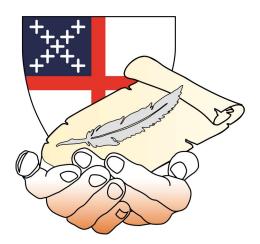
# Welcome

to

## St. Clement's Episcopal Church

Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



## Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 2025

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 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 Song Without Words Darwin Wolford (1936 - 2023)

Entrance Hymn #371 Thou, whose almighty word *Moscow* 

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 #421 All Glory be to God on high Allein Gott

Stanza 1 only

## The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

#### Psalm 98 Cantate Domino

Spoken by all

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell there/in.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

### Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of

you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Sequence Hymn #596 Judge eternal, throned in splendor Geist des Lebens

#### The Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, `I am he!' and, `The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

#### 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. Earnest Graham, Canon Missioner

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360
The Peace BCP p. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #620 Jerusalem, my happy home Land of Rest

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361

Sanctus S-128 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem (spoken)

Celebrant: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Communion Music Allemande, from Suite III

George F. Haendel (1685 - 1759)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #607 O God of every nation Llangloffan

## 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 NC 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 the Diakos / Baker family—Heather, Forest, Annette, Audrey, Austin, & Andrew.

In Need of Healing: James; Todd P.; Tava B.; Patty D.; Kevin M.; Keith C.; Sharon L.; Miriam L.; Noelle N.; Jeannette R.; Judy R.; John F.; Robbie P.; Dave K.; Sallie S.; Karen F.; Sid C.; Jaci K.; Roger D, Jr.; Sonta H.; Warren G.; Michael E.; Jane H.; 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.; Heather T.; Jerry K.; Manuel; Rick K.; Vic; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Pat G.; Nancy M.; Werner K; 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 Rev. Earnest Graham; and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Billy Holton, Mark Snow, Mickie McIntosh, Scott Frye

#### Welcome to our Seekers and 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 Group

Every first Tuesday @ 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.

#### **Outreach Needs**

Please, no expired food and no glass jars.

Please consider picking up just one item a week. Shop the sale items! ANY donation is appreciated and needed!

- Clemmons Food Pantry
- Storehouse for Jesus
- Snacks for Morgan

Individually wrapped healthy snacks.

#### Mark Your Calendars

• Women's Shelter Meal

Sunday, November 23, 6:30-8 pm @ St. Tim's

Church Office closed

Wed., November 26 & Thurs., November 27

#### **Special Announcements**

## Storehouse for Jesus Giving Tree Update

Life has been crazy at Storehouse this year and they are late getting our list of families to sponsor this year. We plan to have the sign up genius page live and full details for you next Sunday. With that said, there is a new, later deadline for gifts to be returned. So scratch the November 30 deadline off your calendar! Coordinators are: Lisa Frye & Allison Booth (with a little help from Linda Turley).

### Food Pantry

Now more than ever our food pantries need our support. Please consider picking up just one item a week to donate to Clemmons Food Pantry or Storehouse for Jesus. Any donation is appreciated and needed. Shop the sale items or use coupons.

#### 2026 Altar Flower sign up is posted

Sign up for a Sunday or two to provide altar flowers in 2026. Sign up sheet is currently posted on the white board in the narthex.

#### Women's Shelter Meal—Nov. 23

We will be providing a meal for the Women's shelter on the 23rd. Sign up is located on the clipboard in the narthex. Details are in the Nov/Dec/Jan newsletter. Contact Deacon Mark.

### The Week Ahead

## Sunday, November 16

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am Coffee & Conversation, 8:30-9 am (PH)

Formation, 9-9:45 am (PH)

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am

Wednesday, November 19

Stitch in Time Group, 9:30-11:30 (PH)

Thursday, November 20

Women's Group, 10:30 (PH)

Friday, November 21

RENTAL: Al-Anon, 12 noon (PH)

Saturday, November 22

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. Earnest Graham, Canon Missioner
The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 <u>Chalice:</u> Y. Nagaishi <u>Lector:</u> L. Gerhardt <u>Acolyte:</u> Y. Nagaishi <u>Altar Guild:</u> Russ, Bucknall

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

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

**Counters:** Nicky Tesh, Luci Lazorchak

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Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Sandra Nash in thanksgiving and appreciation for the St. Clement's Men's Group for their support, and continued friendship with Bruce.

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#### Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, November 23

The Rev. Jamie Edwards
The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 Chalice: T. Zordano Lector: J. Krause

Acolyte: T. Zordano Altar Guild: Patterson

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

Acolyte: H. Snow Ushers: Kight Altar Guild: Daniel, Smith

**Counters:** Pat Kight, Bob Smith

## **Vestry & Wardens**

April Chapel, Senior Warden, Bob Smith, Junior Warden, Nicky Tesh, Treasurer Chuck Bohrer, Laurie Ryan, Sharon Lyall, Sid Chadwick, Jim Studley, Mark Snow, Terri Smith, Clerk of the Vestry

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