THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **SEPTEMBER 8, 2024** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9AM Family Holy Eucharist,

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

The CreedThe BlessingThe PrayersSong for the Procession OutThe PeaceBCP 360

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession In	<i>Tell Out My Soul</i>	Hymnal 437	
The Opening Sentences	The Book	of Common Prayer 355	
Song of Praise	The <i>Gloria</i>	Hymnal S278 BCP 355	

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Note: The prophet speaks to a people in need of healing and hope who have felt oppressed and lonely. God, he says, is coming in great power to restore not only the people but all of creation. We cannot move forward without hope, without believing there is no way forward. Where is your hope today, the spiritual engine of your life?

- Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!
- Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness. and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Psalm 146

Note: The psalter's 150 psalms are divided into 5 books, each ending with a doxology, a statement of high praise to God. The fifth book ends with a doxology that is 5 psalms long, beginning with today's psalm. It begins a sustained final climax of praise to God to close the psalter. It is a good way to end a prayer, with rejoicing to meet the next moment the next day, the next season of life in joy.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! * I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Epistle: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Note: What is the relative importance of faith versus works? Paul, and later the Reformers (Luther, Calvin, etc), insisted that we are saved by grace alone, by faith, without works. In other words, we cannot be in relationship with God on our own merit. We can't, but God can, working in us. James, however, says we must do something and not simply believe something. Belief should manifest in the way we live. How does the way we live show us what we really believe in? How is God's grace working in our lives?

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Sequence Hymn

Note: Who were the Syrophoenicians? It's an odd designation. Syrians were around and still are. Phoenicians refer to a very ancient people, the sea-going inhabitants long before there was a Jewish people. The point here is that they are Gentiles, non-Jews, and Jesus is in their territory. What kind of posture should we take when we have good news in a foreign place?

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go-the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Homily

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Almighty Father

The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

The Rev. James B. Sutler Followed by silence for reflection

Creed s of the People	standing kneeling or standing	BCP 358			
nd Announcements sion of Sin	standing	BCP 359 BCP 360			
	THE HOLY COMMUNION he Lord is My Shepherd standing	Choir Hymnal 380 v.3			
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on AMEN, Prayer The Bread	kneeling or standing.	BCP 368 BCP 364 BCP 364			
m union Prayer	Come, Risen Lord kneeling or standing	Hymnal 306 BCP 365			
ning 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

People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

al Hymn: sal Response	Hail to the Lord's Anointed	
	Thanks be to God.	

Hymnal 616 BCP 366

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

₱ JULIE, REZENDE FAMILY, JOAN, SOLOMON, VICTOR, SHARON N., MISSY, CAROLE, JU-DITH, JOHN T. ANN, JOAN IMMKE & FAMILY, TONY, DALE, BOBBY, AL, JEAN, JULIA, HUBIE, MABRY FAMILY, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, MARTI, FRAN, DAKOTA, DEACON JUDITH, MARGARET C., JOSEPH & JO ANN.

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THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT'S.

HEIDI AND RUSS, missionaries to Chile.

Those in the Armed Forces, especially

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

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

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.

When a Friend Leaves

We are beginning to interview people for the church administrator position now open because of Carlotta's retirement. A job description has been crafted in collaboration with Carlotta and a list of the wide and various responsibilities she managed over the years.

During all this I wonder to myself how Carlotta has managed to do all this stuff. The answer is deeper than the technical skills she both brought and acquired over the years. It is even deeper than her knowledge of the parish and the diocese accumulated through her personal relationships with a huge variety of people near and far.

At the heart of it, as I think of it, was a persistent and methodical patience with others that transcends the need to be right and instead is focused on a desire to find a way forward. That is a real gift of love. That is why so many people in so many circumstances have been so comfortable in coming to her with their problems and questions and ponderings.

It is not so different from the difficult gospel lesson for this Sunday. Jesus comes across as a grumpy old man with no time for the Gentile woman who seeks healing for her daughter. Maybe he is having a bad day. Maybe he is feeling burned out from a busy schedule.

The woman is not put off. She is persistent and unbothered by the harsh rebuff of Jesus. She knows there is a way forward and she responds in faith rather than reacting in resentment. Jesus is impressed and, I think it fair to say, even converted by the women into her mission to save the child she loves.

Carlotta loved this parish, through the good and challenging times. That was the core motivation of all her considerable skills. That is the legacy she leaves us with as we move forward. She has been our trustworthy friend. She will be missed.

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

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

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.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

10/1 10:30 am. Davis Hall. All members should attend the meeting

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 Psalms. 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.

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

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Carlotta Ford, *administrator* 770-345-6722 **email** stclements@stclementscanton.org

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: Margaret Garwatoski Crucifer: Dell Lyons Gospel Torch: Mike Schirk Epistle Torch: Tim Hodgins LEM: Wanda Carr Reader: Diane Hodgins Teller: Jamie Lyons



Birthdays this week: Dale Petrishe 9/13 Anne Preece 9/13 Gabriel Yacoub 9/14

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of July 2024 Pledges YTD \$138,331.04 Total Income \$206,141.85 Total Expenses \$205,900.07 Anna Marie Smith to the Glory of God & thanksgiving for St. Clement's Parish & in honor of Carlotta Ford with blessings on her relocation journey. Path to Shine to the Glory of God & in memory of John Doiron and with respect from fellow mentors and the children of PTS. Always remembering John's spirt of love, joy & mastery of bingo calling.

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16th Sunday After Pentecost

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, do not fear!

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

TUESDAY

Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30am Alcoholics Anonymous // 8:00pm. **THURSDAY** Canton Al-Anon // 7:00pm.

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 6:45pm Meal 7:00pm EYC 7:00pm Bible Study

The Altar Flowers today are given by