

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude,

The Procession, *please stand as able.*

Joyful, Joyful

Hymnal 376

The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise: The *Gloria*

Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 *please be seated.*

Note: This fifth book of the Torah includes a series of three sermons given by Moses in the wilderness outlining the manner of life the Hebrew people will lead. They will be distinctive people with a distinctive law in contrast to the people around them.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

Note: This psalm makes the vital connection between worshiping the living God and living the life which God has called us to live. Living such a life is simply an extension of worship, living a life in light of what is most worthy in life.

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 **In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 **He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle: James 1:17-27

Note: We begin a series of readings from this letter this Sunday. This opening selection introduces one of its great themes: that faith must be followed up in action.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Sequence Hymn: *Come Labor On* Hymnal 541 vs. 1,3,5

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Note: There is ritual washing in the Torah, but it only applies to the priests in the worship in the Temple. The Pharisees appear to practice an expanded notion of ritual piety. The original idea was that the sanctuary represented the presence of God and that human beings in a ritually impure state could jeopardize that presence not only in the sanctuary but in the lives of the people. Ritual purity acknowledged the absolute purity of God as the true source of life and living.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

The Prayers of the People *Kneeling or standing.*

Blessings of Special Intention.

Greetings, News, Thanksgivings, and Acknowledgements.

Closing Prayer

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Standing, as able.

BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem

If God Be For US

Choir

The Doxology, *standing.*

Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer A

The Sursum Corda kneeling or standing.

The Proper Preface of the Sunday

The *Sanctus*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

BCP 362 S130

The People's AMEN

BCP 363

The Preparation for the Distribution

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Choir Anthem

Draw Nigh and Take

Hymnal 328 vs.1-3

The Invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please come and share in the Communion of Christ.

Postcommunion 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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

All Hail the Power

Hymnal 450 vs1-3,6

The Dismissal Response

BCP 366

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ JULIE, REZENDE FAMILY, JOAN, SOLOMON, VICTOR, SHARON N., MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T. ANN, JOAN IMMKE & FAMILY, TONY, DALE, BOBBY, AL, JEAN, JULIA, HUBIE, MABRY FAMILY, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, 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, PAPA 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, LIZ, GARY, GABBY, PAUL, ASTON, SANDY, MARK, LIZ, NEYOMI, JOHN, MARILU, ANDY, SUE, LYNN, KENNETH, JOE, MISTY, DAVID'S PARENTS, LORI, PORCHA, MIKE, PAT, REBECCA, BLAKE, GLENN, CATHY, KAARIN & JEFF.

✠ 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.

Majoring in the Minors

Question: "How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb?"
Answer: "Change! Change! My grandfather donated that light bulb!"

We Episcopalians are jealous of our traditions. I remember the throngs of people who marched out of my hometown church when the 1979 prayer book came into use. There were riots in parts of England during the 16th century when the liturgy was changed from Latin to English.

There will always be tension between the traditionalist and the innovator. Traditions anchor us in continuity to our original core values. Innovation tries to be relevant to the present and to the direction of the future.

During the scuffle we often get into an argument about what these traditions or innovations *mean*: what do they signify? The question Jesus raises, which could apply equally to the traditionalist or the innovator, is not what they *mean* but what they lead us to *do*: what kind of life is shaped by any particular tradition or innovation.

So, we do not hold onto things because we have always done it that way. Neither do we change simply to react to the latest trends. Jesus urges us to look deeper: what kind of people are we becoming in our worship and in the regular patterns of our lives? What kind of people is Jesus calling us to become?

Jesus is not opposed to tradition. He is, in fact, the consummate traditionalist in the great prophetic tradition. He simply knows we lose sight of the big picture when we become slaves to things that simply do not matter that much and distract us from the life we are called to live in this world.

Jamie✠

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately following the service for a potluck across the parking lot in Davis Hall.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

9/3 10:30 am. Davis Hall. All members should attend the meeting

Book Club

9/9 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss The Women by Kristin Hannah. The October book is Radical Spirits by Anne Braud and November is the Other Birds by Sarah Addison Allen. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

Arbors 1st Anniversary Celebration

9/6 10:30am in the Bistro at The Arbors. All are invited to attend.

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

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:

9/10 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

ECW:

9/16 7:00pm meeting via Google Meet. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

Newcomer's Reception:

9/29 We are delighted to welcome you to our church community! Whether you've been visiting for a while or are here for the very first time, we want you to know that you are truly valued and invite you to attend the reception. This is an opportunity for us to get to know you better and for you to learn more about the many ways you can get involved and feel at home here.

Wednesdays:

Following 6:15pm Holy Eucharist:

- 6:45 Meal
- 7:00pm Episcopal Youth Community currently working on pollinator garden.
- 7:00pm Bible Study

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 \$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 are studying The Book of the Revelation. Contact the office for the link.

Tuesday Bible Study

1:30-2:30pm in Davis Hall: "The Lord's Prayer"

Online Giving available through our website

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
770-324-2035

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Carlotta Ford, *administrator*
770-345-6722

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www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

Our Parish Cares for You

At our parish, we offer a variety of Parish Care Ministries to provide support in times of need. These ministries are led by both our clergy and a dedicated team of lay volunteers. Our offerings include:

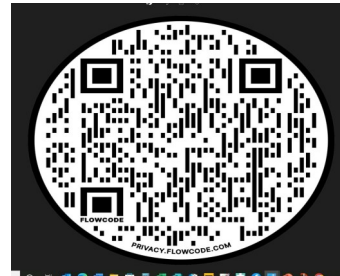
- **Community of Hope International:** Provides confidential emotional and spiritual care.
- **Daughters of the King:** Offers prayer and sends cards of encouragement. Meets the 2nd Sunday of every month in Davis Hall at 1:00pm.
- **GriefShare:** Hosts support groups for those grieving the loss of loved ones. Meetings begin September 9th at 10:30am.
- **Lay Eucharist Visitors:** Distributes communion to those who are unable to attend services.
- **St. Martha's Ministry:** Organizes funeral receptions to support families during their time of loss.

For more information and contact details, please pick up a brochure from the narthex of the church.

Centering Prayer:

Meets every Friday in the church **12:30 p.m.** 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.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Serving Today:

VPOD: Tim Woltering
Crucifer: Jeff Pawlik
Gospel Torch: Tim Hodgins
Epistle Torch: Diane Hodgins
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Dale Petrishe
Teller: Carlotta Ford



Birthdays this week

Milt Dockweiler 9/1
Jenny Cain 9/3
Linda Werner 9/5

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

as of July 2024

Pledges YTD	\$138,331.04
Total Income	\$206,141.85
Total Expenses	\$205,900.07



**The 15th Sunday After Pentecost
September 1, 2024**

Be doers of the word,
and not merely
hearers.

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 //9 a.m. Contemporary //11 a.m. Traditional

First Sunday of Month Combined Service// 10 a.m.

MONDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
Nar A Non // 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Canton Al-Anon // 7 p.m.
Path to Shine // 1:40 p.m.

TUESDAY

Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist @ The Arbors 10:30 a.m.
Women's AA // 12 noon
Centering Prayer // 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

No Morning Prayer online // 9 a.m.
No Bible Study // 12 p.m.
Women's AA // 12 p.m.
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.
Meal // 6:40 p.m.
Bible Study // 7pm
EYC // 7pm

The Altar Flowers today are given by

Anna Marie Smith to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of her Mother Ann Sypher.
Susan Gensel to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of her son Don Gill.

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