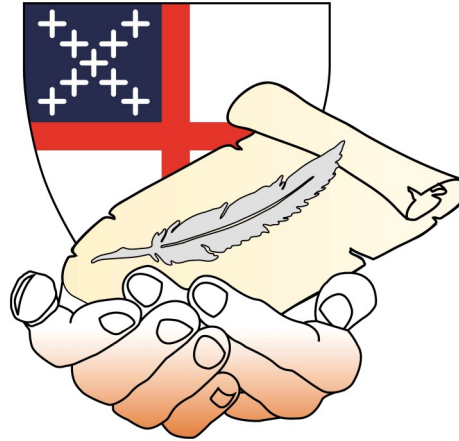


*Welcome*  
to  
**St. Clement's Episcopal Church**  
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 4, 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                      Air No.1                      Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Entrance Hymn #449              O love, how deep, how broad, how high              Deo gracias

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 #400              All creatures of our God and King              Lasst uns erfreuen  
Stanza 3 only

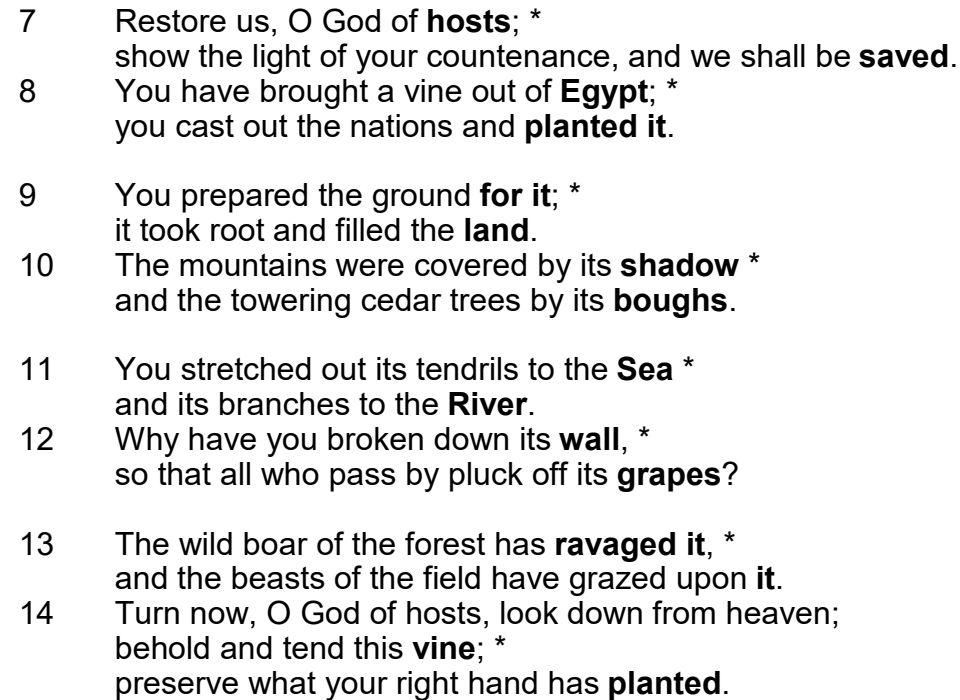
### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Sung by all*



If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Sequence Hymn #495      Hail, thou once despised Jesus!      In Babilone

**The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

    'The stone that the builders rejected  
        has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
    and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Sermon.....The Rev. Matthew Phillips

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

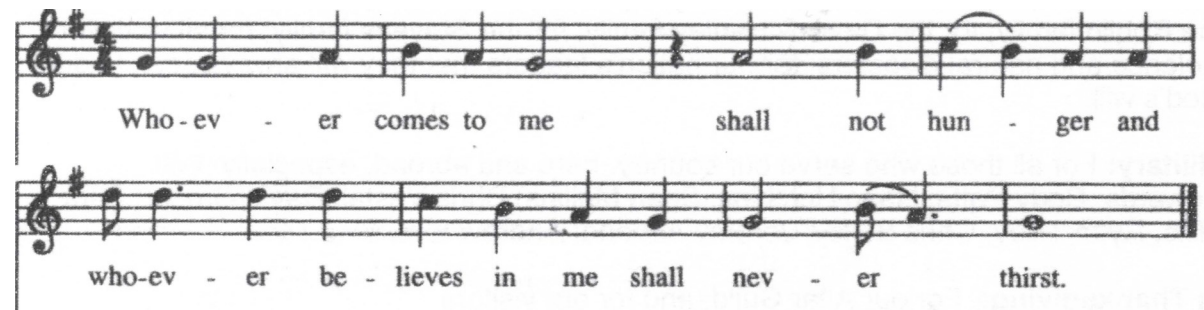
### The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #405      All things bright and beautiful                      Royal Oak

