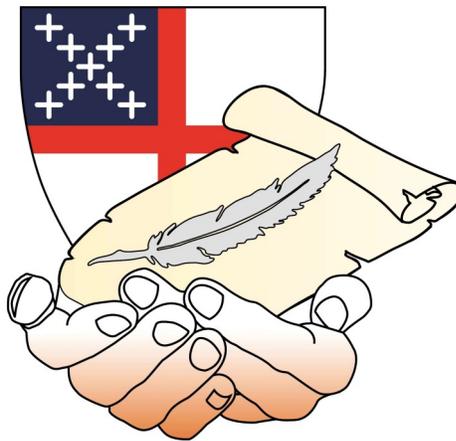


*Welcome*  
to  
**St. Clement's Episcopal Church**  
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 15, 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                      Preludium BWV 530                      J S Bach (1685-1750)

Entrance Hymn #493              O for a thousand tongues to sing                      Azmon  
Stanzas 1,2 3 & 6

### **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**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither

has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

### **Psalm 23 *King James Version***

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; \*  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; \*  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**The Gospel: John 9:1-41**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know



Post Communion Prayer                      BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #645    The King of love my shepherd is                      St. Columba

The Dismissal                                      BCP p. 366

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**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. Luke's, Church of the Epiphany in Eden, and Galloway Memorial Church in Elkin. 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 Mary Ann Scott.

**In Need of Healing:** Bill T.; Heather T.; Gill W.; Vivian R.; Daniel; Jeannette R.; Miriam L.; David K.; Rob R.; Marco V.; Rick K.; Laurie R.; Sharon V.; John M.; Peter L.; Noelle N.; Shawn F.; Norm; Paula M.; Sharon L.; Jane H.; Penny F.; Patty D.; Keith C.; Robbie P.; Dave K.; Sallie S.; Karen F.; Sid C.; Warren G.; Michael E.; Rhonda L.; Michael S.; Sylbrina K.; 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 Helen Bujard & family; 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 Second Harvest Food Bank, and for our visitors.

**Birthdays:** April Chapel, Patrick Nichols, Tony Lyall, Judy Russ, Kim Phillips.

**Anniversaries:** Jerry & Pat Kight

**For the Repose of the Soul of:** Dolly Turner, mother of Helen Bujard.

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

### 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.

### Mark Your Calendars

#### Wednesday Lenten Evening Prayer

Feb. 25—March 25 @ 5:30 pm (Nave)

#### Holy Week Schedule...

**Palm Sunday:** March 29, 8 am & 10 am

**Maundy Thursday:** 4/2 Liturgy @ 7:30 pm

**Overnight Vigil:** Thurs 4/2 @ 9 pm through

Fri. 4/3 @ 12pm

**Good Friday:** Friday, 4/3 @ 12 noon

**Easter Sunday:** 8 am & 10 am

### The Week Ahead

#### Sunday, March 15

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

Choir practice (Nave)

#### Monday, March 16

DEADLINE: April / May Newsletter submission

#### Tuesday, March 17

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

#### Wednesday, March 18

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

Lenten Prayer Service, 5:30 pm (Nave)

DEADLINE: 2Q LM & Counter schedules

#### Thursday, March 19

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

Cohort Luncheon

#### Friday, March 13

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

#### Saturday, March 14

Men's Zoom Group, 8 am via Zoom

In-Person Men's Hour, 10-11 am (PH)

### Special Announcements

#### Newsletter Deadline—tomorrow

Email Linda any items you wish to be included in the April / May newsletter by **tomorrow**.

#### 2Q Lay Ministry & Counter Schedules

Be sure to email Linda any dates you are unable to serve / count for the next quarter

(April, May, June) **Deadline-Wed. March 18**

#### Easter Flower Donations

A sign up sheet has been posted in the narthex for those that wish to donate towards Easter flowers. All donations must be received by **Sunday, March 29** (Palm Sunday). **Please print and use as many lines as needed.** \*\*Make checks out to St. Clement's and memo "flowers".

#### Holy Week & Easter Sign Ups are Live!

Please see where you can help. We can't do this without everyone's participation. Scan the QR code posted in the narthex and on the bulletin board in the parish hall (and links are on the website) to volunteer to serve Holy Week & Easter services as well as to volunteer to sit for an hour during The Watch (full explanation will be in our upcoming newsletter). If you need help signing up, please contact Linda during office hours and she will be happy to assist you.

**Overnight Vigil:** Once again, we will hold The Watch through the night, 4/6-4/7, requesting that parishioners sign up for a 1 hour shift at some point during the evening, night, or morning. Come and "wait an hour" with Jesus, as he implored his disciples to do when he was suffering in the Garden on the night before his death. (We asked that at least 2 people sign-up per shift.)

#### Need More Information?

There is a lot on our the calendar for the weeks ahead & space is limited in the Sunday bulletin, so please be sure to read the newsletter (which will be coming soon) & weekly email blast. Questions? Speak with Mother Jamie, Deacon Mark, or Linda.

**Serving at the Altar for this Week**

The Rev. Jamie Edwards  
The Rev. Mark Davidson

**8:00 Chalice:** T. Zordano **Lector:** L. Gerhardt

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

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

**Acolyte:** Booth **Ushers:** Rush **Altar Guild:** Bucknall, Lyall

**Counters:** Pat Kight, Jim Studley

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**Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, March 22**

The Rev. Jamie Edwards  
The Rev. Mark Davidson

**8:00 Chalice:** Y. Nagaishi **Lector:** D. Guthrie

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

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

**Ushers:** Russ, Selby **Altar Guild:** Daniel, Smith

**Counters:** Sharon Lyall, Bob Smith

**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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