

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 11, 2024

Morning Prayer, Rite II, 9am /11am

The Procession *Song at 9am/ 11am, Lead On, O King* Hymnal 555

The Opening Sentence The Book of Common Prayer, 78

The Confession of Sin BCP 79

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: The Antiphon

The Venite *(the invitatory psalm, 95: 1-7), read together.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Appointed Psalm, 34:1-8, responsively

Note: This psalm encourages us to cry out to the Lord in our distress. Moreover, to set our pride aside. There is no shame in asking for help.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 **I will glory in the LORD; ***

let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *

let us exalt his Name together.

4 **I sought the LORD, and he answered me ***

and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *

and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 **I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me ***

and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *

and he will deliver them.

8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good; ***

happy are they who trust in him!

The Lessons

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:4-8 *please be seated.*

Note: Elisha was a prophet of the 9th c. BC, successor to Elijah. He was known for miracles of practical aid, helping the poor, and healing even those at the point of death. Here is a moment when he needed healing and hope from the living God.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Anthem Song at 9am / 11am, *More Holiness Give Me* V. Brumbelow, Soloist

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Note: The people of this church are essentially good people whom Paul encourages. However, he knows, like all people, we are tempted into divisions for a variety of reasons. In such time we are not to rest in our anger, but turn to God and renew our faith.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Meditation Song at 9 / 11 am, *Breathe on Me Breath of God*, Choir

The Third Lesson: The Gospel of John 6:35, 41-51

Note: The problem of belief among those of his own hometown and country is not that they don't know him but rather that they know him too well. Many want to constrain Jesus into their own definition of who he is. Jesus shows us that only God defines us.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ances-

tors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Homily Diane Hodgins

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer BCP 97

The Suffrages (A)

The Collect for 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.*

A Prayer for Mission

The Prayers of the People *Kneeling or standing.*

The General Thanksgiving, said together BCP 101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your**

praise,

**not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Officiant: 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.

The Dismissal

Hymn Song at 9am/ 11am *All Hail the Power...* Hymnal 450

Officiant: The Grace

**Funeral Service for Scott Mikkelsen will be
Thursday August 15th, 2024 at 11:00am
Reception immediately following
Interment 3:00pm Georgia National Cemetery.**

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ DOTTIE, REZENDE FAMILY, JOAN, SOLOMON, VICTOR, SHARON N., WANDA, 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., 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, 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, STACY, REBECCA & BLAKE.

✚ 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.

Nourishing Faith for the Journey

It is reassuring to know that even prophets get depressed from time to time. Jonah famously stops off after God forgives the people of Nineveh and mopes under the shade of a plant. This Sunday we have Elisha grumbling under a broom tree.

But God doesn't leave them alone. God keeps pestering them. "Get up and eat, Elisha". God provokes the prophet who asks for death rather than moving an inch.

Jesus does the same. "Come to me, all those who are carrying heavy burdens and I will refresh you". He claims he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven not for his own sake, but for ours. He urges us, through our struggles, to come to us knowing that it is God in us who draw us to him, to "get up and eat".

We all have a journey ahead of us. There are times when we want to throw in the towel. Jesus wants to nourish us precisely when we are starved of life. He gives us eternal life, which is more than life after death: it is life before death. It is the abiding relationship with Jesus.

Feed on him with your heart, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Jamie✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

Daughters of the King

Today 1:00 pm Davis Hall to discuss Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. Contact Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com

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.
- **GriefShare:** Hosts support groups for those grieving the loss of loved ones.
- **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.

Join Education for Ministry (EfM)

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. 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 jimmorton2000@comcast.net or Ken Alexander 706-633-0210 kbalex119@gmail.com

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.

Pollinator Census

8/24 10am until 12pm Cherokee Senior Center and other locations hosted by Cherokee Master Gardeners. This allows everyone to participate in counting insects and is a STEM activity for youth.

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
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Lay Eucharistic Visitors

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

Arbors 1st Anniversary Celebration

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

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

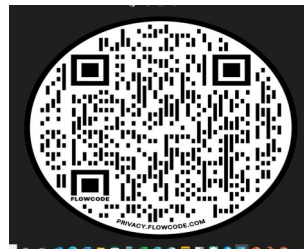
Every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. We are studying The Book of the Revelation. Contact the office for the link.

Tuesday Bible Study

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

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

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Serving Today:
VPOD: Mike Woltering
Crucifer: Dell Lyons
Gospel Torch: Jeff Pawlik
Epistle Torch: Solomon Osazenaye
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Larry Ellis
Teller: Jamie Lyons

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Brad & Beth Vaughan 8/15

 **Birthdays this week**
Mary Koblasz 8/15
Stephanie Timm 8/16

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of June 2024

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



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Morning Prayer
Rite II

I am the Bread of Life

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.

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 // 12:30pm

WEDNESDAY
Morning Prayer online // 9 a.m.
Bible Study // 12 p.m.
Women's AA // 12 p.m.
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.
Meal // 6:45
EYC // 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study // 7:00 p.m.

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

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