
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Please silence all cell phones. Flash photography is not allowed.*

Welcome to St. Clare's! We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here, and welcome to join us in Holy Communion.

If this is your first time visiting with us, we invite you to take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card located in the pew, or the Visitor's Book in the Narthex, so that we may get to know you better. We hope that you will consider joining our community as we grow together in relationship with God and with one another.

We use the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in our Sunday worship together. The bulletin you are holding will guide you to the page numbers. The BCP is red. Our Hymnal 1982 is blue. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to turn to the person next to you to ask. We are happy to guide you.

If you have a pastoral concern or need, or would like more information about the Episcopal Church, please feel free to call the church office at 706-745-0607 to make an appointment with me.

Blessings,
Liz+



An Invitation to Communion

We hope that you will accept our invitation to join us at the Table. All are welcome. The usher will signal when it is time for your pew to come forward. You may stand or kneel at the altar. There are several ways that you may participate with us. When the bread is offered, place one hand on top of the other and extend them forward to accept the bread. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice to your mouth with one hand. If you would like to receive the wine without drinking from the cup, hold the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip the bread in the chalice (called intinction). If you prefer not to receive the wine, consume the bread, then cross your arms over your chest and the wine will pass you by. If you would like to participate, but not receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Word Of God

Processional Hymn	<i>Those whose almighty word</i>	Hymn 371
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
The Collect of the Day		BCP 215
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20		See right
Psalm 111 (<i>spoken</i>)		BCP 754
The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13		See right
Sequence Hymn	<i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>	Hymn 593
The Holy Gospel		See right
The Sermon		The Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt
	<i>A period of silence is kept</i>	
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People Form III		BCP 387
The Confession, Absolution and The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Solo Anthem	<i>There is a Balm in Gilead</i> <i>(Missie Kirkland, soprano)</i>	African-American Spiritual
Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
The Sanctus		Spoken
The Lord's Prayer and The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
<i>All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving may come to the communion rail to receive a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please say "gluten-free" to the priest.</i>		
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	Spoken
Distribution of Communion		BCP 364
	<i>The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the communion hymn .</i>	
Communion Hymn	<i>I am the bread of life</i>	Hymn 335
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		
Processional Hymn	<i>O for a thousand tongues to sing</i>	Hymn 493

You are invited to join us for fellowship after the service, downstairs in the Parish Hall.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:21-28)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Mary Jane, Linda, Sharon, Clinton and family, Beverly, Steve, Herb and Judy, Roger, Nicholas, Aedan, Robbie, Dave, Francisco, Taylor, Janet, Neil, Roy, Peter, Jo Ann; for Renea, Keri, Carolyn, MaryAnn, Travis, Jane, Sally, Mary, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan.

For those who travel: Karen and Sandy.

For those who have died: Susie Hooper.

For those celebrating birthdays: Sandy Smith, Ben Edwards.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Susan Marr & Judy Cottone.

Those Who Serve

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Verger – Eli Smith-Foot
Crucifer – Michael Smith-Foot
Lector 1 – Steve Wilson
Lector 2 – Michael Smith-Foot
Eucharistic Minister – Lamar Barber
Ushers – Scotti & Skip Kershner
Greeter - Michelle Wilson
VPOD – Pat Murray
Altar Guild – Diana Symins
Flower Guild – Kees Schellingerhoudt
Videographer – Michelle Crawford
Fellowship – Jo Ellen Clow

2024 Vestry

Frank Kinmonth Senior Warden
Pat Murray, Junior Warden
Lamar Barber, Treasurer
Jo Ellen Clow, Clerk
Mary Buonagura
Amy Cox
Butch Duryea
Lynne Joynes
Lisa McElfresh
Michael Smith-Foot
Steve Wilson

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Weekly Services

Sundays, HE Rite II, 10:30 AM
Wednesdays, Centering Prayer, 11:30 AM
Wednesdays, HE Rite II, 12:15 PM
Morning Prayer is 8:00 AM M-F
Compline is 7:30 PM M-F
Choral Compline, First Sundays, 7:00PM

Join Liz+ next Sunday, February 4th at 9:30 AM for Conversations in the Parish Hall.

Singer/songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine will hold a concert this Friday, February 2nd, at 7:00 PM at St. Clare's. The concert is sponsored by the church and PLAG. This event is free and open to the public.

We are currently taking submissions for the Lenten Meditation Booklet. Our theme is giving and receiving. How have you received a gift by giving to another? How have you received a gift by accepting something from someone else? Submit your written reflections, artwork, or photography to Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org by Monday, February 5th. All submissions must be original work.

The Choir invites new members in the new year! If you are interested in joining our choir, contact Karen Calloway at edwins@windstream.net or come to our rehearsal at 5:00 PM on Wednesdays. We meet in the Assisi Chapel.

Mary Buonagura is hosting a bible study on the epistles attributed to John. We will meet every Wednesday at 1:00 PM, following the weekday Eucharist, and will wrap up on February 7th.. All are welcome.

Thursday Book Study Group will meet on February 1st for our next conversation about Roberta Bondi's To Love as God Loves. The book is based on her extensive research into the writings of the early desert fathers and mothers. We meet from 4:00-5:00 PM on Zoom. Use the link in the eClare to join.

Ash Wednesday is soon! Mark your calendars for February 14th. We will have both a Noon and 6:00pm service.

St. Clare's will host a bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace on Saturday, March 9th from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the parking lot. The final product will provide a single bed for a child in Union County. No experience is needed to volunteer. Please use the link in the eClare to sign up. A bed build training will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, for anyone interested. See the eClare for more information.