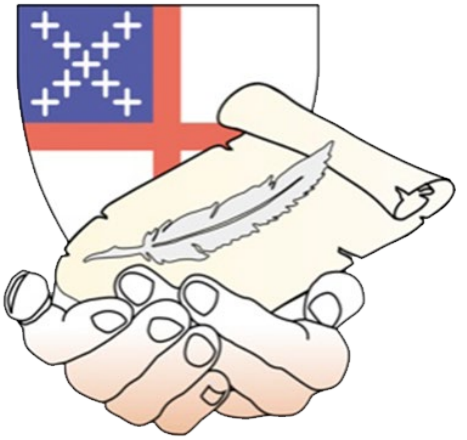
St. Clement's Episcopal

Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026

8:00 AM 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 Right Reverend 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 silence or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

Prelude In Nomine Richard Alwood (16th cent.)

The Word of God

Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers" *Llangloffan*

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 232 "By all your saints still striving" *Nyland*
Stanzas 1 & 3 only

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Amos 5:18–24
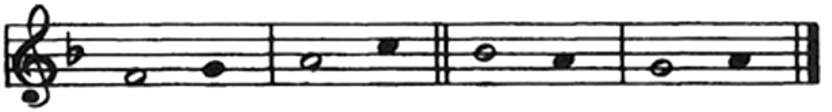
Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of

your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Psalm 70 Deus, in adjutorium

Sung by all



1 Be pleased, O God, to de/**liver me**; *
O Lord, make haste to **help me**.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dis/**mayed**; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune raw back and be dis/**graced**.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn **back**, *
because they are a/**shamed**.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be **glad in you;** *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the **Lord**!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and **needy**; *
come to me speedily, O **God**.

6 You are my helper and my de/**liverer**; *
O Lord, do not **tarry**.

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the

clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sequence Hymn 393 “Praise our great and gracious Lord” *Moaz Zur*

The Gospel Matthew 25: 1–13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, `Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, `Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, `No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, `Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, `Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Sermon The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

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

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 596 "Judge eternal, throned in splendor"
Komm, du Geist des Lebens
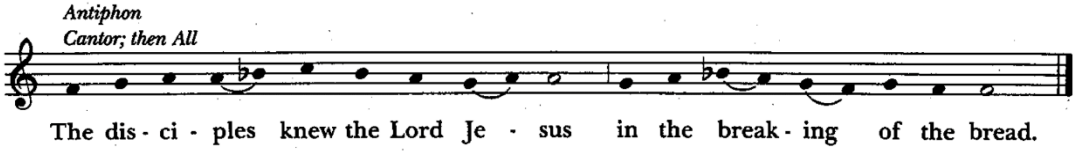
Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"
Stanza 3 only

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus S129

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus"
Mason Martens (1933-1991)



Cantor: The bread which we break—Alleluia—is the communion of the body of Christ. **Antiphon sung by all**

Cantor: One body are we—Alleluia—for though many, we share one bread. **Antiphon sung by all**

Communion Music O God, thou faithful God J. Brahms (1833-1897)

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Hymn 57 "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" *Helmsley*

The Dismissal BCP 366

For those unfamiliar with our liturgy... *Holy Communion, also called the Eucharist ("thanksgiving"), the Lord's Supper, or the Mass is the Christian family meal and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive. After receiving the host (bread) in your palm, you may "sip, dip, or skip" the wine: guide the chalice to your lips, dip the wafer lightly in the wine, or cross your arms over your chest to decline. To receive a blessing instead of Communion, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. However you participate, your presence brings a unique and valued ingredient to the feast.*

Prayers for the 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 all North Carolina Campus Ministries. 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 Ginny Davies.

In Need of Healing: Noelle; Leslie P.; Larry; James; Jaci K.; Mary Margaret; John K.; Helen P.; Janice M.; Jim S.; Georgie & Lisa D.; Beverly G.; Pat K.; Jerry K.; 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.; Bradley M.; Sharon F.; Myra A.; Susan G.; Linda H.; Kim S.; Rick K.; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; 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 all those who have served honorably in our military – in wartime and peacetime.

