

**March 8, 2026**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE**

*Processional Song*  
 Opening Sentences,  
*Book of Common Prayer* 355  
**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**  
*Offertory*  
 The Great Thanksgiving:  
 The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
 The Breaking of the Bread  
 The Administration  
 Communion Song  
 Post Communion Prayer  
 BCP 365  
 The Blessing  
 Song for the Procession Out  
 The Dismissal BCP 366

**11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE**

**Procession In, standing** *Now Let us All* Hymnal 147

**The Opening Sentences** The Book of Common Prayer 355

**Song of Praise** *Kyrie* Hymnal Sg1 BCP 356

**The Collect**  
 Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Exodus 17:1-7**

*Note: When you are in the wilderness, thirst can be a problem. What God shows is that even in our various wildernesses, our challenging seasons, God can reveal remarkable resources to sustain and redeem our lives.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**Psalms 95: Venite, exultemus**

*Note: The first seven verses is one of the Invitatory Psalms for morning prayer. It invites the worshiper into worshipping the creator with joy and praise. The latter part is a dissuasive, exhorting against anything less than praise and any question that God cannot or will not answer our needs, as the people of Israel did in the wilderness.*

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.

**4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it. \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

**6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

7 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**8 Harden not your hearts,  
 as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
 at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
 when they tempted me.**

9 They put me to the test, \*  
 though they had seen my works.

**10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
 "This people are wayward in their hearts;  
 they do not know my ways."**

11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
 They shall not enter into my rest. \*

**The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11**

*Note: Paul often speaks of the boundless mercy of God who is always a resource for us. God is a resource in times of suffering in the same way that he is a resource even in our sinful and broken natures.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Sequence Hymn, standing** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Hymnal 664

**The Gospel: John 4:5-42**  
*Note: The Samaritans see themselves as those Jews who were not exiled to Assyria in the 8th century B.C. They also see Judaism as it develop outside of that community from that time on as being less than orthodox. Jews, at the time of Jesus, would have considered them not merely heretics, but unclean in a ritual sense.*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have

said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

**The Homily** The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min  
 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**  
**Rite II, Prayer B**

**The Offertory** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Choir  
**The Doxology**, standing

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
*The Sursum Corda* BCP 367  
*The Sanctus* Hymnal 130  
 The Canon, kneeling or standing,  
 THE GREAT AMEN BCP 368  
**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 364

**Breaking of the Bread** BCP 364  
 Fraction Anthem Hymnal S169  
 Communion *The Lord's My Gentle Shepherd* Choir

**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.

**Recessional Hymn:** *The Glory of These Forty Days* Hymnal 143

**The Blessing**  
**The Dismissal Response** BCP 366  
 Thanks be to God.

**WE PRAY FOR:**

**Our Parish Family, especially**

✚ **KELLY, FRAN, LEE, PEGGY, BOB, LINDA, BOBBY, DAVID, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, DOTTIE, PAIGE, CLAIRE, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, ELIZABETH, VICTOR, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRAN, DAKOTA, JOANN, and DEACON JUDITH.**

✚ **FR . JAMIE.**

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

✚ **HEIDI AND RUSS,** missionaries to Chile and for the variety of ministries & lives they impact.

**Those in the Armed Forces, especially**

✚ **DAVID, AMANDA, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, NATHAN, LAUREN, GAVIN, & TY.**

**Others needing Intercessory Prayer:**

✚ **HEALING: DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ROB, SONJA, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOE, MISTY, LORI, CATHY, JEFF, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, DONALD, LOREL LA, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, MARK HAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, RICH, TOBY, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELA, DONNA, JOY, JAN, PERRY & CHRISTY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CHAD, CATHY, MICHELLE, KAY, CURTIS, SCOTTIE, YA YA, KIRSI ANN, BON- NIE, LEO, SCOTT, RICHARD, BILL, LEVI, GRACE, REBECCA, IZZY, CHUCK, STAN'S BROTHER, SAM, SHERRY, ROSS, LORALYE, JEANIE, JOY, BOB, LINDA CHRIS, SCOT, CHARLES, SHANE, SARA, & ANDRE.**

✚ **COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER, BARRE, CROFT & WAGGONER FAMILIES.**

✚ **ARBOR: The Congregants at The Arbor.**

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

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

Parish family & intercessory prayer requests stay on the list for two months unless extended, updated, or deleted sooner. Armed forces requests stay for one year. Notify the church office at 770-345-6722 or Trish Cole at 770-377-4348 to update requests. Prayer request cards are in church pews or call the church office.

**Becoming a Holy Well**

Many years ago I met an older farmer in the foothills of western Virginia who had a remarkable spring on his property. It literally poured out from the higher ground behind his house. He said it was always active and supplied all the needs of the household and then some.

It is no wonder that human beings have, since ancient times, considered such places with a kind of religious devotion. Jacob's Well, the site of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan women, was first of all functional. It served to quench thirst in a hot climate. Today it is also the site of a Greek Orthodox church.

