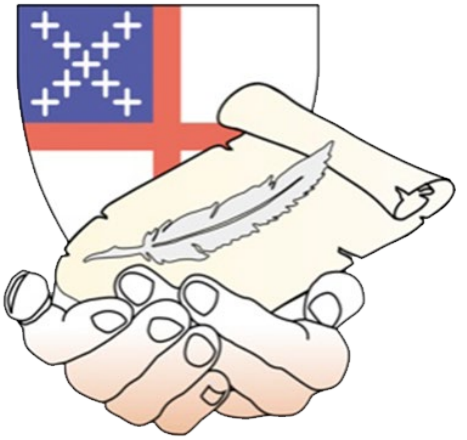
St. Clement's Episcopal

Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 2026

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

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A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

The Right Reverend Samuel S. Rodman III, *Bishop of North Carolina*
The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, *Assistant Bishop*
The Reverend Jamie L'Enfant Edwards, *Rector*
The Reverend Matthew T. Phillips, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Mark A. Davidson, *Deacon*
John Farmer, *Director of Music*

The Order for Holy Eucharist

Welcome and Announcements

Please silence or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

Prelude Gavotte, from Concerto in B flat
M. Camidge (1758-1844)

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 9 "Not here for high and holy things" *Morning Song*
Stanzas 4,5, & 6 only

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 232 "By all your saints still striving" *Nyland*
Stanzas 1 & 3 only

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
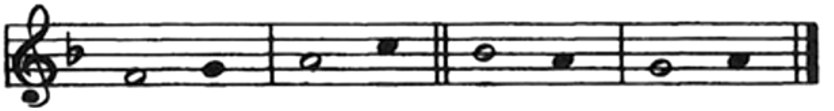
Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and

battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 Domine, refugium

Sung by all



1 Lord, you have been our **refuge** *
from one generation to a/**nother**.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were **born**, *
from age to age you are **God**.

3 You turn us back to the dust and **say**, *
"Go back, O child of **earth**."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is **past***
and like a watch in the **night**.

5 You sweep us away like a **dream**; *
we fade away suddenly like the **grass**.
6 In the morning it is green and **flourishes**; *
in the evening it is dried up and **withered**.

7 For we consume away in your dis/**pleasure**; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indig/**nation**.
8 Our iniquities you have set be/**fore you**, *
and our secret sins in the light of your **countenance**.

12 So teach us to number our **days** *
that we may apply our hearts to **wisdom**.

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for

those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Sequence Hymn 326 "From glory to glory advancing" *St. Keverne*

The Gospel Matthew 25: 14–30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Sermon The Rev. Matthew T. Phillips

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

*Response: **have mercy on us**.*

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 547 "Awake, O sleeper, rise from death" *Marsh Chapel*
Stanzas 1, 2, & 3 only
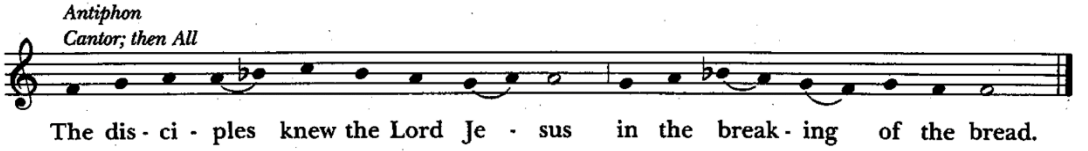
Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"
Stanza 3 only

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus S129 "Holy, Holy, Holy" R. Powell (1923-2025)

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus"
M. Martens (1933-1991)



Cantor: The bread which we break—Alleluia—is the communion of the body of Christ. **Antiphon sung by all**

Cantor: One body are we—Alleluia—for though many, we share one bread. **Antiphon sung by all**

Communion Music Praeludium XXIV J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Hymn 561 "Standup, standup for Jesus" *Morning Light*

The Dismissal BCP 366

Prayers for the Week

In Our Diocese: We give thanks for Sean, our presiding Bishop; Samuel, our Diocesan Bishop; Jennifer, Assistant Bishop; Jamie, Mark, and Matthew, our clergy. For all North Carolina Campus Ministries. For our Companion Diocese of Costa Rica and their Bishop Orlando Gómez, and the Diocese of Botswana and their Bishop, Metlhayotlhe Beleme.

In Our Parish Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for Forest Baker, Heather Diakos, Andrew, Austin, Audrey & Annette.

In Need of Healing: Noelle; Leslie P.; Larry; James; Jaci K.; Mary Margaret; John K.; Helen P.; Janice M.; Jim S.; Georgie & Lisa D.; Beverly G.; Pat K.; Jerry K.; Karen Y.; Debbie M.; Ann W.; Aletha J.; Laurie R.; Jim S.; Marilyn G.; Mary Ann S.; Ken C.; Dot H.; Jack R.; Lee E.; Nicky T.; Don P.; Keith C.; Bim H.; Penny F.; Shantelle F.; Heather T.; Gill W.; Daniel; Jeannette R.; Miriam L.; David K.; John M.; Pat M.; Jane H.; Patty D.; Dave K.; Sallie S.; Sid C.; Warren G.; Rhonda L.; Bradley M.; Sharon F.; Myra A.; Kim S.; Rick K.; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; for all victims of violence and natural disasters; for our nation's leaders that they will always seek to do God's will.

