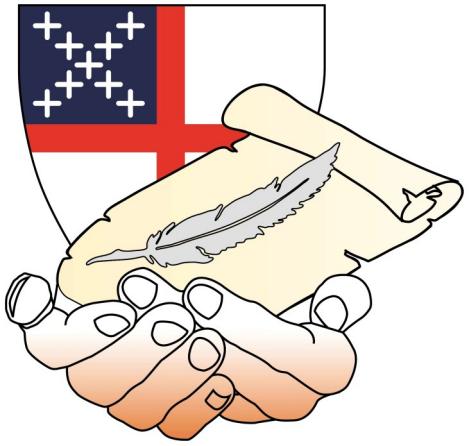


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery telling

arr Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Pange Lingua

The Great Litany

BCP p. 148

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32 Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Sequence Hymn #449

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Stanzas 1,3 & 6

Deo gracias

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Peace BCP p. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #150 Forty days and forty nights
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3 Salem Harbor

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361
Sanctus S-130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem Jesus, Lamb of God
S-164

Communion Music Now, My Tongue, the Mystery telling
arr. James Woodman (b1951)
Pange Lingua

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #688 A mighty fortress is our God Ein feste Burg

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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.

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 All Saints' in Concord, Church of the Good Shepherd in Cooleemee, and St. Alban's in Davidson. 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 Rob & Kirsten Russ.

In Need of Healing: Jeannette R.; Miriam L.; David K.; Rob R.; Marco V.; Rick K.; Tava B.; Laurie R.; Sharon V.; John M.; Peter L.; Brenda P.; Rev. Barbara 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 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 Habitat for Humanity; and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Vivian Roblin, Claudia Fowlks

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)

- **Al-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

- **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 29

- **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 2 @ 7 pm

- **Overnight Vigil**

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

- **Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 3 @ 12 noon

Special Announcements

Attention All Singers!

John Farmer is planning to form a one-time Palm Sunday choir. There will be four 45-minute rehearsals after Sunday services, starting March 1st. The signup sheet is on the clipboard next to the front doors in the narthex. Let's make this happen - but if signups are lacking this will not be attainable.

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 Begins Today

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.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 22

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am

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

Lenten Formation, 9:45 am (PH)

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am

RENTAL: App Strings, 2-4 (Nave)

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

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

Lenten Prayer Service, 5:30 pm (Nave)

Vestry Meeting, 6 pm

Women's Shelter Meal, 6:30-8 pm (St. Tim's)

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

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

Saturday, February 28

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: T. Zordano **Lector:** L. Gerhardt

Acolyte: T. Zordano **Altar Guild:** Patterson

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

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

Counters: Tom Erickson, Bob Smith

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Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, March 1

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

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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