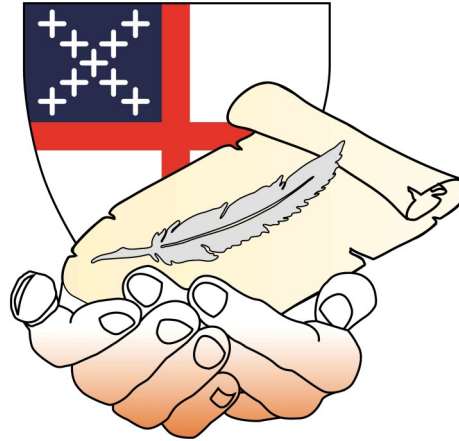


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2026

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
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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 Rt. Rev. 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 take this time to silence or turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.

Prelude

Surrey

Norman Warren (b1943)

Entrance Hymn #174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn of Praise #400

All creatures of our God and King
Stanza 1 only

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Collect of the Day

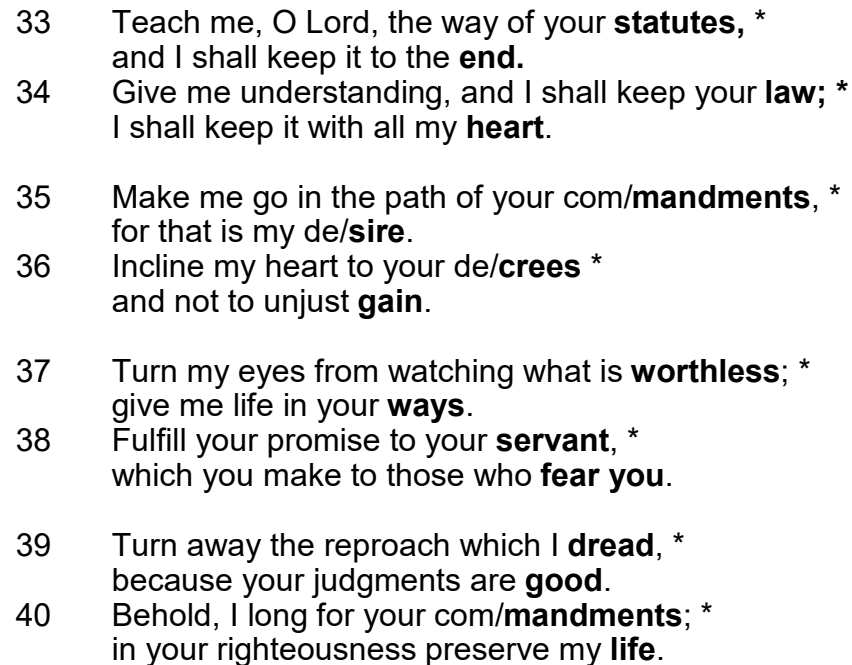
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Sung by all



Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sequence Hymn #547 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death Marsh Chapel
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

The Sermon.....The Rev. Matthew Phillips

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People
Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The Peace BCP p. 360

For those unfamiliar with our liturgy... *Holy Communion, the Eucharist (which literally means "thanksgiving"), the Lord's Supper, and the Mass are all names for the family meal for Christians and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All the baptized are part of the extended family that is the Church and therefore welcome to receive. After the host (bread) is placed in your palm, you may "sip, dip, or skip" the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips, intincting the wafer lightly in the wine, or crossing your arms over your chest to decline. Those not receiving communion are still welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). Please know that no matter how you participate, your presence contributes a unique and valued ingredient to the feast.*

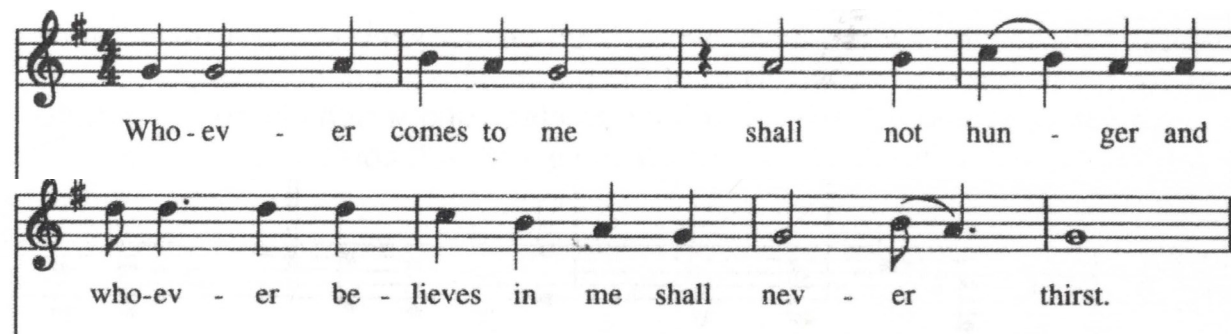
The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #593 Lord, make us servants of your peace
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 369
Sanctus S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem #878 (*Sung three times*)



Communion music Pieces from, Album for the Young, Op.68
Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #541 Come, labor on Ora Labora

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

For your prayers during the Eucharist and this 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 Calvary, St. Luke's, St. Michael's in Tarboro. 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 Keith & Karen Castilon.

