

## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**JULY 21, 2024**

**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> <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 Peace            BCP 360	<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> <b>The Holy Communion</b> <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

**Procession In**                    *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*                    Hymnal 561  
**The Opening Sentences**                    The Book of Common Prayer 355

**Song of Praise**                    *The Gloria*                    Hymnal S278    BCP 355

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 12:1-6

*Note: This prophet preached near the time of the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon (587 BC). He is critical of the royal leadership who have neither attended to God or the people. In the promise of God to provide a righteous shepherd he provides us an image of faithfulness channeled into the care of his people.*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall exe-

cute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

#### The Psalm 23

*Note: Where is the Good Shepherd leading you today? Where is the Good Shepherd leading this congregation?*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

#### The Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22

*Note: Continuing this letter we are reminded that we are no longer strangers to God but part of the new family of God.*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**Sequence Hymn**                    *Take My Life*                    Hymnal 707

#### The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*Note: This passage, more of an interlude, gives us a glimpse of the life of Jesus and the disciples as they go on their mission of healing just before the feeding of the five thousand.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**The Homily**                    The Rev. James B. Sutler  
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                    *Down to the River*                    Choir

**The Doxology**                    *standing*                    Hymnal 380 v.3

**The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B**                    BCP 367

*The Sursum Corda*

*The Sanctus*

*The Canon*                    *kneeling or standing.*                    Hymnal S125

THE GREAT AMEN,                    BCP 368

**The Lord's Prayer**                    BCP 364

**Breaking of the Bread**                    BCP 364

Choir Anthem                    *As Those of Old*                    Hymnal 705

**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.*

**Processional Hymn:**                    *Father Eternal*                    Hymnal 573

**The Dismissal Response**                    BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

**WE PRAY FOR...**

**Our Parish Family, especially**

✚ SOLOMON, VICTOR, SHARON N., WANDA, STEPHANIE, MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T. ANN, JAMIE, JOAN IMMKE & FAMILY, TONY, DALE, BOBBY, AL, JEAN, JULIA, HUBIE, MABRY FAMILY, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, JOHN D., SCOTT, MARTI, FRAN, DAKOTA, DEACON JUDITH, MARGARET C., JOSEPH & JO ANN.

✚ 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, JOHN, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, BEVERLY, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, ORSON, SHI SHI, PA-PA RED, MAX, PATTI , PATTY, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, TED, ROBIN, MARY, TOM, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, AMY, BETTY, HEATHER, WANDA, PAIGE, GAYLE, AMANDA, MARK, CHRIS, ELIZABETH, ROB, BILL, BRITTANY, TOM, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, MAUREEN, LOU, TRAVIS, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, ED, LESLIE, BILL, LIZ, GARY, GABBY, PAUL, ASTON, SANDY, MARK, LIZ, NEYOMI, JOHN, MARILU, ANDY, SUE, LYNN, KENNETH, JOE, MISTY, DAVID'S PARENTS, LORI, PORCHA, MIKE & PAT.

✚ COMFORT: RYAN, PEGGY & FAMILY & KENDRICK & FAMILY.

✚ ARBORS: PHYLLIS, DONNA, FRAN, LIZ, MARIAN, LOIS, BETTY, MARY, ROSE, BOBBY, LESLIE, ANN, ART, BOB & KEIRSEY.

**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 Carlotta Ford at the Ministry Center, 770-345-6722 Prayer request cards are in the church pews, or requests can be made by calling Carlotta. Please email or call Trish Cole (770-377-4348) to update your prayer requests.

**The Fruits of Compassion**

The needs of the world seem overwhelming. Indeed, even our own needs, the needs in our immediate world, can feel just as overwhelming. We sometimes have a hard time looking beyond ourselves.

Think of an emergency room doctor on a particularly busy night with patients coming and going. The doctor has her own personal issues to struggle with, exhaustion perhaps being the chief culprit.

Jesus says, come away from all of this and find rest and restoration. But, as in this Sunday's gospel lesson, the patients keep coming and not only coming but actively seeking out. There is a desperation in the world for healing.

Jesus takes a moment to look out and around him. He sees the need: "they were like sheep without a shepherd". He has compassion upon them. The word implies a gut level feeling for these desperate people. We could call it empathy.

