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# WELCOME

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## *St. Clare's Episcopal Church*

### **The Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 7, 2024**

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

**W**elcome 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	“Now the Green Blade Rises”	George Lachenauer
Processional	Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!	Hymn 205
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 224
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35		See right
Psalm 133		BCP 787
The Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2		See right
Sequence Hymn	That Easter day with joy was bright	Hymn 193
The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31		See right
The Sermon		The Rev. Ceci Duke
	<i>A period of silence is kept</i>	
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People Form III		BCP 387
The Peace		BCP 360

## The Holy Communion

Choral Anthem	How Very Good and Pleasant	Arlen Clarke
Presentation Hymn	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow	Hymn 380
Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
The Sanctus		Hymn S-128*
The Lord’s Prayer ( <i>contemporary form, spoken</i> )		BCP 364
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	How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone	Hymn 242
	Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face	Hymn 318
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional Hymn	We walk by faith, and not by sight	Hymn 209
Postlude	Voluntary in G Major	John Garth

*\*All hymns beginning with “S” (Service Music) are found in the front of the blue hymnal*

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

### **Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

### **1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

### **Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)**

*People: Glory to you Lord Christ.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **Prayers of the People**

**For the sick or in need:** Mike, Merle, Lisa, the Bassett family and Mike, Brennan-Linial family, Steve, Mary Will, Macy, Lynne, Michelle W, Barrett, Abby, Roanne, Lisa, Peter, George, Katherine, Greg, James, Debbie, 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:** All those on Spring Break.

**For those who have died:** Bud Dyer, Bob Johnson, Bruce Konrady, Marcella Phelps, Andy Linial, the victims of the Baltimore bridge collapse, all who have died in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and all who have died in the war in the Middle East .

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Alice & Butch Duryea.

### **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.*

***Today we welcome back  
the Rev. Ceci Duke as supply.***

**Those Who Serve**

Sunday, April 7, 2024  
Verger – Lamar Barber  
Crucifer – Steve Wilson  
Lector 1 – John Barber  
Lector 2 – Lamar Barber  
Eucharistic Minister – Lynnae Boudreau  
Ushers – Scotti & Skip Kershner  
Eucharistic Visitor—Steve Wilson  
VPOD – Lynne Joynes  
Altar Guild – Diana Symins  
Flower Guild – Jo Ellen Clow  
Videographer – Michelle Crawford  
Fellowship – Nancy Logan

**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  
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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

***Choral Compline is tonight! Join us at 7:00 PM in person  
or on Facebook for this meditative service.***

**Those Who Serve - Please submit your May-July 2024  
availability** by this Friday, April 12th. If you have any ques-  
tions, contact Kitty at [admin@stclaresepiscopal.org](mailto:admin@stclaresepiscopal.org).

**Join Liz+ next Sunday, April 14th, at 9:30 AM** for Con-  
versations in the Parish Hall. We will continue these conver-  
sations for the remainder of Sundays this month.

**The vestry is holding a fire drill next Sunday, April 14th.**  
It will take place at the end of the service.

**Each Wednesday morning** a group meets in the Assisi  
Chapel for Centering Prayer (CP). CP is a silent prayer, fo-  
cused 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 Eucha-  
rist 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 our graduating seniors**, Benton Gregory  
and Lily Harkins, on Sunday, May 12th.

*Many, many thanks to everyone who helped Holy Week and  
Easter come together. It takes a huge effort to create mean-  
ingful worship and events. Thanks to our Vergers; Crucifers;  
Lectors; Eucharistic Ministers; Ushers; Greeters; Altar  
Guild; Flower Guild; Videographers; Vestry; Choir; Guest  
Musician; Parish Life; Worship Committee; administrative  
staff, everyone who provided a dish to share at the Agape  
Meal, Easter Breakfast, or the Easter Feast; Easter egg stuff-  
ers; Receptionist Volunteers; and everyone who helped deco-  
rate the church for our Easter celebration. It was a beautiful  
way to walk through those sacred days together.*