There are literally thousands of "holy wells" in Ireland and Great Britain. Some still attract pilgrims. What are they looking for? They are looking to quench their thirst. They are looking for water for their body and "living water" for their souls.

The Samaritan woman would be glad to have the first and is surprised to find that she receives the second. Jesus does far more than provide an easy source of endless water. The encounter with Jesus creates in her an endless spring of living water.

This means that he fills her imperfect life with such grace that she not only feels fulfilled but, more than that, she overflows with grace. She can't wait to share what she has experienced with others. They, in turn, become springs of grace.

Have you ever felt such grace, such fullness? Isn't it worth talking about, not for your sake, but for the sake of others. A bishop once told me that one of the greatest acts of love is inviting someone to church.

*Jamie ✚*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Please join us immediately after the services today for **Hospitality** across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

**Easter Meal Donations Through 3/22**

We will be donating Easter dinners to families at Liberty Elementary this year. Please make your donations online, or use the envelopes you will find in the pews.

**Fish Fry Fridays through 3/27**

Come enjoy a Fish Fry dinner with all the sides every Friday night in Lent! Dine-in or Take-out, \$12 per plate. All proceeds go to our Outreach Utility Assistance Program.

**Daughter's of the King 3/8 1:00pm** Monthly Meeting in the Vestry Room

**Book Club 3/9 1:00pm** in the Vestry Room. Contact: Salee Macknik [sallee\\_m@yahoo.com](mailto:sallee_m@yahoo.com) or (770) 714-6340

**Women's Group/Inbetweeners 3/10 11:00am** J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is the lead contact at [hickoryfarms@comcast.net](mailto:hickoryfarms@comcast.net).

**Adult Education Series led by Father Jamie 3/15 10:15am** in Davis Hall "The Way of Love"

**Interested in Camp Mikell? 3/22 10:15am** in the Vestry Room. There will be an informational meeting about summer camp programs and conferences & overnight facilities—all are welcome!

**Lent Cleanout Challenge Through 3/29** Donate gently used items from your home to be given to those in need over Lent. A box in the Narthex will be available to collect your donations. See the Newsletter for more information

**Blood Drive 3/30** Davis Hall The Blood Drive has been rescheduled for 3/30. Please register online for an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give). The sponsor code is stclemec.

**Tuesdays The Men's Group 11:30am** at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton Contact: [stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com)

**The Way Bible Study 1:00pm** in the Vestry Room The group studies the previous Sun-

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *Rector*  
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day's Readings found in your bulletins. For information contact Anna Marie Smith at 717.713.5879.

**Wednesdays Rector's Bible Study 12:00pm** on Zoom We are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

**Holy Eucharist 6:15pm**

**Bible Study & EYC 7:00pm** on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

**Thursdays Grief Support Group 10:30am** In the Vestry Room

**Path to Shine 2:00-5:00pm** in Davis Hall This is a school children's mentoring group.

**Fridays Centering Prayer 12:30pm** in the Ministry Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.338.8540).

**Liberty Middle School** has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks, bottles of water, and toiletries for its underprivileged children, nearly 25% of its Student Body. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations.

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10am—2pm  
Wednesdays: 9am-11am  
Please call before coming to make sure someone is in the office.



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**Serving Today:**  
VPOD: Mike Woltering/Kay Morrison  
Crucifer/1st Server: Dell Lyons  
Epistle Torch: Janelle Walker  
Gospel Torch/Bells: Jeff Pawlik  
LEM: Janelle Walker  
Reader: Sandy Smoak  
Teller: Jamie Lyons

 **Birthdays this week:**  
Mark Hammont 3/10  
Carol Hammont 3/11  
Gloria Blackburn 3/14

 **Anniversary this week:**  
No known anniversaries

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**  
as of January, 2026

Pledges YTD	\$ 31,518
Total Income	\$ 37,712
Total Expenses	\$ 24,522



**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**

**Regular Sunday Services //9am Contemporary //11am Traditional**  
**First Sunday of each month// 10am Combined Service**

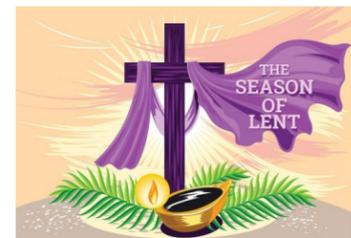
**MONDAY**  
Al-Anon//12:00pm

**TUESDAY**  
Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am  
Bible Study: The Way//1:00pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am  
Women's AA//12:00pm  
Rector's Bible Study//12:00pm (Zoom)  
Holy Eucharist Service//6:15pm  
Bible Study & EYC//7:00pm  
(1st and 3rd weeks)

**THURSDAY**  
Grief Support Group//10:30am  
Path to Shine//2:00pm  
Al-Anon//7:00pm  
Alateen//7:00pm

**FRIDAY**  
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am  
Service @ the Arbor//10:30am  
Women's AA//12:00pm  
Centering Prayer//12:30pm



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