

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023

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 The Peace BCP 360	Welcome & Announcements Blessing of the Graduates 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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11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

The Procession *Hail the Day* Hymnal 214
The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise *The Gloria* Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: *seated*

Acts 1:6-14

Note: The Ascension of Jesus both changes and strengthens our focus. We are not here to keep staring into space but to tend to the world, just as Jesus did. At the same time we are not alone in our work. The Holy Spirit connects us to Jesus in mind and body. What does the ascended Christ have in store for you?

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Mat-

thew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Psalm:

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Note: This is a victory psalm. God leads his people through the wilderness and defeats all the forces that oppose their progress. When have you felt the power of God leading you through a difficult time?

Exsurgat Deus

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 **Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 **How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

The Epistle:

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Note: Peter tells us not to be surprised when times get tough. When they do he commends to us a discipline that looks like humility. Yield, he says, to God and God will see you through.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil

prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn

See the Conqueror Comes

Hymnal 215

Holy Gospel:

John 17:1-11

Note: This is the beginning of Jesus' "high priestly prayer" offered to God the Father on behalf of the disciples he is leaving behind. Jesus continues to pray for us, to keep us connected to him.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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 *Treasures in Heaven*
The Doxology *standing* Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B

The Sursum Corda

The Sanctus

The Canon

kneeling or standing.

THE GREAT AMEN, BCP 368

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Choir Anthem: *Oh Lord Most High*

Post Communion Prayer *kneeling or standing* BCP 365

Processional Hymn: *Hail Thee Festival Day* Hymnal 216

The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ SARAH, EMILY, ALEX, PAT, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, RITA, WANDA, ROBIN, DONOVAN, JIM B., JERRY, CHUCK, BILL W., MARK, KIM, TED, SHARON, FRED, 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, KEVIN & NATHAN.

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., CHRIS, BRANDON, SHAWN, ANN, DAVID, BRUCE, LEO & JOHN.

✚ 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.

The Ascension as a Way of Life

Jesus leaves, but we stay. As it turns out, this is the ultimate "left behind" story, but according to Jesus, being left behind is neither a sign of imperfect faith nor a chance to prove yourself worthy. Rather, being left behind is an honor, an invitation to participate in the glory of the Father, a commissioning, in fact, into the work of the Son. Eternal life, glory, relationship with God — in John's Gospel these aren't things waiting out there somewhere but instead are all around us. Where, we may naturally ask? In doing what Jesus does. Healing, feeding, caring, listening, sharing, making manifest the grace and mercy of the God "who so loved the world" (3:16).

Clearly this links up with a lot of the tasks often associated with the church — caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, and so forth. And that is worth celebrating. But can we help our people imagine that all of the ordinary tasks of everyday life — work, play, family life, civic involvement, volunteer opportunities — that all of these ordinary and mundane things, are also work that honors the Father? *Because they are.* Any honest work can, indeed, help care for this world and people God loves so much and thereby participate in the glory Jesus talks about.

Some Christians believe this life is simply practice for the next one. Others believe it is some kind of trial, something to be endured until a future glory. Still others think of this life as a test, a time and place to prove ourselves worthy of heaven. Yes, there are trials. Yes, things can be difficult, confusing, sometimes downright discouraging. But in this passage, we have the two-fold promise that 1) God is with us to help us not merely persevere but also to flourish (that's what the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is!) and 2) that God intends us to be committed to this world, this people, this place, here and now. Glory, eternity, relationship with God — these things are always in the present tense in John's Gospel, and we are commissioned and blessed to participate in this work and to share this amazing promise.

Davis Lose

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Forum

Today 10:15 a.m. Fr. Jamie will lead a discussion **Tokens & Trust** by Rowan Williams.

Senior Sunday:

Today we will be honoring our graduating seniors during the 9 a.m. service.

Daughters of the King

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

Combined service

6/4 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..

Red Cross Blood Drive:

6/5 2:45-7:45 p.m. in Davis Hall. Go to the website and click on events to register.

Fiesta! Vacation Bible School

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

Book Club

6/12 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **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

6/13 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

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

Study of the Gospel of John continues. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

Cherokee Chorale Pops Concert

6/4 4 p.m. River Ridge High School, 400 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, GA 30188. Tickets: Adults \$15 Students \$5. Please either contact Valerie Brumbelow at Vbrumbelow@yahoo.com, 678-895-7327

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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. **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.

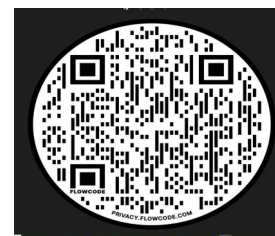
St. Clement's newest music ensemble is the **Joyful Noise Band**. If you play a musical instrument, we'd love to have you join us! The band plays 9 a.m. every 3rd Sunday. Contact Judy Reardon -judy.reardon@icloud.com.

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:
David Ford 5/27



Anniversaries this week:
John & Margie Doiron 5/24
Bill & Barb Doran 5/24

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of March 2023

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



May 21, 2023
7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday after the Ascension

Alleluia.
Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven:
Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.

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

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 by Kim & Bruce Allen to the Glory of God & in celebration of life.

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