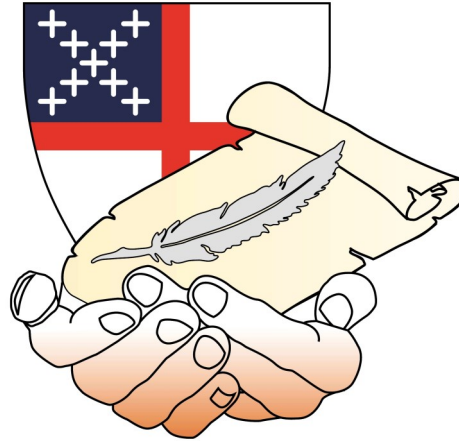


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Nineth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 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 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

O God, thou pious God

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Entrance Hymn #530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

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 #507

Praise the Spirit in creation

Stanza 6

Julion

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Psalm 119:129-136 **Mirabilia**
Sung by all



- 129 Your decrees are **wonderful**; *
therefore I obey them with all my **heart**.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives **light**; *
it gives understanding to the **simple**.
- 131 I open my mouth and **pant**; *
I long for your com-**mandments**.
- 132 Turn to me in **mercy**, *
as you always do to those who love your **Name**.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your **word**; *
let no iniquity have dominion **over me**.
- 134 Rescue me from those who op-**press me**, *
and I will keep your com-**mandments**.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your **servant** *
and teach me your **statutes**.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of **tears**, *
because people do not keep your **law**.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,

who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sequence Hymn #419

Lord of all being, throned afar

Mendon

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 Sermon.....The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People
Response: ***O God, hear our prayer.***

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The Peace BCP p. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #488 Be thou my vision Slane

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361

Sanctus S-128 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem

Cantor: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Congregation: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Cantor: In the presence of our Lord we gather.
Congregation: In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Cantor: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Congregation: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Cantor: Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.
Congregation: Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Communion music Communion in D major Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #388 O worship the King, all glorious above Hanover

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 Church of the Good Shepherd and St. Andrew's in Rocky Mount, and St. Mark's in Roxboro. 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 Michael, Allison, Wyatt, Jake, & Ella Booth.

In Need of Healing: Ken C.; Jean F.; Marilyn G.; Dawn S.; Tony L.; Dot H.; Vivian R.; 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 Snow family; for the Kist 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 the staff and volunteers at City Lights Ministry, and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Lee Ellis, Patty Dalton, Terri Smith.

Anniversaries: Tom & Barbara Erickson.

For the Repose of the Soul of: Werner Kist, who served as our organist from the founding of St. Clement's until his retirement.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and we pray for all the deceased members of our parish.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 26

Rite II w/ music @ 8 am
Coffee, conversation, & formation
Rite II w/ music @ 10 am
RENTAL: App Strings, 2-4 pm (Nave)

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am
Crafter's Group?, 9:30 am (PH)*** *see below*

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am
RENTAL: Al Anon, 12-1 pm (PH)

Saturday, August 1

Men's Zoom Group, 8 am via Zoom
In-Person Men's Hour, 10-11 am (PH)

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!

Would you like to become a member?

Please ask for a gold registration form.

Special Announcements

Forward Day by Day

The August/September/October edition is now available to pick up. Pocket size and large print options are located on the wall rack in the narthex (next to the water dispenser) and on the bookshelf in the parish hall. *Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. Published quarterly, the daily meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. Each month's meditation is written by a different author.

Jamie's Vacation

Jamie is heading to MN to visit family July 29—August 3. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Deacon Mark Davidson.

Altar Flowers Needed August 9th.

The sign up sheet is now back in the Narthex.

Outreach Donations

Summer months means children who are provided with free/assisted meals in school are not receiving them and their families rely on our community food pantries. Any and all donations are appreciated (*no expired foods.*)

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)
- **Crafter's Group** (*contact Gail Crowe*)***
Occasional Wednesdays @ 9:30 am (PH)
- **Women's Group**
Every Thursday @ 10:30 am (PH)
- **AA Meetings**
Every Mon., Wed. & Fri., @ 6:15-7:15 am (PH)
- **Al-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.
- **Potluck (Costco) Dinner Parties**
Meets periodically on a Saturday evening.

Lay Ministers Serving this Week

8:00 **Chalice:** T. Zordano **Lector:** D. Guthrie
Acolyte: T. Zordano **Altar Guild:**

10:00 **Lector:** M. Seeds
Acolyte: H. Snow **Ushers:** Rush **Altar Guild:** Smith
Counters: Sharon Lyall, Mark Snow

*Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Nicky Tesh in
thanksgiving for her children, Adam and Courtney Tesh.*

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, August 2

8:00 **Chalice:** G. Crowe **Lector:** C.L. Franke
Acolyte: G. Crowe **Altar Guild:** Crowe

10:00 **Chalice:** N. Tesh **Lector:** N. Tesh
Acolyte: Booth **Ushers:** Bennett, Meath **Altar Guild:** Bennett, Russ
Counters: Leslie Pugh, Tom Erickson

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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