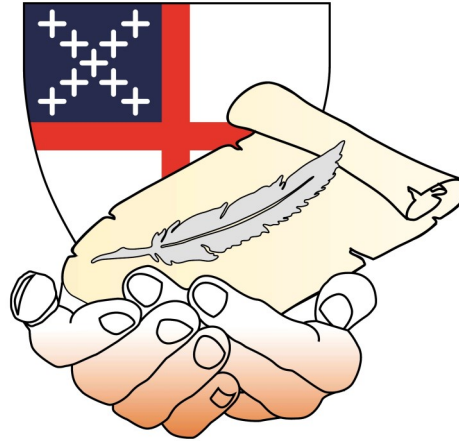


*Welcome*  
to  
**St. Clement's Episcopal Church**  
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 31, 2025**

**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

Tallis's Ordinal

Christopher Tambling (b1964)

Entrance Hymn #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

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

In Thee is Gladness (*see Hymnal insert*)  
stanza 1

### The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

## Psalm 112 Beatus vir

*Sung by all*



1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the **Lord** \*  
and have great delight in his com-mandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the **land**; \*  
the generation of the upright will be **blessed**.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their **house**, \*  
and their righteousness will last for **ever**.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the **upright**; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of com-passion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in **lending** \*  
and to manage their affairs with **justice**.

6 For they will never be **shaken**; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re-membrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil **rumors**; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the **Lord**.

8 Their heart is established and will not **shrink**, \*  
until they see their desire upon their **enemies**.

9 They have given freely to the **poor**, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for-ever;  
they will hold up their head with **honor**.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine a-way; \*  
the desires of the wicked will **perish**.

## **Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Sequence Hymn #477

All praise to thee

Engelberg

## **The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Nicene Creed                      BCP p. 358

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

Confession of Sin                      BCP p. 360

The Peace                              BCP p. 360

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn #691      My faith looks up to thee                      Olivet

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              Be Still, My Soul                      arr. Vicki Wright (b1956)

Post Communion Prayer              BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #423      Immortal, invisible, God only wise                      St. Denio

**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 our Rector; Mark our Deacon. For St. Mary's in Speed and Trinity in Statesville. 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 Helen Bujard.

**In Need of Healing:** Addie & unborn baby girl; Laurie R.; Keith C.; John F.; Erika R.; Arlene; Robbie P.; Carolbeth B.; Dave K.; Claire G.; Sally S.; Karen F.; Sid C.; Jaci K.; Roger D, Jr.; Paden P.; Brooklyn S.; Terri E.; Martin R.; Sonta H.; Warren G.; Sharon V.; Michael E.; Tony L; Jane H.; Rhonda L.; Michael S.; Sylbrina K.; Dot H.; Gill W.; Bim H.; Bradley M.; Sharon F.; Don G.; Myra A.; Susan G.; Pat K.; Linda H.; Donna P.; Bruce N.; Sandra N.; Kim S.; Heather T.; Glenda W.; Jerry K.; Manuel; Rick K.; Vic; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Pat G.; Nancy M.; Werner K; for the Phillips family; for the Valdez 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 local police, firefighters, EMT's and all first responders, and for our visitors.

**Birthdays:** Jeannette Reid, Hunter Snow, Robbie Powell, Christopher Glontz.

**Anniversaries:** Maggie Elsner & Beth Binder (8/27)

**For the Repose of the Soul of:** Carolyn Phillips, mother of Matthew Phillips.  
*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.*  
*And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

### Welcome to our Seekers and 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.

- **Women's Group**

Every Thursday @ 10:30 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.

### Outreach Needs

*Please, no expired food and no glass jars.*

- **Clemmons Food Pantry**

Rice, dry beans, baking items, and snacks

- **Storehouse for Jesus**

Personal care items, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies & children's clothing & toys for all ages.

- **Snacks for Morgan**

Individually wrapped healthy snacks.

- **Crisis Control**

Spare change in our collection jug.

### Mark Your Calendars

- **4Q Lay Ministry schedule requests**

DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 17

- **Jail Worship**

Sunday, September 14 @ 2 pm

### Special Announcements

- **Coffee Hour Housekeeping Plea**

The past couple of Sundays the sugar and creamer have been left out on the counter. With the potential of an ant invasion, please be sure that these are returned to the refrigerator and that the coffee counter is cleaned. Paper towels and a bottle of cleaner are there for easy access. Also, check the kitchen of any spills or crumbs that need to be wiped or swept up. There is a saying, "when it is everybody's job, then it becomes nobody's job". It's better to have several people checking before walking out the door, than no one checking. Thank you for your help and understanding!

- **Food Pantry Donations Needed**

Our bins have been empty or very low on donations. Please consider picking up just one item a week. Shop the sale items!

ANY donation is appreciated and needed!

- **Small Groups begin again!**

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**, after the 10 am service. Write your name, phone #, email and preference for daytime only or anytime on the index cards (on the Welcome Table) and place in the offering plate. More info on the website, weekly email, narthex, & newsletter.

### The Week Ahead

**Sunday, August 31**

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am

Coffee & Conversation, 8:30-9 am (PH)

Formation, 9-9:45 am (PH)

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am

**Monday, September 1**

*Church office closed for Labor Day*

**Wednesday, September 3**

Men's Breakfast @ Pete's, 8 am

**Thursday, September 4**

Women's Group, 10:30 (PH)

**Friday, August 29**

RENTAL: Al-Anon, 12 noon (PH)

**Saturday, August 30**

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:** Y. Nagaishi **Lector:** L. Gerhardt

**Altar Guild:** Russ, Bucknall

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

**Acolyte:** B. Edwards **Ushers:** Bennett, Meath **Altar Guild:** Bucknall, Lyall

**Counters:** Tom Erickson, Kirsten Russ

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**Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, September 7**

The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Rev. Mark Davidson

**8:00** **Chalice:** G. Crowe **Lector:** L. Gerhardt

**Acolyte:** G. Crowe **Altar Guild:** Crowe

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

**Acolyte:** Booth **Ushers:** Smith **Altar Guild:** Russ

**Counters:** Jim Studley, Pat Kight

**Vestry & Wardens**

April Chapel, Senior Warden, Bob Smith, Junior Warden, Nicky Tesh, Treasurer  
Chuck Bohrer, Laurie Ryan, Sharon Lyall, Sid Chadwick, Jim Studley, Mark Snow,  
Terri Smith, Clerk of the Vestry

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