
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 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

Prelude	<i>Love Divine, All Love Excelling</i>	Hanz Klotz
Processional Hymn	<i>Christ upon the mountain peak</i>	Hymn 129
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-280*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 217
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12		See right
Psalm 50:1-6		BCP 654
The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6		See right
Sequence Hymn	<i>O wonderful type! O vision fair</i>	Hymn 137
The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9		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

Choral Anthem	<i>Send Forth Thy Light</i>	Mily Balakirev
Presentation Hymn	<i>We the Lord's People</i>	Hymn 51
Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
The Sanctus		Hymn S-130*
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>	Hymn S-152*
Distribution of Communion		BCP 364
	<i>The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the communion hymns.</i>	
Communion Hymns	<i>O Light of Light, Love given birth</i>	Hymn 134
	<i>All praise to you, O Lord</i>	Hymn 138
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		
Processional Hymn	<i>Songs of thankfulness and praise</i>	Hymn 135
Postlude	<i>G Major</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude

**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.

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. The word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:2-9)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Fran, Sandy, Rick, Bunns-Bryant family, Jay and family, Ceci, Peter, George, Harry, Scout, Christian, Mac, Fred, Hunter, Myers, Mary Jane, Linda; 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: Mary D.

For those who have died: Herb Hair, Myke.

For those celebrating birthdays: Mary Buonagura, Tommy Westbrook, Rick Judd.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Amy & Jason Henson.

Those Who Serve

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Verger – Lynnae Boudreau
Crucifer – Billy Clayton
Lector 1 – Lynnae Boudreau
Lector 2 – Butch Duryea
Eucharistic Minister – Susan Marr
Ushers – Carlene & Tony Dockery
Greeter - Michelle Wilson
VPOD – Lynne Joynes & Mary Buonagura
Altar Guild – Diana Symins
Flower Guild – Darlene Pilcher
Videographer – Lamar Barber
Fellowship – Luz Rondon, Magda Castillo,
Darlene Pilcher

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
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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 18th at 9:30 AM for Adult Christian Education.

Our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held this Tuesday, February 13th, at 5:30 PM in the parish hall.

Ash Wednesday is almost here! Mark your calendars for February 14th. We will have services at Noon and 6:00 PM. Both will be held in the church.

Lenten Meditation Booklets will be available in the narthex on Ash Wednesday. You can also view the online version using the link that will be sent by email on Ash Wednesday. Many thanks to all who contributed words and art for this year's booklet, and to Tommy Westbrook for the final design.

Ken Alexander will host a Lenten series in March recounting the events of the last week of the life of Jesus. We will explore how some theologians have thought about the meaning of Jesus's death. Join us in the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM on Sundays, from March 3rd-March 17th.

Our next Sacred Ground group will begin on February 20th. This is a film and reading-based dialogue that will take place over 11 sessions and is built upon an online curriculum and Zoom streaming format. Please contact Pat Murray at pamurray@mindspring.com for more information.

Each Wednesday morning a group meets in the Assisi Chapel for Centering Prayer (CP). CP is a silent prayer, centered 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. We will have CP in the chapel on Ash Wednesday.

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.