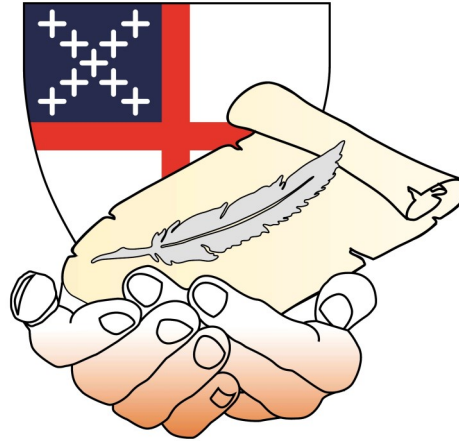


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 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	Andante, Op.55	Flor Peters (1903-1986)
Entrance Hymn #7	Christ, whose glory fills the skies	Rattisbon

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 Stanza 4 only	Lasst uns erfreuen
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The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Psalm 96:1-9
Sung by all

Cantate Domino



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new **song**; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole **earth**.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his **Name**; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to **day**.
- 3 Declare his glory among the **nations** *
and his wonders among all **peoples**.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be **praised**; *
he is more to be feared than all **gods**.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but **idols**; *
but it is the Lord who made the **heavens**.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his **presence**! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his **sanctuary**!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the **peoples**; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and **power**.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his **Name**; *
bring offerings and come into his **courts**.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of **holiness**; *
let the whole earth tremble be/**fore him**.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the

word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Sequence Hymn #345 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise Ellers
Stanzas 1 & 4

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.



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

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. Matthew Phillips

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People
Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The Peace BCP p. 360

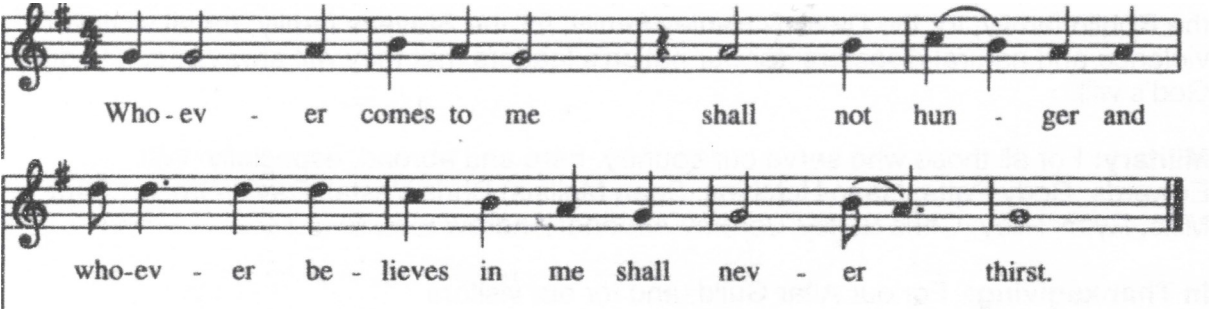
The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #664 My Shepherd will supply my need Resignation

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 Music Berceuse Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Marion
Stanzas 1,2,3, 6 & 7

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 SSt. Stephen's and St. Timothy's in Winston-Salem, and Penick Village. 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 Bob & Patty Dalton.

In Need of Healing: Larry; James; Jaci K.; Mary Margaret; John K.; Helen P.; Janice M.; Jim S.; Georgie & Lisa D.; Beverly G.; Pat K.; Jerry K.; Carol Z.; Karen Y.; Debbie M.; Ann W.; Aletha J.; Laurie R.; Jim S.; Marilyn G.; Mary Ann S.; Ken C.; Dot H.; Jack R.; Lee E.; Nicky T.; Don P.; Keith C.; Bim H.; Penny 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 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 CROP Walk and the walkers and donors, and for our visitors.

All Saints' and All Souls' Day
Let us remember your loved one this November.

In observance of All Saints' and All Souls' day, we wish to spend the month of November surrounded by visible reminders of loved ones who are now among the communion of saints. To this end, we invite all parishioners to bring in a framed photo of deceased loved ones to be displayed in the Nave during November, beginning November 5th. If you wish to bring in your photo prior to that Sunday, please leave it with Linda and she will make sure it is placed in the Nave appropriately. The photos can be taken back home after the late service on November 26th.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 18

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am
Coffee, conversation, & Formation Hour -
Witness: James Baker
Discussion with Matthew

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am
CROP Walk, 1:30 / 2:30 pm
RENTAL: Village Presbyterian, 3-7 pm

Monday, October 19

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

Thursday, October 22

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

Friday, October 23

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

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

Saturday, October 24

Men's Zoom Group, 8 am via Zoom
In-Person Men's Hour, 10-11 am (PH)

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.

- **Potluck (Costco) Dinner Parties**

Meets periodically on a Saturday evening.

Special Announcements

CROP Walk is Today!

Support with your donation,
your feet--or both! Use this
QR code to donate!



Pledge Forms

Please return your pledge forms by next
Sunday, October 25th so the preliminary 2027
budget can be compiled and ready for the
November 1st Annual Parish Meeting. Thank
you for your continued generosity.

A Note from Linda

This Thursday, October 22nd will be my final
day in the office. After twenty-two years as the
Office Manager of this parish the day will be
bittersweet. I look forward to my retirement, but
will miss so many of you, too! The Women's
Group has so graciously offered to organize a
Goodbye Breakfast for me next Sunday,
October 25th between the services. Please
come.

Altar Flowers Needed Next Sunday, 10/25

Sign up sheet is on the wall of the Narthex.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Pledge Ingathering**

Sunday, October 25th

- **Linda's Goodbye Breakfast**

Sunday, October 25 (between the services)

- **Annual Parish Meeting**

Sunday, November 1

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.

Lay Ministers Serving this Week

8:00 **Chalice:** T. Zordano **Lector:** D. Guthrie

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

10:00 **Chalice:** B. Edwards **Lector:** S. Nash

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

Counters: Kirsten Russ, Jim Studley

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*Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God
by Jerry & Pat Kight in memory of their son, David Michael Kight
and in honor of their son, James Lawrence Kight.*

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Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, October 25

8:00 **Lector:** K. Castilon **Altar Guild:** tbd

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

Acolyte: Booth **Ushers:** Russ, Selby **Altar Guild:** 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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