

July 6, 2025  
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00AM COMBINED SERVICE  
FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE JOYFUL NOISE BAND

Procession In, standing  
The Opening Sentences

The Right Hand of God  
The Book of Common Prayer

Songbook 47  
355

Song of Praise

You Are My All in All

Songbook 55

The Collect

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; 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: Deuteronomy 10:17-21

*Note: This book of the “second law” is really a series of sermons by Moses to the people in the wilderness affirming their way of life with God before they enter the promised land. In this section he points out that the most vulnerable among us are God’s special concern. Who are the most vulnerable in our community, our nation today? What is our response to them?*

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Psalm 145: Exaltabo te, Deus

*Note: One striking aspect of this psalm relevant to the 4th of July is the idea of the heritage of God in the community, a heritage passed down from generation to generation. It involves both a lively faithful example of God’s life and an articulation of praise to that life to the next generation. How does that look in our community of faith?*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

The Epistle: Hebrews 11:8-16

**Note:** *This section of this letter is often called the roll call of Old Testament heroes. Abraham’s great virtue is his faith and reliance on God during his journey into the unknown. He believed God was leading him and his family into a glorious future, a “better country”. Do we yearn for the perfection of our country in justice and righteousness? Are such ideals unrealistic or naïve?*

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Sequence Hymn, standing

Open Your Ears

Songbook 38

The Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

*Note: This portion of the Sermon on the Mount anticipates conflict among and around the people of God. What does love practically look like when we disagree? Think of examples, good and bad. In your last conflict, how did or might love guide the way?*

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Homily

The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min  
Followed by silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed, standing  
The Prayers of the People , kneeling or standing  
Greetings and Announcements  
The Confession of Sin  
The Peace, standing

BCP 358  
  
  
BCP 359  
BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION  
RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory

America the Beautiful

Hymnal 719

The Doxology, standing

The Great Thanksgiving  
The Sursum Corda  
The Sanctus  
The Canon, kneeling or standing.  
THE GREAT AMEN  
The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 367  
Songbook  
Songbook  
BCP 368  
BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Communion Sing-a-Long

Balm of Gilead  
Lord, I Life Your Name on High  
Take Our Bread

Hymnal 676  
Songbook 34  
Songbook 58

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing

BCP 337

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: In Christ, There is No East or West

Songbook 30

The Blessing  
The Dismissal Response  
Thanks be to God.

BCP 366



WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ WANDA, DOTTIE, SUSAN, MISSY, LINDA, PAIGE, CLAIRE, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, VICTOR, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, KIM, TED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET, 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, JERRY, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, & NATHAN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✚ HEALING: HILARY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOHN, KENNETH, JOE, MISTY, LORI, PAT, CATHY, JEFF, EMORY, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, TYLER, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, URSLA, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, JINNY, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, JAN, MARKHAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, JERRY, RICH, TOBY, GEORGE, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELLA, DONNA & JOY.

✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER FAMILY & THE BARRE FAMILY.

✚ 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.

John Winthrop Dreams of a City on a Hill, 1630  
Portions of a shipboard sermon before the establishment  
of the Massachusetts Bay Colony

Thus stands the cause between God and us. We are entered into covenant with Him for this work. ...but if we shall neglect the observation of these articles which are the ends we have propounded, and, dissembling with our God, shall fall to embrace this present world and prosecute our carnal intentions, seeking great things for ourselves and our posterity, the Lord will surely break out in wrath against us, and be revenged of such a people, and make us know the price of the breach of such a covenant.

Now the only way to avoid this shipwreck, and to provide for our posterity, is to follow the counsel of Micah, to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. For this end, we must be knit together, in this work, as one man. We must entertain each other in brotherly affection.

We must be willing to abridge ourselves of our superfluities, for the supply of others' necessities. We must uphold a familiar commerce together in all meekness, gentleness, patience and liberality. We must delight in each other; make others' conditions our own; rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together, always having before our eyes our commission and community in the work, as members of the same body. So shall we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

The Lord will be our God, and delight to dwell among us, as His own people, and will command a blessing upon us in all our ways, so that we shall see much more of His wisdom, power, goodness and truth, than formerly we have been acquainted with.

For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world.

Therefore let us choose life,  
that we and our seed may live,  
by obeying His voice and cleaving to Him,  
for He is our life and our prosperity.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after each service for fellowship across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

NEW MAILING ADDRESS:  
St Clement's Episcopal Church  
PO Box 36  
Holly Springs, GA 30142-0001

- Update *address book*
- Update *Bill Pay*
- Update *Banks*

Episcopalian 101! Adult Forum  
Continues Sundays 11:15am Come learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian! Led by Fr. Jamie Stutler

School Supply Drive  
Thanks to all who generously donated to the program this year!

Utility Assistance Program  
The Utility Assistance Program branch of the Outreach Committee is looking for a few more members who would be willing to man the phones once every other month. For more information, please contact Fran Lepore at 770.842.9108.

Book Club will meet Monday, July 14 at 1:30pm in Davis Hall. This month's selection is The Confidant by Christopher Gorham.

Altar Guild  
The Altar Guild is also looking for new members. Your commitment is one weekend per month, and Trish Cole will train you and answer all your questions! Please contact her at (770) 377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com.

Tuesdays  
Women's Group/Inbetweeners  
7/8 11:00a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is the contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton  
Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com

The Way Bible Study 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall. We study the previous Sunday's readings. For more information, please contact Anna Marie Smith at (717.713.5879.)

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Wednesdays  
Rector's Bible Study 12:00 noon via Zoom . We are studying the Psalms.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm

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

The Altar Guild  
Dates are available for flower dedications for someone or some event special to commemorate. See the flowered notebook in the narthex and cost is \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com.


Online Giving is available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app.

Office Hours  
Tuesdays and Thursdays:  
10:00am- 2:00pm  
Wednesdays: 9:00am-11:00am  
Please call before coming to make sure someone is in the office.

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Serving Today:  
VPOD: Margaret Garwatoski  
Crucifer/1st Server: Tim Hodgins  
Epistle Torch: Brad Vaughan  
Gospel Torch/Bells: Tim Hodgins  
LEM: Diane Hodgins  
Reader: Diane Hodgins  
Teller: Bill McArthur

 Birthdays this week:  
Wanda Carr 07/06  
John Binder 07/11  
Louise Brannon 7/11  
Beth Vaughan 7/12

 Anniversaries this week:  
Victor and Frances Lepore

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of April 2025	
Pledges YTD	\$ 83,890
Total Income	\$ 146,680
Total Expenses	\$ 132,460



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We thank you, O Lord, for the gifts of freedom we have in this country, and we pray that we might use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will and for the welfare of all people.

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  
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am

TUESDAY  
COHI //10:00am  
Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am  
Bible Study: The Way//1:30pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm

WEDNESDAY  
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am  
Rector's Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm  
Women's AA//12:00pm  
Holy Eucharist//6:15am

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

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