

# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## 9AM Family Holy Eucharist,

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

### Processional Song

Opening Sentences,

Book of Common Prayer 355

### The Liturgy of the Word

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

### Welcome & Announcements

#### The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord's Prayer BCP364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Administration

Communion Song

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Song for the Procession Out

The Dismissal BCP366

## 11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Procession In

Faith of Our Fathers Hymnal 558

#### The Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer 355

#### Song of Praise

The Gloria Hymnal S278 BCP 355

#### The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Note: Joshua, the successor to Moses, who leads the people across the Jordan to a land of promise over many years. He comes to the end of his life and presents the people a choice of how they might live beyond his life. He does not compel them or threaten them. He does this by example: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord".

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through

whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

#### The Psalm 34:15-22

Note: The moral life is the prayerful life. Striving to be good may not save us from hardship. But that hardship, undergone faithfully, leads us back to the source of our life and strength. The key is a constant connection with God.

#### Benedicam Dominum

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 **He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.**

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 **The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

#### The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

Note: Paul brings a focus for our prayers by identifying the real source of trouble in the world. It is not necessarily where we first think about it: in this person or another, in this institution of another. Our prayers should be directed toward the permeating power of evil in the world which, in turn, infects people and institutions and even, truth be told, ourselves.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

#### Sequence Hymn

O Spirit of Life

Hymnal 505

#### The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69

Note: This is the final portion of the "bread of life" discourse which follows the action of Jesus in the feeding of the 5,000. Here Jesus offers us a choice, to commune with him in his death and resurrection or to go our own way.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

#### 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

Come Thy Holy Spirit

Choir Duet

#### 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

Come With Us

Hymnal 336

#### 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**

✠ 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, ANNA MARIE, 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, 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, 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.

**Walking Away from Jesus**

The entire purpose of the gospel of John can, in many ways, be found in chapter 20, verse 31: "... these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name."

This purpose runs through the encounter with Nicodemus and the Samaritan women, the man born blind and the very first of the encounters with the disciples. "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks.

Belief is not simply an election to accept certain things and reject others. It is a letting loose of an old self to be invested with a new kind of self, the gift of the Christ. It is, as the gospel reading says for this Sunday, a "hard teaching, who can accept it?"

It is hard because we would prefer an easier way, a way which won't interfere too much in the way we live. It is hard because we don't like to be contradicted and are used to our ways. How many times have we walked away from Jesus because it was hard or just plain inconvenient?

The realization of Peter and the twelve is that, as hard as it may be in the cost of pride and ego, to accept the gift of a new life and a new way of seeing life, that it would be far harder to hold on to the old life. Harder for ourselves personally in terms of the wear and tear of the soul, and harder for the world around us who will not receive from us the grace it so desperately needs.

To believe, in this sense, is to finally conclude that there is no other way to go, no other life to live, no other vision to hold before us than the one offered by Jesus. All else which does not lead us to the love of God is a dead end.

Jamie✠

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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.

**Combined Service**

**9/1** 10:00am. Potluck immediately following the service. Please bring a dish to share.

**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. Meets regularly the 2nd Tuesday of every month. 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

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

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frjamie@stclements canton.org

Carlotta Ford, *administrator*

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**ECW:**

**9/16** 7:00pm meeting via Google Meet. Contact Wanda Carr wanda-kiddcarr@gmail.com

**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: stclements mens-group@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.stclements canton.org](http://www.stclements canton.org) or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Serving Today:  
VPOD: Amanda Cerniglia  
Crucifer: Doug Blackburn  
Gospel Torch: Dell Lyons  
Epistle Torch: Margaret Whitley  
LEM: Wanda Carr  
Reader: Brad Vaughan  
Teller: Carlotta Ford



**Anniversaries this week:**  
Peter & Judith Kalom 8/26

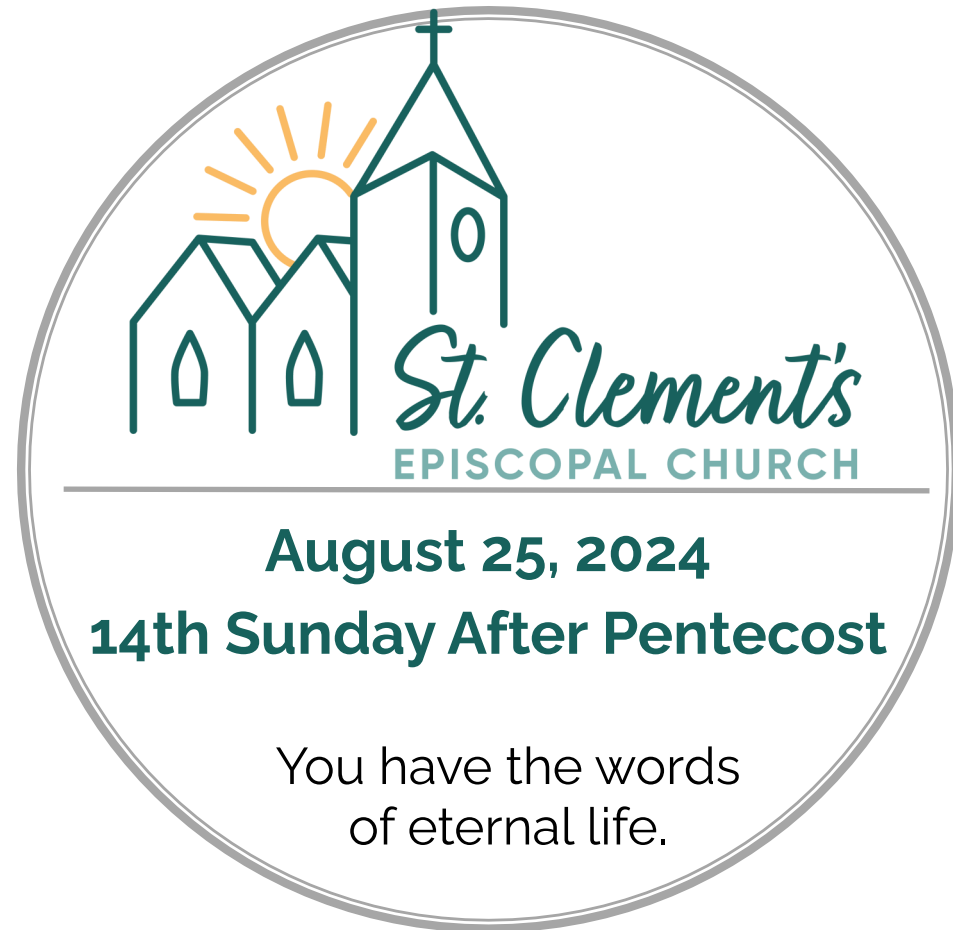


**Birthdays this week:**  
Victor Lepore 8/25  
Valerie Brumbelow 8/27  
Ginny Everett 8/28  
Bruce Allen 8/30  
Amy MacNeill 8/31

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**

as of July 2024

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



**August 25, 2024**

**14th Sunday After Pentecost**

You have the words  
of eternal 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**

**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 // 10:30am  
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**

Ann & Joe Scattaglia to the Glory of God & in Loving memory of his mother Olimpia Scattaglia.  
Gloria & Doug Blackburn to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of her mother Gloria Reed.

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