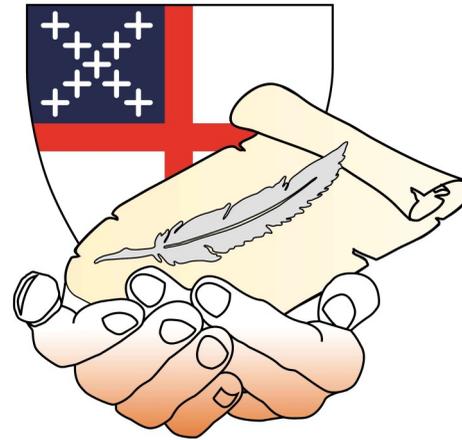


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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 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 From Heaven on High Fredrich Zachau (1663-1712)

Entrance Hymn #473 Lift high the cross Crucifer

Penitential Order BCP p. 351 (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

The Confession of Sin BCP p. 352

Trisagion S-102 Holy God, Holy and Mighty (*Sung 3 times*)

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to

those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Sequence Hymn #147

Now let us all with one accord
Stanzas 1,4 & 5

Bourdon

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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-130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem
S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Communion Music Pastorale J S Bach (1685-1750)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #636 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord Foundation

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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*In a spirit of reverence, please maintain prayerful silence during the entire service,
especially during communion as those around you are praying.*

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 Iglesia El Buen Pastor, St. Joseph's, and St. Luke's in Durham. 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 Laurie Ryan.

In Need of Healing: Daniel; Jeannette R.; Miriam L.; David K.; Rob R.; Marco V.; Rick K.; Laurie R.; Sharon V.; John M.; Peter L.; Brenda P.; Rev. Barabara Cook; Noelle N.; Valerie E.; Shawn F.; Vivian R.; Norm; Paula M.; Sharon L.; Jane H.; Penny F.; Patty D.; Keith C.; Judy R.; Robbie P.; Dave K.; Sallie S.; Karen F.; Sid C.; Warren G.; Michael E.; Rhonda L.; Michael S.; Sylbrina K.; 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.; Jerry K.; Manuel; Rick K.; Vic; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Pat G.; Nancy M.; Werner K; for the Turley family; for Tina Chadwick & Annette Turner & 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 the staff and volunteers at The Salvation Army; and for our visitors.

Anniversaries: Mark & Robin Snow.

For the Repose of the Soul of: Tava Busey, sister-in-law of Linda Turley.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Outreach Donations

Note: Currently, our donation bins are in the lower lobby in the same bins that we used when the counter was located in the narthex. This may change as we create storage in the narthex.

Please consider picking up just one item a week. Shop the sale items! ANY donation is appreciated and needed! *Please, no expired food and no glass jars.*

- **Clemmons Food Pantry**
- **Storehouse for Jesus**
- **Snacks for Morgan:** Individually wrapped healthy snacks. Please avoid anything with peanuts due to allergies.
- **Crisis Control:** Spare change in our collection jug.

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!

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.

- **Bridge Club**

Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

- **Stitch in Time Crafter's Group**

Every Wednesday @ 9:30 am (PH)

- **Women's Group**

Every Thursday @ 10:30 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.

- **Potluck (Costco) Dinner Parties**

Meets periodically on a Saturday evening.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Wednesday Lenten Evening Prayer**

Feb. 25—March 25 @ 5:30 pm (Nave)

- **Men's Prison Service, 2 pm**

Sunday, March 8

- **April / May Newsletter DEADLINE**

Monday, March 16

- **2Q Lay Ministry & Counter schedules**

Wednesday, March 18

- **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 29

- **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 2 @ 7 pm

- **Overnight Vigil**

Thurs., April 2 @ 9 pm—Fri. April 3 @ noon

Special Announcements

Lenten Evening Prayer

Join us as we gather for a contemplative service of Evening Prayer to be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., February 25th - March 25th. All are welcome to a quiet mid-week opportunity for solace and reflection.

Lenten Formation

During Lent, Sunday Formation will be a discussion of chapters from *Seek and You Will Find: Discovering a Practice of Prayer* by the Rev. Rhonda Lee. This book is recommended for all looking to deepen their prayer life, reading it is not necessary to participate.

Prayer Shawls Available

If you or a loved one could benefit from a prayer shawl, that have been lovingly made by our knitters, to wrap themselves in love & prayer, please help yourself. Located in the blue bin in the lower lobby.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 1

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am

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

Lenten Formation, 9-9:45 am (PH)

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

Men's Breakfast, 8 a @ Pete's

Crafter's Group, 9:30 am (PH)

Lenten Prayer Service, 5:30 pm (Nave)

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

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: G. Crowe **Lector:** C.L. Franke

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

10:00 Chalice: B. Edwards **Lector:** J. Rush

Acolyte: B. Edwards **Ushers:** Smith **Altar Guild:** Russ

Counters: Nicky Tesh, Luci Lazorchak

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, March 8

The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 Chalice: B. Daniel **Lector:** B. Daniel

Altar Guild: Scardina

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

Acolyte: H. Snow **Ushers:** Kight **Altar Guild:** Lovett, Ellis, Nash

Counters: Mark Snow, Leslie Pugh

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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