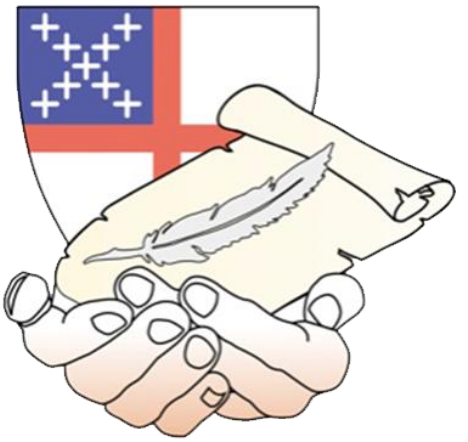
St. Clement's Episcopal

Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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 Pavanesque E. Thiman (1900-1975)

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers" *Llangloffan*

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 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel" *Veni, veni*
Stanza 2 only

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Isaiah 64:1–9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our

righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18 Qui regis Israel
Sung by all



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/**nasseh**, *
stir up your strength and come to **help us**.

3 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.
4 O LORD God of **hosts**, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your **people**?

5 You have fed them with the bread of **tears**; *
you have given them bowls of tears to **drink**.
6 You have made us the derision of our **neighbors**, *
and our enemies laugh us to **scorn**.

7 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right **hand**, *
the son of man you have made so strong for your/**self**.

17 And so will we never turn away **from you**; *
give us life, that we may call upon your **Name**.
18 Restore us, O LORD God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 73 "The King shall come when morning dawns" *St. Stephen*

Stanzas 1-3 only

The Gospel Mark 13:24–37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

> the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Sermon The Rev. Matthew T. Phillips

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Response: ***Lord, have mercy****.*

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 596 "Judge eternal, throned in splendor" *Komm, o komm*

Hymn 380 *Stanza 3 Only* *Old 100th*

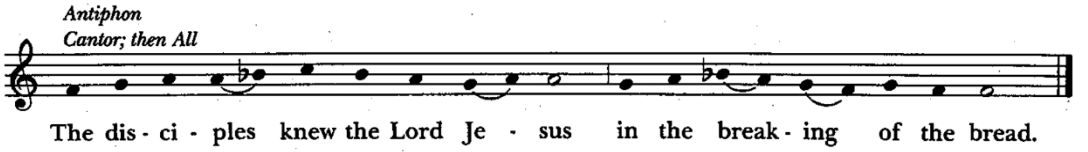
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus S125 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus"

Mason 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 Lo, How a Rose arr. J. Pasquet (1896-1977)

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Hymn 57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending" *Helmsley*

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 The Anglican Communion. 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 Jamie and Bo Edwards and Brian.

For the Repose of the Soul: Peter Lipton; Mary Ann Scott

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families and we pray for all the deceased members of our parish.

In Need of Healing: Lipton Family; Georgia Scott and family; Don Hadden; Miriam Lovett; Larry B.; Noelle; Leslie P.; James; Larry; John K.; Mary Margaret; Jaci K.; Janice M.; Helen P.; Jim S.; Beverly G.; Georgie & Lisa D.; Karen Y.; Pat K.; Jerry K.; Ann H.W.; Laurie R.; Aletha J.; Ken C.; Marilyn G.; Dot H.; Don P.; Jack R.; Lee E.; Bim H.; Jeannette R.; Daniel; John M.; Jane H.; Penny F.; Patty D.; Keith C.; Dave K.; Sallie S.; Sid C.; Karen F.; Warren G.; Rhonda L.; Sharon F.; Myra A.; Gill W.; Kim S.; Rick K.; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Pat M.; 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; Andrew Ellis.

In Thanksgiving: For the Grounds Crew and Junior Warden, Terri Smith.

Birthdays: Sid Chadwick; Nancy Myers; Tina Chadwick; Amy Selby; Phyllis Scardina

Christmas Flower Donations—sign up today
A sign-up sheet has been posted on the clipboard in the narthex for those who want to make donations towards Christmas decorations for the church. *Please print and use only one line per name (use as many lines as needed).* Deadline is Sunday, 12/13.

Christmas Eve Service Lay Ministry—sign up today
Sign up today in the narthex to serve @ 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

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!

The Week Ahead

Today, Sunday, November 29
8 AM: Rite II, Quiet Service
9 AM: *The Gospel of John* with Matthew
10 AM: Rite II w/ music
11 AM: Storehouse for Jesus gift prep
3-7 PM RENTAL: Village Presbyterian

Monday, November 30
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, December 1
6:30: Bridge & Mahjong

Wednesday, December 2
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous
8 AM: Men's Breakfast (Pete's Family Rest.)
4-5 PM: Storehouse of Jesus gift delivery

Thursday, December 3
10:30 AM: Women's Group

Friday, December 4
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous
12-1 PM: Al Anon

Saturday, December 5
8 AM: Men's Online Zoom Group
10 AM: In-Person Men's Hour

Lay Ministers Needed

We're looking for volunteers to serve as chalice bearers, acolytes, and altar guild for our 8 AM services. If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, please ask a clergy member or email admin@stclementsepiscopal.com. We'd love to have you join us!

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…

Storehouse for Jesus Angel Tree
Lisa Frye & Allison Booth will prepare the gifts after the service today if you would like to help. Gifts will be delivered Wednesday.

Take Home Advent Wreath Making Kits
Pick one up in the narthex today! Kirsten Russ has put together the supplies to make your own Advent Wreath at home.

Our Lady of Salem Shelter Meal
St. Clement's will provide dinner for the for Sheltered Women at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church next Sun, December 6th at 6:15 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to contribute, and a sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Drop off food at St. Clement's by 5:45 pm or take directly to St. Timothy's by 6:15 pm. Questions? Contact Deacon Mark Davidson.

2027 Alter Flowers sign-up
Sign up for a Sunday or two to provide altar flowers in 2027. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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

Our Shared Ministry

8:00			10:00		
	Chalice			**Chalice**	B. Edwards
	Lector	D. Guthrie		**Lector**	J. Kight
	Acolyte	T. Zordano		**Acolyte**	B. Edwards
	Altar Guild	Russ		**Ushers**	Rush
				Altar Guild	Smith
				Counters	Russ, B. Smith

Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by the Scott Family in loving memory of Mary Ann Lea Scott.

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, December 6

8:00			10:00		
	Chalice	G. Crowe		**Chalice**	N. Tesh
	Lector	C.L. Franke		**Lector**	N. Tesh
	Acolyte	G. Growe		**Acolyte**	Booth
	Altar Guild	G. Growe		**Ushers**	Kight
				Altar Guild	Russ
				Counters	L. Pugh; B. Smith

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

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.*