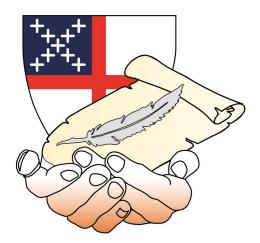
Welcome

to

St. Clement's Episcopal Church

Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 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

Prelude Our Father Thron'd in Heaven High

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Entrance Hymn #304 I come with joy to meet my Lord Land of Rest

Stanzas 1,2 & 3

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria S-277 Glory to God in the highest

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going

along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22:24-30 Deus, Deus meus

Sung by all



- 24 My praise is of him in the great as- / **sembly;** * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / **worship him.**
- The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him: *
 "May your heart live for / ever!"
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow be- / fore him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the / LORD; * he rules over the / nations.
- To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship; * all who go down to the dust fall be- / fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / **serve him;** * they shall be known as the LORD'S for / **ever.**
- They shall come and make known to a people yet un- / **born** * the saving deeds that he has / **done**.

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that

he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Sequence Hymn #379 God is love, let heaven adore him Abbot's Leigh

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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: hear our prayer.

The Peace BCP p. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life The Call

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361

Sanctus S-130 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 Tranquilly Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 6 Deus tuorum militum

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

For your prayers during the Eucharist and this week.

In Our Diocese: We give thanks for Michael, our presiding Bishop; Samuel, our Diocesan Bishop; Jennifer, Assistant Bishop; Jamie our Rector; and Mark our Deacon. For St. Andrew's in Haw River, Church of the Holy Innocents and St. John's in Henderson. 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 Bobbie Daniel.

In Need of Healing: Miriam L.; David N.; Rev. Dan W.; Katherine S., Gerard S., Maureen M.; John G.; Laurie G.; Pat K.; Jim S.; Karen Y.; Ellen H.; Robert S.; Amy S.; Linda H.; Shirley F.; Lillie W.; Clint S.; Jessica S.; Wayne R.; Angie C.; Rene C.; Hunter G.; Gill W.; Donna P.; Bruce N.; Sandra N.; Kim S.; Elaine O.; Don G.; Heather T.; Glenda W.; Jerry K.; Matthew N.; Manuel; Rick K.; Vic; Pat M.; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Pat G.; Nancy M.; Werner K.; for Leslie Pugh and family; or all victims of violence and natural disasters.

Military: For all those who serve our country, here and abroad, especially: Will Edwards; Christine O'Connell; 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, volunteers, and the clients at Habitat for Humanity; and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Jaci Krause, Lily Anna Schantz, Cindy Lou Franke, Howard Rush.

Anniversaries: Robert & Lee Ellis, Chris & Sarah Taylor, David & Jaci Krause.

Welcome to our Seekers and Visitors!

Welcome to St. Clement's! We are blessed to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor's card so that we may know you and welcome you properly. 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.

Outreach Needs

Please, no expired food. Leave donations in the appropriate bin under the narthex counter.

- Clemmons Food Pantry *no glass jars Canned peaches, canned pineapple, canned meat, cereal, grocery bags.
- Storehouse for Jesus

Applesauce, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears. Volunteers needed!

• Snacks for Morgan

Individually wrapped healthy snacks w/o nuts.

Crisis Control

Spare change in our collection jug.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 28

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

RENTAL: App. Strings, 2-4 pm (Nave)

Tuesday, April 30

RENTAL: Art class, 9:30 am—noon (PH)

Wednesday, May 1
Linda out of the office

RENTAL: Wet Felting class, 10-12 (PH)

Thursday, May 2
Linda out of the office

Women's Group, 11 am (PH)

Friday, May 3

RENTAL: Al-Anon, 12 noon (PH)

Circle the Jail, 5:15-6:00 pm (downtown WS)

Saturday, May 4

Church Yard Work Day, 9-11 am Men's Group, 8 am via Zoom.

Special Announcements

Office Hours

Linda will be out of town May 1-5. Mother Jamie will be in the office with limited hours.

Circle the Jail—Friday, May 3

We will gather at the jail, 201 North Church St. WS, at 5:15 and prayers for the incarcerated, as well as the jail staff and those in the judicial system, will be offered from 5:30 until 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this powerful experience.

Church Yard Work Day, THIS Saturday May 4th from 9-11am.

We need people to bring wheelbarrows or carts and pitchforks or shovels if possible to spread the mulch.

Clemmons Food Pantry Food Drive

The Clemmons Food Pantry is asking for some extra help with donations. Their shelves run pretty bare during the summer months and they are trying to get ahead of it. Please donate canned peaches, canned pineapple, canned tuna, canned chicken, and cereal.

Shepherd's Center Wet Felting Class

Five Wednesdays, beginning May 1, 10 am—12 pm here at St. Clement's. Classes are free. Registration is required. Class size is limited. Text 860-593-2424 to register. Sponsored by The Shepherd's Center. Flyers are located on the bulletin boards.

WS Dash Baseball Game—May 31 @ 7 pm Tickets are \$11 each. Sign up sheet to purchase tickets will be posted next Sunday.

Mark Your Calendars

- Summer newsletter deadline Monday. May 27
- WS Dash Baseball Game Friday, May 31 @ 7 pm

Serving at the Altar for this Week

The Rev. Jamie Edwards
The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 Chalice: J. Krause Lector: J. Krause

Acolyte: (need) Altar Guild: Patterson

10:00 Chalice: B. Daniel Lector: B. Daniel

Acolyte: Booth Ushers: Smith

Altar Guild: Daniel, Smith

Counters: Pat Kight, Jeannette Reid

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Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Bob & Terri Smith in honor of their anniversary.

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Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, May 5

The Rev. Jamie Edwards
The Rev. Mark Davidson

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

Acolyte: (need) Altar Guild: Crowe

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

Acolyte: H. Snow <u>Ushers:</u> Bennett, Meath

Altar Guild: Bennett, Russ

Counters: Pat Kight, Chuck Bohrer

Vestry & Wardens

Jeannette Reid, Rector's Warden; April Chapel, Church's Warden; Gerry Jove, Pat Kight, Chuck Bohrer, Bob Smith, Laurie Ryan, Sharon Lyall, Sid Chadwick, and Nicky Tesh, Treasurer

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