Empathy moves the focus from ourselves to another. More than that it describes a kind of communion with another, where we have a deep awareness of their pain as we stand next to it without condescension. Empathy, therefore, at its best is a form of love.

Love is the resting place Jesus offers us. We rest in his love in our own pain. Others rest in our love as we rest in his and in this shared compassion there is a mutuality of healing. We are healed as we participate in the healing of others.

We therefore do not worry about resources. We bring what we have to those who come to us and allow the love of God to do the heavy lifting. We can only be the shepherd to others to the extent that we rest in the Good Shepherd and discover in him our calling and our peace.

Jamie✚

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Join Education for Ministry (EfM) to...**

*Deepen your Christian faith. Learn how to articulate that faith. Let that faith inspire you into action!* Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. More than Bible study, EfM participants read and discuss the Old Testament (year 1), the New Testament (year 2), Church history (year 3), and theology (year 4). You neither must commit to all four program years nor complete it in four years. St. Claire's Episcopal Church in Blairsville, GA offers an on-line group. The group is open to all no matter your location or religious affiliation. It meets virtually via ZOOM, 9:00 am – Noon every other Monday starting the second Monday in September and continuing till mid-May. Questions? Locally, please contact either Fr. Jamie (770-324-2035) or Diane Hodgins (850-339-8540 - a recent graduate of the program). If interested in joining EFM, please contact either of the mentors. Jim Morton 770-265-2717 jimorton2000@comcast.net or Ken Alexander 706-633-0210 kbalex119@gmail.com

**Combined Service 8/4 10:00am.** Please bring a dish to share for the meal immediately following the service.

**Centering Prayer:** Centering Prayer has moved to a **new day** and time! We now meet every **Friday at 12:30 p.m.** in the church. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. No experience is required. Information regarding the program can be found in the brochures in the narthex. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770) 324-2035 or Diane Hodgins (850) 338-8540.

**Book Club 8/12 1:30 p.m.** Davis Hall to discuss **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Alison Pataki. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee\_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

**Women's Group/Inbetweeners: 8/13 11:00 a.m.** J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

**Episcopal Church Women 8/19 7pm** in Davis Hall. Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com.

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors 8/6 10:30 am.** Davis Hall.

**Daughters of the King 9/8 1:00 pm** Davis Hall to discuss Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. Contact Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com

**The Altar Guild** has dates available on the flower chart if you have someone or something special you

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would like to commemorate. The chart is in the notebook in the narthex and cost is \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com

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

**Rector's Bible Study**  
Every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. We will be a study of Book of the Revelation. Contact the office for the link.

**Tuesday Bible Study**  
1:30-2:30pm in Davis Hall: "The Lord's Prayer"

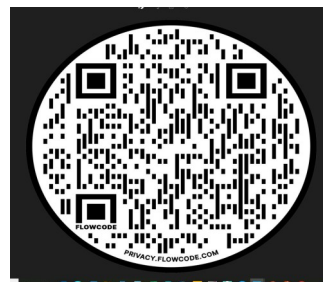
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
7pm, after the Supper in Davis Hall. Will resume in August.

**Episcopal Youth Community**  
7pm Wednesdays when school is in session. Meal is served prior to meeting.

**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 2:00pm on Thursdays.

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**Serving Today:**  
VPOD: Kay Morrison  
Crucifer: Doug Blackburn  
Gospel Torch: Jeff Pawlik  
Epistle Torch: Brad Vaughan  
LEM: Janelle Walker  
Reader: Al Irvine  
Teller: Carlotta Ford

**Anniversaries this week:**  
Joseph & Ashlee Waters 7/21  
Tom & Karen Bommelje 7/27

**Birthdays this week:**  
Kim Vernachio 4/21  
Maddie Caudle 7/24  
Alice Irvine 7/27

TREASURER'S SUMMARY  
as of June 2024

Pledges YTD	\$123,856.43
Total Income	\$185,025.68
Total Expenses	\$177,056.68



**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) // 9:00am  
Nar A Non // 7:00pm

**THURSDAY**  
Canton AL-Anon // 7:00pm.

**TUESDAY**  
Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30am  
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8:00pm.

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

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

**The Altar Flowers today are given by**  
Anna Marie Smith to the Glory of God & in honor of new members of St. Clement's Congregation.

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