Military: For all those who serve our country, here and abroad, especially: Will Edwards; Cody Potts; Sean Mullins; Chris Vestal; David Grocer; Sam Mills; Chris Bailey; Andrew Ellis.

In Thanksgiving: For the Memorial Garden committal team.

Birthdays: Billy Holton; Mark Snow; Mickie McIntosh; Scott Frye

For those unfamiliar with our liturgy... *Holy Communion, also called the Eucharist ("thanksgiving"), the Lord's Supper, or the Mass is the Christian family meal and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive. After receiving the host (bread) in your palm, you may "sip, dip, or skip" the wine: guide the chalice to your lips, dip the wafer lightly in the wine, or cross your arms over your chest to decline. To receive a blessing instead of Communion, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. However you participate, your presence brings a unique and valued ingredient to the feast.*

Announcements

Welcome to St. Clement's!

We are blessed to have you with us. If you are new, please visit our welcome table located next to the organ and fill out a name tag and pick up a Visitor's Welcome Postcard. If you would like more information about any aspect of our parish or would like to become a member, please ask any clergy member!

The Week Ahead

Today, Sunday, November 15
8 AM: Rite I, Quiet Service
9 AM: *Grief and Loss* with Jamie & Matthew
10 AM: Rite II w/ music
3-7 PM RENTAL: Village Presbyterian

Monday, November 16
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 17
Church office closed
6:30 – 8 PM: Bishop Listening Session (St. Paul's) All parishioners in the diocese are invited to an in-person listening session to lift their voices and share their hopes, dreams and desires for the next bishop hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal in W-S.
6:30 & 7 PM: Bridge & Mahjong

Wednesday, November 18
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous
8 AM: Men's Breakfast (Pete's Family Rest.)

Thursday, November 19
10:30 AM: Women's Group

Friday, November 20
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous
12-1 PM: Al Anon

Saturday, November 21
8 AM: Men's Online Zoom Group,
10-11 AM: In-Person Men's Hour
4:30 PM: Costco Party Hosted by Carobeth Bennett & Kevin Meath. Please bring a dish to share! More info in the newsletter.

Opportunities for Engagement

Men's Breakfast (Pete's Family Rest)
Every first Wednesday, @ 8 AM

Bridge & Mahjong (Parish Hall)
Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 PM

Women's Group (Parish Hall)
Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

AA Meetings (Parish Hall)
Every Mon., Wed., Fri., @ 6:15-7:15 AM

Al-Anon Meetings (Parish Hall)
Every Friday @ 12 noon

Men's Online Zoom Group
Every Saturday @ 8 AM

In-Person Men's Hour (Parish Hall)
Every Saturday, 10-11 AM

Looking Ahead…

Alter Flowers Needed
Volunteer signups needed for Sun Nov 22. Sign up list in narthex.

Storehouse for Jesus Angel Tree

The Christmas list from Storehouse for Jesus in Mocksville is here and the turnaround is quick! Lisa Frye & Allison Booth are heading up our effort this year. Let them know if you would like to help sort, bag, & deliver gifts.

- Scan the QR Code for the Sign-up-Genius:
- You can choose multiple recipients.
- Leave gifts unwrapped and attach the Angel description & number from the sign-up to each gift so it gets to the right person.
- Please return all gifts, **UNWRAPPED,** by **Sunday, November 29**

Take Home Advent Wreath Making Kits
Anyone interested in creating their own Advent wreath at home, free kits will be available on Sun Nov 29th in the Narthex

2027 Offertory Envelopes
New offertory envelopes will be available soon. If you currently do not use them and would like to, send a message to admin@stclementsepiscopal.com

Our Shared Ministry

8:00	**Chalice**	T. Zordano	**10:00**	**Chalice**	N. Tesh
	Lector	L. Gerhardt		**Lector**	J. Rush
	Acolyte	T. Zordano		**Acolyte**	
	Altar Guild	Russ, Bucknall		**Ushers**	Russ, Selby
				Altar Guild	Bucknall, Lyall
				Counters	Chapel, Lazorchak

Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Dalida Bucknall in thanksgiving for all those who serve on the alter guild, for always being there and for all they do.

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, November 22

8:00	**Chalice**		**10:00**	**Chalice**	S. Nash
	Lector	K. Castilon		**Lector**	M. Seeds
	Acolyte			**Acolyte**	H. Snow
	Altar Guild	TBD		**Ushers**	Kight
				Altar Guild	Smith
				Counters	Lyall, Selby

Vestry & Wardens

Sharon Lyall, *Senior Warden*; Terri Smith, *Junior Warden*; Nicky Tesh, *Treasurer*; Laurie Ryan, Sid Chadwick, Jim Studley, Mark Snow, Mary Holton, and Amy Selby. Shirleen Gilbert, *Clerk of the Vestry*.

Vestry Elect: Keith Castilon; Rick Kolbe; Tony Lyall

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