The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day
April 20, 2025

9AM Contemporary Service:
Holy Baptism
with Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

Processional Song
Opening Sentences,
Book of Common Prayer 299
The Liturgy of the Word
The Collect of the Day
A Reading / Psalm
Song
The Gospel
Sharing the Good News
Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism
The Baptismal Covenant
The Prayers for the Candidate
The Thanksgiving over the Water
The Baptism BCP 307

The Peace BCP 308
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

Traditional Holy Eucharist,
7:30 AM Sunrise Service, *without music*
11:00 AM Choral Service
With Holy Baptism
The Liturgy of the Word
At Sunrise service: The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Procession *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Hymnal 207
The Opening Sentences **At 7:30 am** The Book of Common Prayer, 355
At 11:00 am The Book of Common Prayer, 299
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Song of Praise *standing* The *Gloria* Hymnal S278

The Collect
Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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: Acts 10:34-43

Note: The season of Easter traditionally includes a reading from the Acts of the Apostles each Sunday. Peter's speech is a thumbnail sketch of the meaning of Jesus and how that meaning informs our life after the resurrection. What short answer would you have if somebody were to ask you about the meaning of Jesus in your life?

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

Note: This is a psalm of the victory of God. The resurrection is a sign of this victory, that, against all odds, God has triumphed in Jesus Christ. This is more than a fact; it is the posture of the human heart. To believe in the triumph of God is to see the world differently, to see ourselves differently. It is live in defiant hope in the world.

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
as become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Note: The world is in a state of disorder, contrary to the intentions of the Creator. Christ comes to put things in proper order and, Paul tells us, his resurrection is the beginning of a new phase in this reordering. Until Christ returns in glory we are a people of the resurrection, laborers with Christ in the remaking of the world, in large ways and small ways, knowing and believing that every gospel act of love advances the work of the kingdom to its final goal of perfection.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Sequence Hymn *standing* *Alleluia, Alleluia* Hymnal 178

The Gospel: John 20:1-18

Note: The resurrection is the climactic point of all four gospels. Each has their own way of telling the story. All of them involve women as the first to experience the risen Christ. The women become the first evangelists, which was the last thing on their mind as they went to the tomb that morning. But God surprised them, and their lives were changed. How has God surprised you?

The Homily The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler
Silence for Reflection
At 11:00 am:
Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP 301
At 7:30 am and 11:00 am
The Baptismal Covenant BCP304
At 11:00 am
The Prayers for the Candidates BCP 304
Thanksgiving over the Water BCP 306
The Baptism BCP 307
The Peace, *standing* BCP 360

The Prayers of the People *kneeling or standing*
Greetings and Announcements

The Holy Communion
Rite II, Prayer B

The Offertory *Anthem of Praise*
The Doxology *standing* Hymnal 380 v.3
The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B
The Sursum Corda BCP 367
The *Sanctus* Hymnal S114
The Canon *kneeling or standing*
THE GREAT AMEN, BCP 368
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread BCP 364
Choir Anthem: *Anthem of Praise* Choir
Post Communion Hymn: *At the Lamb's High Feast* Hymnal 174

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 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.*

The Easter Blessing

Processional Hymn: *Hail Thee, Festival Day* Hymnal 175

The Dismissal Response BCP 366
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✞ **SANDY, SUSANNA, CLYDE, JOAN, PAIGE, CLAIRE, EVELYN, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, SOLOMON, VICTOR, MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET, JOSEPH, 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, ANDY, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, ROBIN, 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 & BRENDA.**

✞ **COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER FAMILY & THE BARRE FAMILY.**

✞ **ARBOR: PHYLLIS, FRAN, LIZ, BETTY, MARY, ROSE, BOBBY, LESLIE, ANN & ART, BOB, KEIRSEY & OLGA.**

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.

A New Start

The resurrection of Jesus Christ means a new start. After Good Friday this seemed unlikely. Hopes had been raised. The disciples had good reason to believe that the world would change, just as they had changed. Then, suddenly, those hopes were dashed.

Hope was dashed suddenly, but not inexplicably. Jesus' life was a constant tension between works of love and growing opposition. He was a dangerous man because he sought more than the world was ready to give him. His death seemed an all too natural consequence of his actions and teachings to a world obstinate to cling on to its own self-destructive behavior.

Easter tells us we have another chance. It also tells us that we are worth it, despite the evidence of Good Friday. More, we are invited to learn, was resurrected that day than one human being. Our hope was raised.

Hope, it cannot be said too often, is not the same as optimism. We are not merely optimistic because of the resurrection. That would simply mean we expect better according to our experience. Hope, on the other hand, goes far beyond our experience and enters the providence of God. In the resurrection we are invited to see the hand of God doing things beyond our experience or imagination.

What new start is God drawing you toward? You might find yourself as surprised as the disciples.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt
Today between 9 & 11 am services. Children of all ages are welcome to participate.

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

- Update *Address Book*
- Update *Bill Pay*
- Update *Banks*

Daughters of the King
4/27 1:00pm Davis Hall
Contact Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com
Please note change of date!

Episcopal Church Women
Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. April meeting will be held 4/22 in Davis Hall. The annual retreat at Camp Mikell will be May 3-5. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com.

Please note:
There will be limited access to the church office the week of 4/21! Father Jamie is taking some much needed R&R after Holy Week. In addition, the floors in the Ministry Center will be refinished, so the office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25. Please call before you stop by to make sure someone is there!

Monday:
No Morning Prayer

Tuesday Men's Group:
Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. (IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton)
Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com.

Rector's Bible Study
There will be no Bible Study this week.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
7pm, after the Supper in Davis Hall.

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

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

Grief Share
This session of Grief Share is complete. The next session will begin on September 8, 2025.

DOK's Christmas in April
Please donate to the DOK's efforts to supply Christmas gifts for the children of homeless veterans. They will be collecting funds during April. You can give online or contact Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.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 10:00am on Thursdays.

Scan for more information.

Serving this week:
VPOD: Tim Woltering/Kay Morrison
Thurifer: Doug Blackburn
Crucifer/1st Server: Jeff Pawlik
Gospel Torch/Bells: Brad Vaughan
Epistle Torch: Soloman Osazenaye
Gospel Bearer: Thomas Cerniglia
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Amanda Cerniglia
Teller: Al Irvine

Birthdays this week:
Jim Barre 4/20
Sharon MacKenzie 4/20
Diane Hodgins 4/21
Thomas Bromelje 4/25
John Kendrix 4/25
Van Leffingwell 4/25

Anniversaries this week:
Tim & Sandy Woltering 4/23
Clyde & Sharon Mackenzie 4/24

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of February 2025

Pledges YTD	$49,970
Total Income	$76,630
Total Expenses	$58,550

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
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St. Clement's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 20, 2025
The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

Alleluia.
Christ is Risen.
The Lord is risen indeed.
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
No Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.

TUESDAY
Bible Study// 1:00—3:00PM
Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
No Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
No Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12 p.m.
No Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.
Adult Bible Study // 7 p.m.

THURSDAY
Path to Shine // 2:00—5:00 p.m.
Canton Al-Anon// 7:00 PM

FRIDAY
No Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
Centering Prayer // 1:00 p.m.
Women's AA// 12 noon

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
The Davis/MacNeill family
in celebration of God's glory at Easter
Trish Cole & Family
in celebration of Mick's birthday on April 9th.

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