
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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. If you do not wish to take the wine, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like to accept the wine, you may drink the wine from the first chalice or the second chalice-bearer will dip the wafer in the wine (intinction) and place it in your hands. If you would rather have the bread only with no wine, please let the priest know by holding up one finger. If you prefer not to receive communion at all but wish to receive a blessing, come to the altar rail, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer a blessing.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Word Of God

Prelude	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	Daniel Burton
Processional	Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done	Hymn 208
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 225
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12		See right
Psalm 23		See insert
The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24		See right
Sequence Hymn	Where charity and love prevail	Hymn 581
The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18		See right
The Sermon		The Rev. Liz Schellinghouth
	<i>A period of silence is kept</i>	
The Blessing of a Civil Marriage		See insert
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People Form III		BCP 387
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Choral Anthem	The Gift of Love	Hal Hopson
Presentation Hymn	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow	Hymn 380
Eucharistic Prayer B (<i>sung</i>)		BCP 367
The Sanctus		Hymn S-128*
The Lord's Prayer (<i>contemporary form, sung</i>)		Hymn S-148*
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		Hymn S-154*
Distribution of Communion		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>		
<i>The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the communion hymns.</i>		
Communion Hymns	The King of love my shepherd is	Hymn 645
	God is love, and where true love is	Hymn 577
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Jesus, our mighty Lord	Hymn 478
Postlude	Voluntary in D Major	William Selby

**All hymns beginning with "S" (Service Music) are found in the front of the blue hymnal.*

***Henry Batten and Tommy Westbrook invite you to join them in the Parish Hall
after the service to celebrate the blessing of their marriage.***

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Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:11-18)

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: David, Martha, Mike, Hayley, Beth, and Darlene; for Nancy, Kathleen, Angela, Keith, Sharon, Renea, Carolyn, MaryAnn, Jane, Mary, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan.

For those who travel: Mary and Harry, and Annelies.

For those who have died: Kris Young Humphrey, all who have died in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and all who have died in the war in the Middle East and in wars around the world.

For those celebrating birthdays: Darrell Golnitz, Macey Dyer, Amy Cox, and Skip Kershner.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

Those Who Serve

Sunday, April 21, 2024
Verger – Lamar Barber
Crucifer – Steve Wilson
Lector 1 – BJ Foster
Lector 2 – Lynnae Boudreau
Eucharistic Minister – Lamar Barber
Ushers – Carlene & Tony Dockery
Eucharistic Visitor – Steve Wilson
Greeter – Michelle Wilson
VPOD – Lisa McElfresh
Altar Guild – Kathy McNeese
Flower Guild – Kees Schellingerhoudt
Videographer – Sandy Bell
Fellowship – Henry Batten
& Tommy Westbrook

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
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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

We will not meet for Conversations in the Parish Hall next Sunday, April 28th. Liz+ will be traveling to the Order of the Ascension retreat and the Rev. Ceci Duke will serve as supply for our 10:30 AM service.

Each Wednesday morning a group meets in the Assisi Chapel for Centering Prayer (CP). CP is a silent prayer, focused on making space for God's movement and action in our lives. Beginning at 11:30, the first 10 minutes are set aside for helping newcomers to be introduced to the practice. The prayer time lasts 20 minutes and is followed by Holy Eucharist at 12:15 in the chapel.

Thursday Book Study is currently reading Zero at the Bone: Fifty Entries Against Despair by Christian Wiman. All are welcome! We meet by Zoom each Thursday from 4 to 5 PM.

We will celebrate Linda Boyett during Fellowship on Sunday, May 5th, for her years of service to the Altar Guild.

We will celebrate our graduating seniors, Benton Gregory and Lily Harkins, on Sunday, May 12th.

The May-July 2024 schedule for Those Who Serve has been published. If you have any questions, contact Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org.

The Mountain Community Chorus will hold its 50th Anniversary Concert on Saturday, April 27th at 7:00 PM and on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 PM. Both concerts will be held at McConnell Baptist Church in Hiawassee.

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers in Union County and surrounding areas. Positions include Blood Drive Ambassadors, Disaster Action Team, and more. Contact Carrie Jones at carrie.jones2@redcross.org for more information.