and now. Christ is sending you here and now. How will you respond?

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gate-

keeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler

Silence for Reflection

The Nicene Creed *standing* BCP 358

The Prayers of the People *kneeling or standing*

Greetings and Announcements

The Peace *standing* BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem *Oh, It's a Shame*

The Doxology *standing* Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B BCP 367

The Sursum Corda Hymnal S112

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: *Humbly We Adore Thee*

Post Communion Prayer *kneel or standing* BCP 365

Processional Hymn: *He Is Risen* Hymnal 180

The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ ALEX, PAT, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, RITA, WANDA, ROBIN, DONOVAN, JIM B., JERRY, CHUCK, BILL W., MARK, KIM, TED, SHARON, FRED, JOHN T., WALTON, REBA, DEBORAH, 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, GAVIN, DAVID & NOAH.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✠ HEALING: HILARY, BONNIE, GRIFFEN, BECKY, JESS, JOHN, JIM, DANA, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, WESTON, DIANE, BEVERLY, DAN, LARAMIE, DON, RANDALL, GARY, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, CLARISSA, 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.

✠ 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.

Abundant Life: You, Me, & Them

No where else, I think, does Jesus express the intent of his mission and ministry more clearly than in the verse at the end of this passage (John 10:10) : "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." In contrast to all that would rob us of life — the thieves and bandits he mentions — Jesus comes to give, not just life, but life in abundance. Not just survival, that is, but flourishing; not just getting by, but thriving; not just existence, but joy. Jesus offers, in sum, more life than most of us imagine possible. ...

And while abundant life isn't defined by Jesus, it comes right after the healing of the man born blind. In fact, we cannot hope to read this passage aright if we don't first locate it in the story it follows. For the man born blind, abundant life is sight. It is release from dependence. It is freedom and light and new opportunity.

For the blind man it is sight. For the single parent it might be companionship and help. For the bullied teen it might be acceptance and an advocate. For the impoverished neighborhood it might be dignity and the chance of self-determination. For the retiree, it might be involvement in a worthwhile cause.

In this passage there is a profound invitation for us not simply to *listen* to Jesus' promise of salvation and abundant life but actually *to live into* it. How? By joining ourselves to his mission to bring abundant life to all of God's children. That means, of course, that we must first pay attention to what is robbing the children of God near us of life and then stand with them against those forces so that they might have, not just life, but life in abundance.

David Lose

Jamie+

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Forum

Today 10:15 a.m. Jennifer Morgan will be leading a session on Dementia and Care-giving. Next week Fr. Jamie will lead a discussion Tokens & Trust.

Combined service

5/7 10 a.m. with potluck after the service. Please pull a ticket on the bulletin board so we don't get all of one category of food..

Book Club

5/8 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss Ellis Island. The June book is Ship of Fools by Katherine Anne Porter and July is When I'm Gone by Emily Bleeker. Contact: Sallee Macknik at sallee_m@yahoo.com.

Women's Group/Inbetweeners

5/9 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

Daughters of the King

5/14 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to continue the study of where Jesus prayed. Contact: Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

Parish Picnic

5/20 Saturday 12-4 p.m. Food, fun and fellowship for all! Please bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share. St. Clement's will provide hamburgers, chips, baked beans and drinks.

Fiesta! Vacation Bible School

6/12-16 9-12 Monday through Friday. Registration available on website.

ECW

6/19 7 p.m. Davis Hall. There will be no meeting in May due to retreat. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

Rector's Wednesday Zoom Noon Bible Study

Gospel of John begins this Wednesday, 4/28. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

The Altar Guild has dates available on

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
770-324-2035
email frjamie@stclementscanton.org

Carlotta Ford, *administrator*
770-345-6722
email stclements@stclementscanton.org

the flower chart if you have someone or something special you would like to commemorate. The chart is in the notebook in the narthex. *The Altar Guild is also looking for talented flower arrangers.* 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.

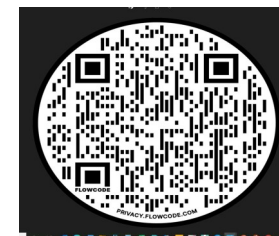
St. Clement's newest music ensemble is the Joyful Noise Band, If you play a musical instrument, we'd love to have you join us! The band plays 9 a.m. every 3rd Sunday. Contact Judy Reardon - judy.reardon@icloud.com.

Wednesday Night:

Wednesday evening Holy Eucharist begins at 6:15 with a meal at 6:45 and youth and bible study following at 7 p.m.

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

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Birthdays this week:
Cheryl Schellhase 5/3
Trish Cole 5/4
Janice Greene 5/4
Donovan Howell 5/5
Margaret Whitley 5/6



Anniversaries this week:
John & Kimberly Vernachio 5/2
Alan & Marge Loeffler 5/6



TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of February 2022

Pledges YTD \$81,021.48
Total Income \$120,458.96
Total Expenses \$83,763.70



April 30, 2023
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I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

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

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

THURSDAY
Path to Shine 2:45—4:45 p.m.
Canton Al-Anon // 8 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.
EYC // 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study // 7 p.m.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild of St. Clement's.

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