

May 4, 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Liturgy of the Word

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

HOLY EUCHARIST COMBINED SERVICE

Procession In, standing    Open Your Ears, O Faithful People    Songbook #38

The Opening Sentences    The Book of Common Prayer 355

Song of Praise    The Gloria/Song of Praise    Songbook #3

The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 9: 1-20

*Note: The Resurrection means new life and new hope, the conversion of hearts. Here, Paul’s encounter with Christ turns him from persecutor to apostle and, at the same time, the Lord leads Ananias to treat someone he saw as a dangerous enemy to a friend.*

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

Psalm 30: Exaltabo te, Domine

*Note: The psalmist is 'lifted' and 'restored' from weeping and fear. It is cause to celebrate with song and dance.*

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14

*Note: The scene is the throne room of God and at the center is the slain Lamb of God who has conquered through the cross. Only the Lamb can open the scrolls which contain the fate of the world.*

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,  
“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”  
Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”  
And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Sequence Hymn, standing    You are My All in All    Songbook # 55

The Gospel: John 21:1-19

*Note: It is another early morning resurrection appearance and the disciples can barely make out who it is that calls them from the shore. The results are telling in the huge draft of fish. Jesus bring abundance in the midst of scarcity.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They

answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Homily    The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min

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

RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory    Let There Be Peace on Earth    Songbook #36

The Doxology, standing    Songbook Service Music

The Great Thanksgiving  
The Sursum Corda    BCP 367  
The Sanctus    Songbook Service Music  
The Canon, kneeling or standing.

THE GREAT AMEN    BCP 368

The Lord’s Prayer    BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread    BCP 364  
Communion Sing-a-Long:  
Let us Break Bread Together: Songbook #37  
Down to the River to Pray: Songbook #12  
We are One in the Spirit; Songbook #51

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 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.

Recessional Hymn:    Turn, Turn, Turn    Songbook #60

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response    BCP 366  
Thanks be to God.

**WE PRAY FOR:**  
**Our Parish Family, especially**  
✚ LYN, PAIGE, CLAIRE, EVELYN, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, SOLOMON, VICTOR, MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET, 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, 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, TOMMY, GEORGE, and RUBY.  
✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER, THE BARRE, and THE STROBLE FAMILIES  
✚ 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.

### First Responder

What if Jesus were to appear to you? He appears first to Mary Magdalene in her distress, then to the disciples huddled in their fear, and then to Thomas in his disbelief.

This Sunday he appears to seven disciples, apparently back with their fishing nets in Galilee, at loose ends with no direction but the familiar past of their old work on the water.

These are reunions. In each case, Jesus is not just calling his disciples, he has already done that. He is re-calling them as they recall him. Out of their distress, fear, disbelief, and aimlessness Jesus is reminding them of who they are, and, especially in the case of Peter, reminding them that he knows them through and through.

We might wonder how we would respond. Would it be in amazement, in trepidation, or in shock like Paul who is literally knocked to the ground by the presence of Jesus?

We might also consider that our response is really secondary because Jesus is coming to us, he is the first responder in the situation. Jesus has, as he always has, come to us where we are. And then he leads us to something more.

What is the "something more" Jesus is leading you to? What is our response to the first response of Jesus.

Jamie ✚

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after the service for a potluck meal 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*

**Save the Date!**  
Mark **Saturday, June 7 12:00—4:00pm** on your calendar for the annual, Pentecost Picnic, this year called the *Pentecost Beach Blast*. If you'd like to help, please contact Kelly Burleson at kbuleson@gmail.com.

**VBS Craft Day**  
**5/10 10:00am—3:00pm**

**Book Club**  
**5/12 1:30pm** Discussing James, by Percival Everett. Contact: Sallee Macknik sal-lee\_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

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

**Bible Study** 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall.

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

**Holy Eucharist** 6:15pm followed by  
• 6:45 meal  
• 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).

**Grief Share**  
This session of Grief Share is complete. The

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*  
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next session will begin on September 8, 2025.

**DOK Meeting**  
The next DOK Meeting will be held on May 18th because of Mother's Day. Contact Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com

Coming soon! We are in the process of working on a new **Parish Directory**. This one will be online, so it can be updated easily, and it will include photos. Katie McDonald and Amanda Cerniglia will be spearheading this project and will be conducting some sessions to help everyone get onboard with the project. Stay tuned!

**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.


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**Serving Today:**  
VPOD:  
Crucifer/1st Server: Tim Hodgins  
LEM: Diane Hodgins  
Reader: Brad Vaughan  
Teller: Bill McArthur

 **Birthdays this week:**  
Trish Cole 5/4  
Janice Greene 5/4  
Margaret Whitley 5/6

 **Anniversaries this week:**  
Marge & Alan Loeffler 5/6  
Al Jacobsen & Jacqueline Blakely 5/7

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**  
as of February 2025

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



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**Feed my sheep.**

**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**  
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am

**THURSDAY**  
Path-to-Shine//2:00—5:00pm

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

**FRIDAY**  
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am  
Service @ the Arbor//10:30am  
Women's AA//12:00noon  
Centering Prayer//12:30pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am  
Rector's Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm  
Women's AA//12:00pm  
Holy Eucharist//6:15am  
Meal//6:45pm  
Bible Study//7:00pm

**The Altar Flower today are given to the Glory of God by**  
**By Kelly and Scott Burleson**  
**In celebration of their grandson Archie's third birthday**

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