Birthdays: Jamie Edwards

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 1st. The photos can be taken back home after the 10 AM service on November 22nd.

Announcements

Welcome to St. Clement's!

We are blessed to have you with us. If you are new, 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 or would like to become a member, please ask!

The Week Ahead

Today, Sunday, November 8
8 AM: Rite I, Quiet Service
9 AM: *Witness: Nikki Haley* with David
10 AM: Rite II w/ music
3-7 PM RENTAL: Village Presbyterian

Monday, November 9
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 10
6:30 & 7 PM: Bridge & Mahjong

Wednesday, November 11
Church office closed for Veterans' Day
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous
8 AM: Men's Breakfast (Pete's Family Rest.)

Thursday, November 12
10:30 AM: Women's Group

Friday, November 13
6:15-7:15 AM: Alcoholics Anonymous
12-1 PM: Al Anon

Saturday, November 14
8 AM: Men's Online Zoom Group,
10-11 AM: In-Person Men's Hour

Opportunities for Engagement

Bishop Search Listening Sessions
Nov 10, 11, 17 See website for more details!

Men's Breakfast (Pete's Family Rest)
Every first Wednesday, @ 8 AM

Bridge & Mahjong (Parish Hall)
Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 PM

Women's Group (Parish Hall)
Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

AA Meetings (Parish Hall)
Every Mon., Wed., Fri., @ 6:15-7:15 AM

Al-Anon Meetings (Parish Hall)
Every Friday @ 12 noon

Men's Online Zoom Group
Every Saturday @ 8 AM

In-Person Men's Hour (Parish Hall)
Every Saturday, 10-11 AM

Looking Ahead…

Pledge Forms
If you haven't returned your pledge form, it's not too late! Leave in church office or mail.

Costco Party
Sat Nov 21 @ 4:30. Hosted by Carobeth Bennett & Kevin Meath. Please bring a dish to share! More info in the newsletter.

Alter Flowers Needed
Volunteer signups needed for Sun Nov 22. Sign up list in narthex.

Take Home Advent Wreath Making Kits
Anyone interested in creating their own Advent wreath at home, free kits will be available on Sun Nov 29th in the Narthex

Special Announcements

Storehouse for Jesus Angel Tree

The Christmas list from Storehouse for Jesus in Mocksville is here and the turnaround is quick! Lisa Frye & Allison Booth are heading up our effort this year. Let them know if you would like to help sort, bag, & deliver gifts.

- Scan the QR Code for the Sign-up-Genius:
- You can choose multiple recipients.
- Leave gifts unwrapped and attach the Angel description & number from the sign-up to each gift so it gets to the right person.
- Please return all gifts, **UNWRAPPED,** by **Sunday, November 29**

Our Shared Ministry

8:00			10:00		
	Chalice	Y. Nagaishi		**Chalice**	N. Tesh
	Lector	D. Guthrie		**Lector**	N. Tesh
	Acolyte	Y. Nagaishi		**Acolyte**	Booth
	Altar Guild	P. Scardina		**Ushers**	Kolbe
				Altar Guild	Lovett, Ellis
				Counters	Holton, Erickson

Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Terri & Bob Smith in honor of their three children and three grandchildren.

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, November 15

8:00			10:00		
	Chalice	T. Zordano		**Chalice**	B. Edwards
	Lector	L. Gerhardt		**Lector**	J. Rush
	Acolyte	T. Zordano		**Acolyte**	B. Edwards
	Altar Guild	Russ, Bucknall		**Ushers**	Russ, Selby
				Altar Guild	Bucknall, Lyall
				Counters	Chapel, Lazorchak

Vestry & Wardens

Sharon Lyall, *Senior Warden*; Terri Smith, *Junior Warden*; Nicky Tesh, *Treasurer*; Laurie Ryan, Sid Chadwick, Jim Studley, Mark Snow, Mary Holton, and Amy Selby. Shirleen Gilbert, *Clerk of the Vestry*.

Vestry Elect: Keith Castilon; Rick Kolbe; Tony Lyall

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