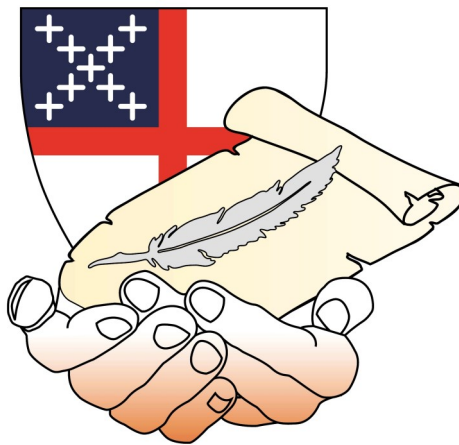


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 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 Gavotte Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)

Entrance Hymn #379 God is Love, let heaven adore him Abbot Leigh

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 Julion
Stanza 6

The Collect of the Day

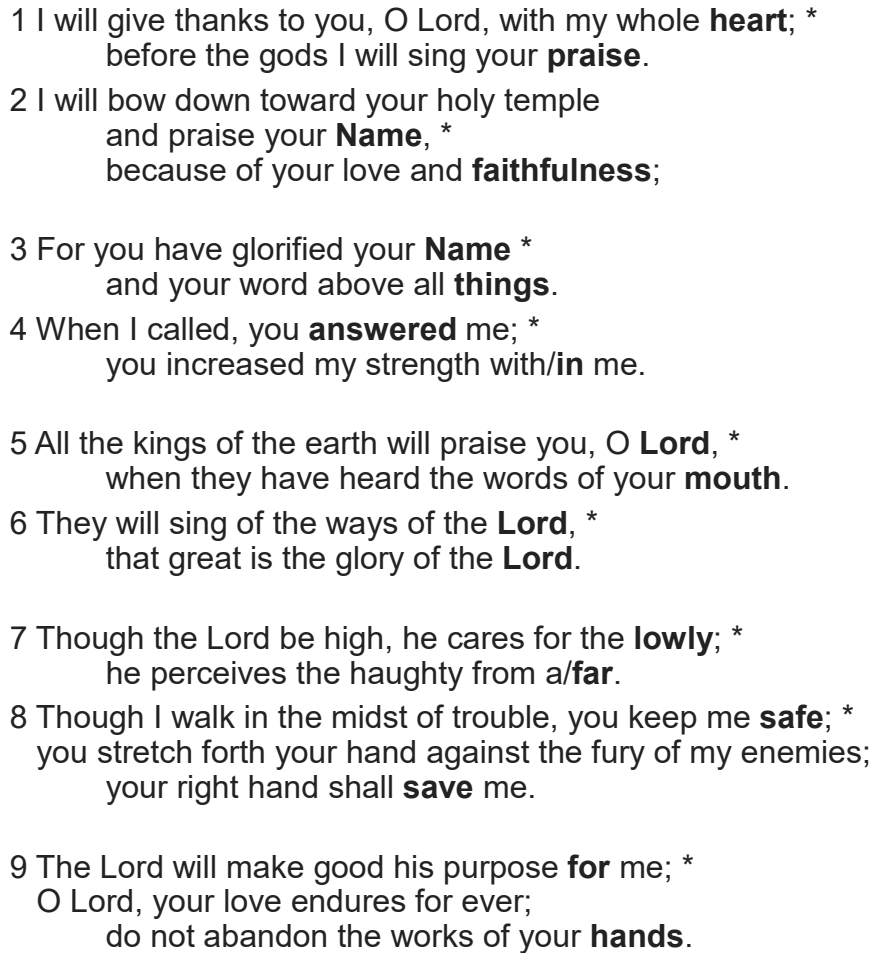
Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Sung by all



Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Sequence Hymn #302 Father, we thank thee who hast planted Rendez a Dieu

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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. Canon Jeff Jackson

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People
Response: **Lord, hear us.**

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The Peace BCP p. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #304 I come with joy to meet my Lord Land of Rest
Stanzas 1, 3 & 5

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 Siciliano John Stanley (1713-1786)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #427 When morning gilds the skies Laudes Domini

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 Emmanuel and Chapel of the Transfiguration in Southern Pines. 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 Robert & Dalida Bucknall.

In Need of Healing: Marilyn G.; Mary Ann S.; Nancy H.; Ken C.; Jean F.; Marilyn G.; Dawn S.; Tony L.; 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 Snow family; for the Davis & Hanley 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 Acolytes, and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Randy Chapel

Anniversaries: Mike & Karen Stevens; Maggie Elsner & Beth Binder.

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, August 23

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am
Coffee, conversation, & Formation Hour -
Strategic Planning
Discussion with Canon Jackson

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am

DEADLINE: Sept/Oct Newsletter submissions

RENTAL: App Strings, 2-4 (Nave)

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

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

Friday, August 28

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

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

Saturday, August 29

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

Welcome Rev. Canon Jeff Jackson!

The Rev. Canon Jeff Jackson is the Canon Missioner for Congregational Vitality on the west side of the Diocese of North Carolina. A Canon works on the Bishop's Staff to encourage and support the parishes of the diocese. Jeff has been a parish priest for 23 years before stepping into this role this year and has served several churches from small, rural parishes to larger, suburban parishes. He is passionate about helping parishes discover and use their gifts to best serve their local communities. He is married with 4 children and splits his time between Salisbury, NC and Tallapoosa, GA.

September/October Newsletter Deadline

Please email Linda any articles, calendar items, event info, or special news you'd like to share. **Deadline** is TODAY.

Outreach Donations

Any and all donations are appreciated. Shop the sale items! *Please, no expired food and no glass jars.*

Snacks for Morgan (Elementary). Donate individually wrapped healthy snacks for students to have at snack time who would otherwise go without. Please avoid anything with peanuts due to allergies. Place all donations in the appropriate bin in the cabinet located in the lower lift lobby or in the smaller cabinet in the narthex.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Small Group Kick-Off Sunday**

Sunday, September 13 @ 11 am (PH)

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

Wednesday, September 16

- **Bishop Gregg's visit**

Sunday, September 27

- **CROP Walk**

Sunday, October 18, 1:30/2:30 pm

Lay Ministers Serving this Week

8:00 **Chalice:** Y. Nagaishi **Lector:** C.L. Franke

Acolyte: Y. Nagaishi **Altar Guild:** ??

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

Acolyte: H. Snow **Ushers:** Smith **Altar Guild:** Smith

Counters: Kirsten Russ, Mary Holton

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*Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Billy & Mary Holton
in blessing of all students and their families as they begin a new school year.*

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Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, August 30

8:00 **Chalice:** T. Zordano **Lector:** M. Seeds

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

10:00 **Chalice:** B. Edwards **Lector:** M. Bromfield

Acolyte: B. Edwards **Ushers:** Russ, Selby **Altar Guild:** Bucknall, Lyall

Counters: Nicky Tesh, 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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