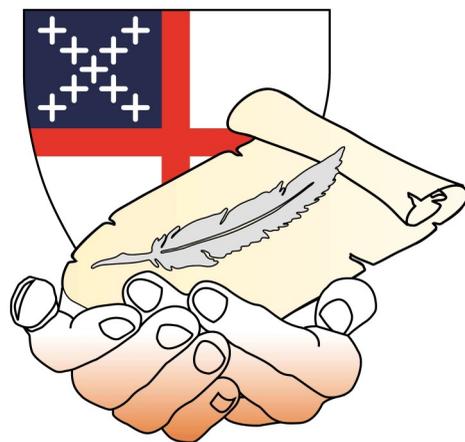


*Welcome*  
to  
**St. Clement's Episcopal Church**  
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 8, 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 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                      Lauda Sion    Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

Entrance Hymn #455              O Love of God, how strong and true                      Dunedin

### Penitential Order BCP p. 351 (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

The Confession of Sin                      BCP p. 352

Trisagion S-102                      Holy God, Holy and Mighty (*Sung 3 times*)

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**Psalm 95 Venite, exultemus**

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

**Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely,

having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Sequence Hymn #692      I heard the voice of Jesus say      The Third Tune

**The Gospel: John 4:5-42**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and

see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Sermon.....The Rev. Mark Davidson

The Nicene Creed                      BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People  
Response: ***We beg for mercy, O God.***

The Peace                                BCP p. 360

### **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn #686            Come, thou fount of every blessing                      Nettleton

The Great Thanksgiving            BCP p. 361  
Sanctus S-130                      Holy, holy, holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer                      BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem  
S-164                                      Jesus, Lamb of God



### 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.

### Opportunities for Engagement

- **Men's Breakfast**  
Every first Wednesday, 8 am @ Pete's.
- **Bridge Club**  
Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)
- **Stitch in Time Crafter's Group**  
Every Wednesday @ 9:30 am (PH)
- **Women's Group**  
Every Thursday @ 10:30 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.
- **Potluck (Costco) Dinner Parties**  
Meets periodically on a Saturday evening.

### Mark Your Calendars

- **Wednesday Lenten Evening Prayer**  
Feb. 25—March 25 @ 5:30 pm (Nave)
- **April / May Newsletter DEADLINE**  
Monday, March 16
- **2Q Lay Ministry & Counter schedules**  
Wednesday, March 18
- **Palm Sunday**  
Sunday, March 29
- **Maundy Thursday Service**  
Thursday, April 2 @ 7 pm
- **Overnight Vigil**  
Thurs., April 2 @ 9 pm—Fri. April 3 @ noon
- **Good Friday Service**  
Friday, April 3 @ 12 noon

### Special Announcements

#### Prayer Shawls Available

If you or a loved one could benefit from a prayer shawl, that have been lovingly made by our knitters, to wrap themselves in love & prayer, please help yourself. Located in the blue bin in the lower lobby.

#### Newsletter Deadline—Monday, March 16

Email Linda any items you wish to be included in the April / May newsletter by **3/16**. Earlier submissions always appreciated.

#### 2Q Lay Ministry & Counter Schedules

Be sure to email Linda any dates you are unable to service / count for the next quarter (April, May, June) **Deadline-Wed. March 18**

#### Easter Flowers

A sign-up sheet will be posted next Sunday to donate towards Easter flowers in memory or in thanksgiving of a loved one.

#### Holy Week & Easter is fast approaching!

Look for a QR code soon to volunteer to serve Holy Week & Easter services as well as to volunteer to sit for an hour during The Watch.

### The Week Ahead

#### Sunday, March 8

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am  
Coffee & Conversation, 8:30-9 am (PH)  
Lenten Formation, 9-9:45 am (PH)  
Rite II w/ music @ 10 am  
Choir practice (Nave)  
Men's Prison Service, 2 pm

#### Tuesday, March 10

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

#### Wednesday, March 11

Crafter's Group, 9:30 am (PH)  
Lenten Prayer Service, 5:30 pm (Nave)

#### Thursday, March 12

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

#### Friday, March 13

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

#### Saturday, March 14

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

**Serving at the Altar for this Week**

The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Rev. Mark Davidson

**8:00 Chalice:** B. Daniel **Lector:** B. Daniel

**Altar Guild:** Scardina

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

**Acolyte:** H. Snow **Ushers:** Kight **Altar Guild:** Lovett, Ellis, Nash

**Counters:** Mark Snow, Leslie Pugh

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**Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, March 15**

The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Rev. Mark Davidson

**8:00 Chalice:** T. Zordano **Lector:** L. Gerhardt

**Acolyte:** T. Zordano **Altar Guild:** Russ, Bucknall

**10:00 Chalice:** M. McIntosh **Lector:** M. McIntosh

**Acolyte:** Booth **Ushers:** Rush **Altar Guild:** Bucknall, Lyall

**Counters:** Pat Kight, Jim Studley

**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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