

THE FIFTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9AM Family Holy Eucharist,

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

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 BCP364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Administration

Communion Song

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Song for the Procession Out

The Dismissal BCP366

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude *God of our Fathers* Hymnal 718

The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise *The Gloria* Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Note: Ezekiel was a prophet to the people in exile, cut off from their roots, in danger of drifting wherever the wind blew. He had to remind them of the truth of God, not for his sake, but for theirs. He spoke the truth in love because their lives depended upon it. Rowan Williams wrote: "Truth makes love possible. Love makes truth bearable." Where does truth in love need to be spoken?

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the

Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Psalm 119:33-40

Note: The Torah (the first five books of the Bible) was, to the Hebrew people, more than just "law" as a series of edicts. It was, and is, a way of life. It is trusting that the will of the Lord is loving and meant for the fullness of our lives. This psalm is a song of praise to Torah. As Christians, how do we praise the way of life God gives us?

Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 **Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**

37 **Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.**

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 **Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.**

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Note: Paul summarizes his message to the church in Rome by pointing them clearly and directly to love as the very fulfillment of the law of Moses make absolutely abundant in Jesus Christ. What neighbors do we have a hard time loving?

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sequence Hymn *My Country Tis of Thee* Hymnal 707

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Note: This chapter is all about how the church lives together in very practical terms. It is about humility as a way of life, mutual care, and forgiveness. Here it is about revolving disputes for the sake of that community. This often means claiming a common vision regardless of differences. How might this work in a practical example?

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Homily The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler
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

The Offertory *Alleluia Round* Choir
The Doxology *standing* Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B BCP 367
The Sursum Corda
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 *I Come with Joy* Hymnal 304

Post Communion Prayer *kneeling or standing* BCP 365

Processional Hymn: *Stand Up...* Hymnal 561
The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ HUBIE, MARGIE, SHARON, MABRY FAMILY, SHARON, ANNIE, KAREN,, JOSEPH, SARAH, EMILY, PAT, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, WANDA, ROBIN, BILL W., MARK, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, 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, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, JAKE, ROSE, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, JACKSON & NATHAN K.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✠HEALING: HILARY, BONNIE, GRIFFEN, JESS, JOHN, JIM, SHONDA,, DIANE, SANDRA, BEVERLY, DAN, LARAMIE, DON, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, THOMAS, TIM, PINKIE, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KIMBERLY, DALE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, JOHN, ORSON, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, GILL, TERRY, PATTI , PATTY, JUSTIN, MR. B, CHRIS, BRANDON, ANN, DAVID, ADRIAN, MAN AT KROGER, HEIDI, MICHAEL, LIZ, ANN, TED, CHRISTINE, BILL, PETE, ROBIN, MARY, ALEX, SANDY, TIMOTHY, DEBBIE, SAM, JIM, MARINA, DAVENA, WILLS, MARY, TOM, NICOLE, NORM, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, IVY, ROBIN, KAY, HENRY, ELLIOT, ELVIE, AMY & BURT.

✠ 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.

Prayer request cards are available on the back of the pews.

Conflict and Reconciliation

Jesus reminds us this Sunday that "when two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them".

We sometimes think of this when there are only a few people in the room ready to pray, perhaps just a couple, to assure ourselves that Jesus doesn't need a cast of thousands to be present. But perhaps we can see this in broader terms.

After all, this passage sums up a whole process of what has often been called "church order", that is when we have disagreements with each other and need a way forward and not downward. It reminds us that Jesus is there even in our squabbles if we take the time to recognize that he is there. He doesn't head out the door when things get heated.

But he also doesn't barge in and straighten us out. We must consider his presence is as real as the person in front of us with whom we are finding difficulty. We must understand that even in those emotional times the Way, the Truth, and the Life have not left the scene.

That might give us a prayerful pause to find out what we are seeking and what they are seeking, honestly and truthfully, and discover where Christ is leading us both, safely and securely.

Because there is a larger purpose in moving toward resolutions and that is reconciliation. And there is also another truth we forget when stakes and emotions are high: life becomes dissembling. They shake us apart at the same time they shake the larger community apart. Concentric circles of conflict spread from the small dispute to the body itself.

And we are the body: the Body of Christ. We are the instrument of God's grace in the world. We have a high calling to the reconciliation of the world which makes our own reconciliation both urgent and the very crucible to understand the depth and breadth of reconciliation itself. We must do it to be it and then bring it to the world around us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

50th Anniversary Fund:

We are accepting donations for the fund through 9/17 to upgrade the kitchen and improving accessibility and appearance of the front and back entrance to the church.

Daughters of the King

Today 1 p.m. Davis Hall to begin Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:

9/12 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

ECW

9/18 7 p.m. Davis Hall. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wanda-kiddcarr@gmail.com

Episcopal Youth Community:

7p.m. Wednesdays. Meal begins at 6:40 with activities following.

