

October 11, 2026

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

<i>Processional Song</i> Opening Sentences, Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 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 PeaceBCP 360	Welcome & Announcements The Holy Communion <i>Offertory</i> The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord's PrayerBCP 364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration <i>Communion Song</i> Post Communion PrayerBCP 365 The Blessing <i>Song for the Procession Out</i> The DismissalBCP 366
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11:00 CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In, standing	At the Name of Jesus	Hymnal 435 v 1,3,4,6
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The Opening Sentences	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355
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Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal S278
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The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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: Isaiah 25:1-9

Note: The image of the feast as indicative of the presence of God is common in the Bible. The Holy Eucharist itself draws on this rich image. Think also of a society where most folks lived a subsistence life, barely eating from day to day and living in constant threat of hunger. God's promise of everlasting sustenance offers a hope and a peace almost unimaginable.

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

Note: This familiar psalm, so often read at funerals, gives confidence that in all our journeys neither are we alone nor are we without either purpose or sustenance. Let not its familiarity deprive us of not only its daily consolation, but also the daily strength it gives us.

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: Philippians 4:1-9

Note: Moving toward the closing of this tender pastoral letter, Paul invites the people to not only a "more excellent way" but that they are afforded the grace and strength of God in order to accomplish it.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sequence Hymn, standing	Seek Ye First	Hymnal 711
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The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-4

Note: The Parable of the Wedding Feast follows two previous parables, the Parable of the Two Sons and the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. It is important to note that all three are directed at the Temple elite, the leadership of Jerusalem and all are directed to the question of the authority of Jesus. Jesus responds by questioning their authority and, indeed, their unfaithful and selfish reign. It cannot be said that Jesus is not political.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

The Nicene Creed, standing	BCP 358
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The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing
Greetings and Announcements

The Confession of Sin	BCP 359
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The Peace, standing	BCP 360
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The Holy Communion
Rite II, Prayer B

The Offertory	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	Choir
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The Doxology, standing	Hymnal 380, v3
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The Great Thanksgiving	
The Sursum Corda	BCP 367
The Sanctus	Hymnal S114
The Canon, kneeling or standing	

THE GREAT AMEN	BCP 368
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The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
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Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S169	
Communion	Humbly I Adore Thee	Hymnal 314

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing	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.

Recessional Hymn:	Father Eternal	Hymnal 573
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The Blessing

The Dismissal Response	BCP 366
Thanks be to God.	

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ CLAUDE, MARGE, FRAN, LINDA, DAVID, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMAN-DA, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, HUBIE, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, CARL, JEAN, MARY, WAYNE, ELIZABETH, KAREN, JOAN, 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

- ✚ TY. NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, ELIJAH, BRIAN, ALEXANDRA, DAVID, & LAUREN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

- ✚ BOB, RACHEL, MARY, EZRA, ROWEN, CHRIS, PATTI, BOB, MICHAEL, KIRSI, DIANE, ROB, LUPINA, JOY, BRUCE, CHRISTOPHER, JANICE, BAILEY, ROBERTO, SARAH, MICHELLE, BARBARA, SANTOS, KAlAH, MAKEIGHLA, & DOMINIC.
- ✚ COMFORT: 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.

With All our Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength

I think it was in *Annie Hall* where Woody Allen declared that 90% of success is just showing up. That might have been good news for those who had tedious, unrewarding, or otherwise terrible jobs. It may have felt good to have one's minimal effort reinforced.

But there are things we actually *like* to do. It could be a sport or other pastime. I enjoy walking in the woods, for example, something I was just doing this week. It does take effort and even exertion, but it is one of those things that the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.

At the end of the Parable of the Wedding Feast this Sunday, the royal host spots a guest dressed entirely improperly for the occasion, and he is outraged and has him tossed out into the “outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth”.

Overreaction? Well, setting aside ancient wedding *couture* for the moment, it is more than simply about someone inappropriately dressed. In Paul’s letter to the Romans, he makes the point to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (13:14) as if Jesus were a garment one wraps oneself in, envelopes oneself with.

In the Kingdom of Heaven, in other words, we do not just “show up”. That may indeed be rude to the host but, perhaps more importantly, it is *our* loss. We deprive ourselves of the great joy of full participation in the feast we have been invited to.

