

March 16, 2025  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM 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</i> 355 <b>The Liturgy of the Word</b> 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	<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> <b>The Holy Communion</b> <i>Offertory</i> The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord's PrayerBCP364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration <i>Communion Song</i> Post Communion Prayer BCP 365 The Blessing <i>Song for the Procession Out</i> The DismissalBCP 366
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11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST  
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

<b>Procession In,</b> <i>standing</i> <b>The Opening Sentences</b>	<i>Eternal Lord of Love</i> The Book of Common Prayer 355	Hymnal 149
<b>Song of Praise</b>	<i>The Trisasion</i>	Hymnal S100BCP 356

The Collect of the Day, *standing*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

*Note: God covenant with Abram is struck in a powerful way. The ritual of the butchered animals through which God's sign of a flaming pot passes symbolically establishes that God will guarantee the covenant by the very life of God.*

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying,

"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27 : *Dominus illuminatio*

*Note: This song of praise to God credits trusting in the Lord as the path of salvation in a world of conflict.*

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Note: Paul exhorts the church in Philippi to not be drawn down by earthly preoccupations,*

*but to keep the vision of Christ.*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Sequence Hymn, <i>standing</i>	<i>I Want to Walk</i>	Hymnal 490
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The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

*Note: Among the many gifts of Christ, he was, essentially a healer and the ministry colored all the rest of his work.*

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Homily	The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min
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Followed by silence for reflection <b>The Nicene Creed,</b> <i>standing</i> <b>The Prayers of the People</b> , <i>kneeling or standing</i> <i>Greetings and Announcements</i> <b>The Confession of Sin</b>	BCP 358  BCP 359
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<b>The Peace,</b> <i>standing</i>	BCP 360
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THE HOLY COMMUNION RITE II, PRAYER B		
<b>The Offertory</b> <b>The Doxology,</b> <i>standing</i> The <i>Sursum Corda</i> The <i>Sanctus</i> The Canon, <i>kneeling or standing.</i>	<i>Who Is This</i>	Solo: Al Irvine Hymnal 380, v3 BCP 367, S128 Hymnal S114

THE GREAT AMEN	BCP 368
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<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
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<b>Breaking of the Bread</b> Fraction Anthem Choir Meditation	<i>My Flesh is Food Indeed</i> <i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	BCP 364 Hymnal S169 Choir
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<b>Post Communion Prayer,</b> <i>kneeling or standing</i>	BCP 365
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**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.

<b>Recessional Hymn:</b>	<i>Glory Be To Jesus</i>	Hymnal 479
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The Blessing

<b>The Dismissal Response</b> Thanks be to God.	BCP 366
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WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ SUSANNA, CLYDE, JOAN, PAIGE, CLAIRE, EVELYN, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, SOLO-MON, VICTOR, MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET C, 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, BEAU, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, ERIC, LEELANO, MADISON, TYLER, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, URSLA, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, & JINNY.

✚ COMFORT: RYAN & 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.

Those from the parish family & intercessory prayer list remain on the list for two months and then are deleted unless notification is given to extend, update, re condition, or delete sooner because special prayers are no longer needed. Those in the armed forces remain for one year with the same conditions as above. Notice may be given to the church office in the Ministry Center at 770-345-6722. Prayer request cards are in the church pews, or requests can be made by calling the church office. Please email or call Trish Cole at 770-377-4348 to update your prayer requests.

The Inspiration of Jesus

God has called all of us in both a general and a specific way. In general, he calls us to follow Christ, to exhibit forgiveness and reconciliation, to practice unconditional love and to foster generosity of both means and spirit. In a more specific sense, he calls us through our own individual gifts, the things which give us joy and purpose so that through them we can be a gift to the world.

One of the great obstacles to these twin calls is the very environment we live in. It is easy to get stuck where we aren’t regularly reinforced in our call to follow Christ. Our individual situations compound the problem.

Abram, for example, gets stuck on the absence of a proper heir to carry on his line, a very important issue in traditional societies. God opens his eyes to a larger vision. He shows him the stars of the sky and promises that his progeny will be a blessing to the whole earth. The vision itself becomes his equipment to move forward.

People around Jesus, in this Sunday’s gospel reading, tell Jesus to clear off because he is in danger from Herod. But Jesus just keeps on keeping on. He has work to do which he has been called to perform and he isn’t going to be dissuaded by Herod.

Many times, out of discouragement or despair, there will be those who will scoff at the kind of actions Jesus calls us to perform. We look to Jesus as the perfecter and pioneer of our faith for inspiration.

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*

Fish Fry  
3/21 5:00—7:00pm Davis Hall  
This continues on Fridays during Lent. Tickets are \$12.00

Lent Clean Out Challenge: 40 Days, 40 Items  
Bring gently used items (clothing, shoes, books, home goods, etc.) to the Narthex on Sundays for donation to local non-profits. Sponsored by the ECW.

Lenten Series: Journey of Discernment  
3/9—4/13 10:15 to 10:45am  
Community of Hope International’s six-week course is being offered during Lent for adults. Classes will be held on Sundays between services and after the combined service potluck on April 6th. Come join us to learn how to listen to the call on your journey with God. For more information, please contact either Diane Hodgins at (850) 339-8540 or Fr. Jamie at (770) 324-2035.

LEV Ministry Meeting  
4/8 10:00am Vestry Room

Spring Exterior Planting  
4/12 1:00pm Join us for a community effort to refresh the church’s exterior for Palm Sunday. Feel comfortable bringing your own tools. All are welcome!

Mondays  
Grief Share 10:30 am in Davis Hall

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

Bible Study 1:30-2:30 in Davis Hall. “The Lord’s Prayer”

Wednesdays  
Rector’s Bible Study 12:00pm via Zoom  
We are studying the Psalms. Contact the office for the link.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm followed by

- 6:45 meal

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*  
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- 7:00 EYC 1st and 3rd Wednesday
- 7:00 Bible Study

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

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

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

The Altar Guild  
Dates are available for flower dedications if you have 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


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

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Serving Today:  
VPOD: Brad Vaughan  
Crucifer: Tim Hodgins  
Epistle Torch: Margaret Whitley  
Gospel Torch: Wayne Smoak  
LEM: Diane Hodgins  
Reader: Diane Hodgins  
Teller: Al Irvine

 Birthdays this week:  
Perry Gearing 3/19  
Margie Woltering 3/19  
Barbara Tilley 3/21  
Barb Doran 3/22  
Anne Scattaglia 3/22

 Anniversaries this week:  
No known anniversaries.

TREASURER’S SUMMARY as of December 2024	
Pledges YTD	\$259,430
Total Income	\$426,600
Total Expenses	\$426,600



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  
No Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am  
Grief Share // 10:30am

THURSDAY  
Canton AL-Anon // 7:00pm  
Path to Shine // 2:00pm to 5:00pm

TUESDAY  
Bible Study- The Way // 1:30pm  
Men’s Group, IHOP // 11:30am  
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8:00pm.

FRIDAY  
Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am.  
Service @ The Arbor // 10:30a.m  
Women’s AA // 12:00 noon  
Centering Prayer // 12:30pm

WEDNESDAY  
Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am.  
Women’s AA // 12:00pm.  
Rector’s Zoom Bible Study // 12:00pm  
Holy Eucharist // 6:15pm  
Meal // 6:45pm  
EYC // 7:00pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
Bible Study // 7:00pm

There will be no Altar Flowers during the Lenten Season.

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