Book Club

9/11 1:30 p.m. to discuss **The House in the Pines** by Ana Reyes. The Book Club will not meet in August. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com.

Rector's Wednesday Zoom Noon Bible Study canceled 9/16

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

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 and cost is now \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com to join the team.

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The Men's Group

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. (IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton)
Contact: stclementsmens-group@gmail.com.

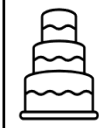
St. Clement's music ensemble is the **Joyful Noise Band**. If you play a musical instrument, we'd love to have you join us! The band plays 9 a.m. every 3rd Sunday. Contact Judy Reardon-judy.reardon@icloud.com.

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

If you have an item you would like included in the newsletter or bulletin, please submit it to the office no later than 2:00pm on Thursdays.

Fr. Jamie will be out of the office next week.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



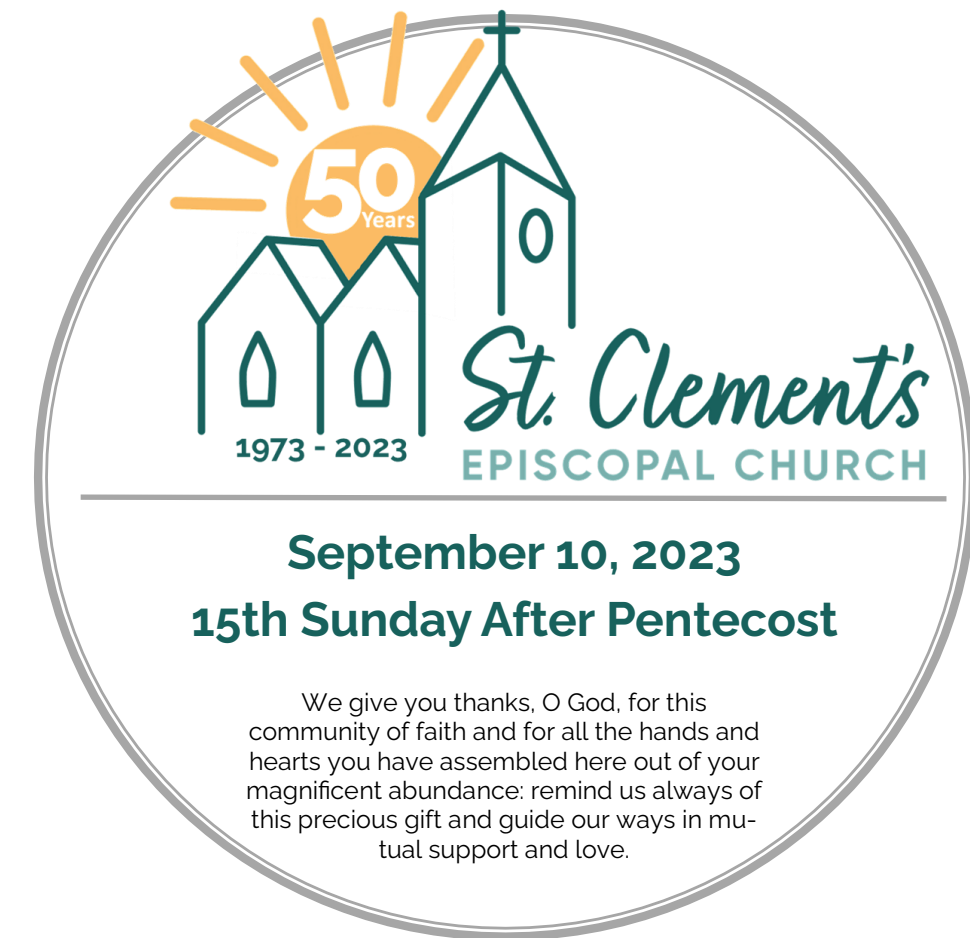
Anniversaries this week:
John & Valerie Brumbelow
9/16



Birthdays this week:
Dale Petrishe 9/13
Anne Preece 9/13
Gabriel Yacoub 9/14
Sandy Woltering 9/16
Bill McArthur 9/16

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of June 2023

Pledges YTD	\$145,405.90
Total Income	\$195,939.39
Total Expenses	\$162,775.06



September 10, 2023 15th Sunday After Pentecost

We give you thanks, O God, for this community of faith and for all the hands and hearts you have assembled here out of your magnificent abundance: remind us always of this precious gift and guide our ways in mutual support and love.

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
No Morning Prayer (online).

THURSDAY
Canton Al-Anon // 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
No Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
Women's AA // 12 noon

WEDNESDAY
No Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
Women's AA // 12 p.m.
No Rector's Zoom Bible Study
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.
Meal // 6:40 p.m.
EYC // 7pm
Bible Study // 7 pm

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

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