Our faith can become to us simply a hobby or a familiar anachronism through which we simply go through the motions. However, in Jesus God is calling every bit of us to the feast: heart, mind, soul, and strength. He is calling us to the fullness of joy which we can only experience when we jump in with both feet. He is calling us to be a blessing to the world around us.

That takes more than just showing up.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

AED Machines have been installed in the Church and Davis Hall.

10/11 DOK 1:00pm Monthly meeting in the Vestry Room of Davis Hall

10/12 Book Club 1:30pm Monthly meeting in the Hearth Room of Davis Hall. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

10/13 Inbetweeners Women's Group Luncheon 11:00am J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is the lead contact at hickoryfarms@comcast.net

10/19 Blood Drive 2:45pm-7:45pm Davis Hall To schedule your appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code stclemec. Save a life!

10/20 Senior Seminars begin! 10:00am This first meeting will cover Fire & Emergency Services during this Fire Prevention Month. The meeting is the beginning of a series of seminars dealing with issues common to our seniors and others. Men's Group members don't worry! You'll have plenty of time to attend and then drive to IHOP for your luncheon. Future seminars will include Medicare Fraud Prevention, Aging, Well-ness, and Community Care, and a visit to the Emergency Management & 911 Center.

10/24 Trunk or Treat 11:00am to 2:00pm Sign up to host a Trunk of candy for our parishioners and those invited from our community! It is a fun social event and rewarding. Contact Tim or Sandy Woltering at tjwoltering@gmail.com.

11/15 Annual Meeting 10:00am-11:00am Between the services in the church. Everyone should attend to learn about the state of the church and have a voice in the election of three new Vestry Members. Candidate to be announced!

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

Bible Study: The Way 1:00-3:00pm in The Vestry Room The group studies the previous Sunday's Readings found in your bulletins. For information contact Anna Marie Smith at 717-713-5819

Wednesday Rector's Bible Study 12:00 noon via Zoom.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm each week
—On the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, it is followed by

- 6:45 meal

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
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- 7:00 EYC
- 7:00 Bible Study– [The Gifts of Imperfection](#)

Thursday Grief Support Group 10:30 am Davis Hall in the Hearth Room

Path to Shine 2:00-5:00pm This mentoring program for underserved children and youth teaching arts, crafts, and sports is held in Davis Hall.

Friday 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 (850.339.8540)

Liberty Elementary School has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks for its underserved children, nearly 25% of its Student Body. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations.

Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.org. The site directs you to Realm. Use the dropdown button by Pledged Giving to choose another ministry. Or, you can give online on the Realm app, with the same options.

Want to Get Involved? But not sure where to start? Contact Brad Vaughan– he'll help you find your fit! 931-265-6087 or bradford.vaughan25@gmail.com.

Office Hours
Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-2pm
Please call before coming by to make sure someone is in the office

New Bookkeeper Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm–7:30pm. Please email carrie@stclementscanton.org to make an appointment.
Scan to visit our website



Serving Today:
VPOD: Mike Woltering/Kay Morrison
Crucifer: Dell Lyons
Gospel Torch: Wayne Smoak
Epistle Torch: Jack Ferraro
LEM: Doug Blackburn
Reader: Sandy Smoak
Teller: Jamie Lyons

 **Birthdays this week:**
Fred Halcomb 10/11
Bruce Immke 10/14
Margie Jordan 10/14

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Carl & Jean Rudolph 10/12
Matt & Taylor Foerst 10/12
Jamie & Dell Lyons 10/17

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of September 2026	
Pledges YTD	\$ 184,330
Total Income	\$ 255,530
Total Expenses	\$ 275,370



October 11, 2026
The Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost

Rejoice in the Lord
always; again I will say,
Rejoice.

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//1:00–3:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm

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

THURSDAY
Grief Support//10:30am
Path-to-Shine//2:00–5:00pm
Canton Al-Anon & Alateen//7:00pm

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

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Bill McArthur in Loving memory of his wife Phyllis,
and by Paula Ellis, and children Alex & Erika in Loving
Memory of Larry Ellis.

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