

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 18, 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**            *Guide Me, Oh, Thou Great Jehovah*    Hymnal 690  
**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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6**

*Note: This is a book of good advice. Don't hang out with those who are going to bring you down, it says. On the other hand, seek the best always, seek wisdom. The wisdom of God is symbolized as a women with fine things to eat and drink. Dine here, she says. Come as you are, come simply and cast away all affectation and you will be nourished.*

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says,

"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."

**The Psalm 34:9-14**

*Note: This portion of the psalm sounds a lot like proverbs, offering good advice. But it also asks an important question: do you really want to live the good life? If you do, God is always ready to meet your needs.*

**Benedicam Dominum**

- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
    for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 **The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \***  
    **but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
    I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 **Who among you loves life \***  
    **and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
    and your lips from lying words.
- 14 **Turn from evil and do good; \***  
    **seek peace and pursue it.**

**The Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20**

*Note: The letter at this point seems to converge on the same theme of living the good life. It also brings the great key to that life: rejoice! Joy and thanksgiving lifts our hearts and frees us from self-absorptions and idolatry.*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sequence Hymn**            *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*            Hymnal 517

**The Holy Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51**

*Note: This is the next to the last installment of Jesus' commentary on the feeding of the 5,000, the "bread of life discourse". John's gospel is the latest of the four, written late in the 1<sup>st</sup> c. So we see in Jesus' word the understanding and experience of the early church regarding the Holy Eucharist as they then experienced it.*

Jesus said, "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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 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."

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

<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<i>standing</i>	BCP 358
<b>The Prayers of the People</b>	<i>kneeling or standing</i>	
<i>Greetings and Announcements</i>		
<b>The Confession of Sin</b>		BCP 359
<b>The Peace</b>	<i>standing</i>	BCP 360

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Offertory	<i>Wade in the Water</i>	Larry Ellis, soloist
<b>The Doxology</b>	<i>standing</i>	Hymnal 380 v.3

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

<i>The Sursum Corda</i>		
The <i>Sanctus</i>		Hymnal S125
The Canon	<i>kneeling or standing.</i>	

THE GREAT AMEN,            BCP 368

**The Lord's Prayer**            BCP 364

**Breaking of the Bread**            BCP 364

Choir Anthem            *Now My Tongue*            Hymnal 329

**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:**            *Jesus Shall Reign*            Hymnal 544

**The Dismissal Response**            BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

**WE PRAY FOR...**

**Our Parish Family, especially**

✠ **JULIE, DOTTIE, REZENDE FAMILY, JOAN, SOLOMON, VICTOR, SHARON N., 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, 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**

✠ **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.

**Take this Body, this Blood**

The question about the meaning of the Holy Eucharist appears to have come very early, as early as the gospel of John: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" It is a horrible idea if we are talking about a mere human being. But the early church understood Christ Jesus as more than that, as the manifestation of the living and loving God. To "eat his flesh" meant above all to participate in the life of God.

And for 900 years there wasn't much controversy. Writers, such as St. Augustine, would describe the Holy Eucharist sometimes in literal and sometimes in figurative language. It was something you did, not something you talked about.

Until the ninth century. Two monks of the same French monastery wrote two different views. One emphasized a "realistic", literal view and the other a more figurative, mystical view. Nothing indicates this interrupted their monastic brotherhood.

But the theological snowball started, piling up into the avalanche of the 16<sup>th</sup> c. Reformation. Protestants claimed Catholics were too literal and, worse, engaging in idolatry. Catholics doubled down and excommunicated those who saw the Eucharist as a "mere memorial", bereft of the actual presence of God. It was more complicated than this, but it lays out the spectrum of battling belief.

Richard Hooker, the great 16<sup>th</sup> century Anglican theologian, had a characteristically sensible take on the controversy: "I wish that men would more give themselves to meditate with silence what we have by the sacrament, and less dispute of the manner how."

What is happening in the Holy Eucharist? God is happening. What is happening to us in the Holy Eucharist? God is happening. We come to the Holy Eucharist, in Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion, so that we might become a place where God is happening and carry that happening into the world.

*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.
- **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.

**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.

**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

**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

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

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

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

**email**

frjamie@stclementscanton.org

Carlotta Ford, *administrator*

770-345-6722

**email** stclements@stclementscanton.org

**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

**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**

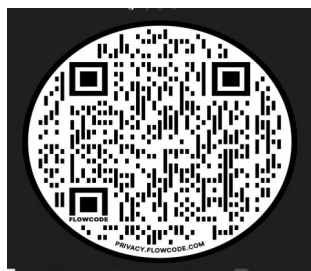
Every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. We are studying The Book of the Revelation. Contact the office for the link.

**Tuesday Bible Study**

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

**Online Giving** available through our website [www.stclementscanton.org](http://www.stclementscanton.org) or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

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**Serving Today:**

VPOD: Margaret Garwatoski  
Crucifer: Tim Hodgins  
Gospel Torch: Wayne Smoak  
Epistle Torch: Solomon Osazenaye  
LEM: Diane Hodgins  
Reader: Dale Petrishe  
Teller: Bill McArthur



**Anniversaries this week:**

Joseph & Marleen Burford 8/21  
Richard & Patricia Krupp 8/21



**Birthdays this week:**

Al Irvine 8/20  
Ashlee Waters 8/21  
Scott Burleson 8/22

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**

as of June 2024

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



**August 18, 2024**

**13th Sunday After Pentecost**

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

**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**

Trish Cole & family to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of her Father C.R. Jupp on the anniversary of his birth 8/20.  
Margie & Mike Woltering to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of her Mother Lois Bouis.

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