In Need of Healing: John K.; Ann W.; Claudia F.; Aletha J.; Laurie R.; Jim S.; Sharon V.; Marilyn G.; Mary Ann S.; Nancy H.; Ken C.; Jean F.; Dot H.; Jack R.; Lee E.; Nicky T.; Don P.; Keith C.; Bim H.; Penny F.; Jay 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.; Michael S.; Sylbrina K.; Bradley M.; Sharon F.; Myra A.; Susan G.; Pat K.; Linda H.; Kim S.; Jerry K.; Rick K.; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Nancy M.; for the Roblin family; for the Davis & Hanley family; for the Stevens family; 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; Isaac Hutchins; Sean Mullins; Chris Vestal; David Grocer; Sam Mills; Ryan Tilley; Chris Bailey; Jeremy Almond; Andrew Ellis.

In Thanksgiving: For our Altar Guild, and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Molly Douglass, Dick Barrett.

Anniversaries: Stroh & Sally Strohacker

Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to St. Clement's! We are blessed to have you with us. 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, please do not hesitate to ask! Just look for the blue nametags for members of our Vestry.

Would you like to become a member? Please ask for a gold registration form.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 6

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am
Coffee, conversation, & Formation Hour -
Bible & Worship
Discussion with Matthew Phillips

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am

RENTAL: Village Presbyterian, 3-7 pm

Monday, September 7 ~ Labor Day

Church Office closed

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

Tuesday, September 8

Bridge & Mahjong Club, 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

Wednesday, September 9

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

Thursday, September 10

Women's Group, 10:30 am (PH)

Friday, September 11

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

RENTAL: AI Anon, 12-1 pm (PH)

Saturday, September 12

Men's Zoom Group, 8 am via Zoom

In-Person Men's Hour, 10-11 am (PH)

Opportunities for Engagement

- **Men's Breakfast**

Every first Wednesday, 8 am @ Pete's.

- **Bridge Club**

Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

- **Mahjong**

Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

- **Women's Group**

Every Thursday @ 10:30 am (PH)

- **AA Meetings**

Every Mon., Wed. & Fri., @ 6:15-7:15 am (PH)

- **AI-Anon Meetings**

Every Friday @ 12 noon (PH)

- **Men's Zoom Group**

Every Saturday @ 8 am via Zoom

- **In-Person Saturday Men's Hour**

Every Saturday, 10 am—11 am in parish hall.

Special Announcements

2026-2027 Small Groups

We are organizing our Small Groups for 2026-2027. If you are interested, fill out an index card with your information—basket is located on the welcome table. Deadline for Interest cards is **next Sunday, 9/13**. Kickoff date is Sunday, Sept 20th. See the newsletter and our website for more information or speak with Phyllis Scardina.

Attention, all Lay Ministers & Counters

4Q (Oct. Nov. Dec.) schedule request deadline is next Wednesday, Sept. 16. Email Linda any dates you are unable to serve.

We Need You!

Are you being called to serve? We have several openings for new Lay Ministers. Where is God nudging you to go?

- 10 a.m. Acolytes: contact Deacon Mark (this is open to everyone/anyone)
- ***8 a.m.** & 10 a.m. Lectors: contact Jamie or Linda. (* really need more at 8 am!)

Contact Linda by September 16th if you decide to "say YES" so she can get you on the upcoming schedule.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Small Group Interest Cards Deadline**

Sunday, September 13th

- **Small Group Kick-Off Sunday**

Sunday, September 20 @ 11 am (PH)

Participant contact information deadline 9/13.

- **4Q Lay Ministry & Counter Schedule Request Deadline**

Wednesday, September 16

- **Bishop Gregg's visit**

Sunday, September 27

- **Blessing of the Animals**

Saturday, October 3 @ 11 am (front lawn)

- **Cherry Street Prison Service**

Sunday, October 4th, 4:30—7 pm

Lay Ministers Serving this Week

8:00 Chalice: G. Crowe Lector: M. Seeds

Acolyte: G. Crowe Altar Guild: Crowe

10:00 Chalice: N. Tesh Lector: N. Tesh

Acolyte: Booth Ushers: Bennett, Meath Altar Guild: Bennett, Russ

Counters: Sharon Lyall, Luci Lazorchak

*Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Michelle Bromfield
in celebration of the 98th birthday of her mother, Thelma Jordan.*

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, September 13

8:00 Lector: C.L. Franke Altar Guild: Scardina

10:00 Chalice: B. Edwards Lector: J. Rush

Acolyte: B. Edwards Ushers: Rush Altar Guild: Lovett, Ellis

Counters: Pat Kight, Mark Snow

Vestry & Wardens

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

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