

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 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 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 *Lead On, O King...* Hymnal 555 vs. 1-3, 6
The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise The *Gloria* Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Note: Elijah is afraid. King Ahab has slain all his fellow prophets and Queen Jezebel has promised to take Elijah's life as well. God finds him hiding in a cave and makes him a witness to wind, earthquake, fire, and then something else, a contrasting silence, the place where God speaks to souls willing to listen and, from there, be sustained by God touching our in-most self. What time can you set aside to listen for God?

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at

the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Psalm 85:8-13

Note: The meeting of heaven and earth seem to speak of us of the incarnation of Christ Jesus. It is a loving embrace. It is God sending down to draw us up to himself.

Benedixisti, Domine

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 **Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

The Epistle: Romans 10:5-15

Note: Paul echoes Moses in the ancient understanding of God who is both transcendent and near us. Where have you felt the nearness of God?

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Sequence Hymn *How Sweet the Name...* Hymnal 644 vs 1-4

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Note: This is the second water miracle in this gospel, the first being the stilling of the sea. We should take the story as it is given to us, and let it speak its meaning to our lives: God as the ruler of nature, God as the rescuer of our souls.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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 *Ave Verum*
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 *Holy Spirit Everliving* Hymnal 511

Post Communion Prayer *kneeling or standing* BCP 365

Processional Hymn: *Amazing Grace* Hymnal 671
The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ MARGIE, SHARON, MABRY FAMILY, SHARON, ANNIE, MARY, KAREN, JOSEPH, SARAH, EMILY, PAT, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, WANDA, ROBIN, BILL W., MARK, KIM, TED, FRED, 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, SAM, JIM, MARINA, DAVENA, WILLS, MARY, TOM, NICOLE & NORM.

✚ 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.

Water Miracle

I was once saved from drowning. Or at least it seemed that way at the time. I told the story at VBS this year when we were sharing with each other a time we were afraid.

The story is short. I was a little boy playing on an old pier along the harbor. It had partially burned years before and we were accustomed to balancing across the sturdier beams and avoiding the great gaps of charred wood. I fell through a weak spot.

I didn't know what had happened at first. I was stepping along on a clear day and then I was in the midst of swirling green, buffered around the oyster-clad columns holding up the old ruin.

I was so terrified I couldn't scream or shout.

But someone saw me. A dark hand reached down and pulled me bodily out of the water. A Black man who had been fishing raised me up.

I think of that when I read the story of Jesus lifting up the terrified Peter from the stormy waves. He was afraid for his life and so he sank. Fear does that, it is hard to escape its grip.

I, on the other hand, was careless with my life. That also has consequences. But the story tells us that even our carelessness doesn't have to be the end of the story. You see, Jesus cares and comes to us and reaches out for us to grasp his hand and draw us to himself.

That is miracle enough.

Jamie+

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherokee Family Violence Center

Through 8/27. Lilah Schilling is collecting donations for Girl Scouts. The requested items are cleaning and household needs and toiletries. A detailed list and a box to drop off your donations is in the narthex.

ECW

8/21 7 p.m. Davis Hall. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

Clement's Creatives:

8/26 2 pm Davis Hall. If you are an artist or crafts-person looking to practice your art in a social setting, please join Clement's Creatives on Saturday, August 26 at 2pm. Bring your supplies and join us for some fun, fellowship, and learning in a relaxed setting. This month, we're collecting artwork to be displayed at the upcoming Wine, jazz, and Cheese Night on September 9th. If you'd like to loan us your arts or crafts, please bring them to Clement's Creatives or to the church any Sunday by August 27. Questions? Call Melissa Stutler at 770-296-5856.

Wine 'n Cheese 'n Jazz

9/9 4-6 p.m. Davis Hall. An evening celebrating us! Register online

Daughters of the King

9/10 1 p.m. Davis Hall to begin Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. There will be no meeting in July or August. Contact: 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

Episcopal Youth Community:

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

Wednesday Bible Study:

7 p.m. We will begin our study of Galatians, using the book St. Francis and the Christian Life by April Love-Fordham. This book teaches Galatians the way Jesus taught: through parables. In this case, the parables are about Saint Francis. Each section ends with a spiritual practice designed to help readers discover their own unique way of living the Christian life. The book is available on Amazon. Join us!

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

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

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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 and cost is now \$50. 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 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. Wednesday Youth and Bible Study meet at 7 pm.

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

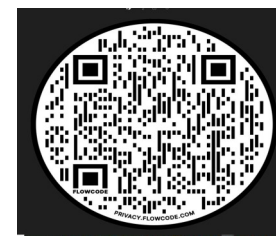
Parish Directory:

We are currently updating the parish directory. *If you have your information in the previous directory AND the information is correct, there is no need to fill out a form.* If you have moved and/or would like to add birthdays and anniversaries, please fill out a form in the narthex. If you would like to take it home and fill it out, there are addressed stamped envelopes in the narthex along with the forms for you to fill out and mail back. Contact the office with any questions. **Deadline 8/31.**

Hospitality:

We need people to sign up for hospitality. The requirements are simple-just bring some bagels or donuts. Signup online through the link in the newsletter or contact Jennifer Morgan jmorgan39@gsu.edu. We have had some interest expressed in returning 11 a.m. hospitably. If there is interest we need a volunteer to lead.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Birthdays this week:

Mary Koblasz 8/15
Stephanie Timm 8/16
Jane Jernigan 8/17
Dominick Savage 8/18



TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of June 2023

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



August 13, 2023 11th Sunday after Pentecost

We thank you, dear Lord, for the beauty of your creation and for the gift of our vocation within it: implant in us a reverence for the substance and rhythm of nature that we might align ourselves with its magnificent order as we order our lives in your grace.

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

Canton Al-Anon // 7 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 // 7pm
Bible Study // 7 pm

The Altar Flowers today are given by
by Sandy & Tim Woltering to the Glory of
God & in Loving Memory of their son Nick.

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