The Great Thanksgiving              BCP p. 369  
Sanctus S-129      Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer                      BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem (*Sung three times*)



Communion Hymn #593      Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Post Communion Prayer              BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #675      Take Up Your Cross

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 St. Timothy's and La Iglesia de la Guadalupe in Wilson. For our Companion Diocese of Costa Rica and their Bishop, Orlando Gómez, and the Diocese of Botswana and their Bishop, Metlhayotlwe Beleme.

**In Our Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We give thanks for Deborah Crow.

**In Need of Healing:** Jim S.; Georgie & Lisa D.; Beverly G.; Pat K.; Jerry K.; Carol Z.; Karen Y.; Debbie M.; John K.; Ann W.; Aletha J.; Laurie R.; Sharon V.; Marilyn G.; Mary Ann S.; Ken C.; 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 Davis family; for the Zordano & Young 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 Pat & Jerry Kight and all of our Ushers, and for our visitors.

**Birthdays:** Pat Kight, Mark Davidson, Tony Zordano, Leslie Pugh.

**Anniversaries:** Jim & Nancy Myers.

**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, October 4**  
*(Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)*

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am  
Coffee, conversation, & Formation Hour -  
*Witness: Jane Goodall*  
*Discussion with Mark Davidson*

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am  
RENTAL: Village Presbyterian, 3-7 pm  
Cherry Street Prison Service, 4:30-7 pm

**Monday, October 5**  
*Church Office closed*  
RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

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

**Wednesday, October 7**  
Men's Breakfast, 8 am @ Pete's  
RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

**Thursday, October 8**  
Women's Group, 10:30 am (PH)

**Friday, October 9**  
RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am  
RENTAL: AI Anon, 12-1 pm (PH)

**Saturday, October 10**  
Men's Zoom Group, 8 am via Zoom  
In-Person Men's Hour, 10-11 am (PH)  
Fall Work Day, 9 am—noon

**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**

**TODAY! Stewardship Packets**  
Be sure to pick up your packets from an Usher.

**Office Hours**  
Linda will be out of the office tomorrow, 10/5.

**Fall Work Day**  
This Saturday, October 10, 9 am—noon.  
Projects planned include planting plants/  
shrubs, pruning shrubs, weeding, raking and a  
general clean-up of the church grounds.  
Remember, "many hands make the work light"!  
All help is appreciated!

**A Celebration of Unity with Moravians**  
**Next Sunday, October 11**  
**8:00 AM Spoken Liturgy**  
**10:00 AM Liturgy with music**  
By permission of Bishop Rodman, this special  
service is being led by the Rev. David Guthrie,  
Moravian minister and former president of the  
Provincial Elders' Conference of the Southern  
Province of the Moravian Church and one of  
the signatories of the Full Communion  
agreement between the Episcopal Church and  
the Moravian Church. Liturgical text and choral  
responses are from The Moravian Book of  
Worship (1995). Scripture readings are the  
selections in the Revised Common Lectionary  
and hymns common to both traditions were  
chosen: each appears in both The Hymnal  
1982 and The Moravian Book of Worship  
(1995). Please join us for this wonderful  
service.

**CROP Walk—Sunday, October 18th**  
Support with your donation, your feet--or  
both! Use the QR code to contribute and/or  
sign up to walk. See the display!

**Mark Your Calendars**

- **CROP Walk**  
Sunday, October 18, 1:30/2:30 pm
- **Pledge Ingathering**  
Sunday, October 25th
- **Linda's Goodbye Breakfast**  
Sunday, October 25 (between the services)

### **Lay Ministers Serving this Week**

**8:00** **Chalice:** G. Crowe **Lector:** C.L. Franke

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

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

**Acolyte:** H. Snow **Ushers:** Kight, Kolbe **Altar Guild:** Russ

**Counters:** Leslie Pugh, Mary Holton

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*Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Pam Pelligrino in loving memory of her daughter, Laura Mason, for her birthday.*

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### **Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, October 11**

**8:00** **Lector:** L. Gerhardt **Altar Guild:** Scardina

**10:00** **Lector:** P. Kight **Ushers:** Smith **Altar Guild:** Lovett, Ellis

**Counters:** Pat Kight, Kirsten Russ

### **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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