
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 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

Opening Voluntary	<i>Adagio</i>	Pietro Nardini
Silent Procession		
Opening Acclamation		BCP 351
The Confession and Absolution		BCP 352
Trisagion		Hymn S-102*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 218

The First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

Psalm 19 (spoken)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength..
The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

We sing the praise of him who died

Hymn 471

The Gospel: John 2:13-22

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Darrell D. Golnitz

A period of silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form II

BCP 385

The Peace

BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Choral Anthem

O Sing a Joyful Song to God

Benedetto Marcello

Presentation Hymn

Take my life and let it be

Hymn 707

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Sanctus

Hymn S-129*

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed St. Clare and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer and The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Agnus Dei

Hymn S-161*

Distribution of Communion

BCP 364

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>The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the communion hymns.</i>	
Communion Hymns	<i>Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face</i>	Hymn 318
	<i>Let thy Blood in mercy poured</i>	Hymn 313
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Solemn Prayer Over the People		
<i>The Celebrant says</i>		
Bow down before the Lord (<i>the people kneel as able</i>).		
<i>The Celebrant says</i>		
Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. Amen.		
Processional	<i>The glory of these forty days</i>	Hymn 143
Postlude	<i>Psalm XVIII</i>	Benedetto Marcello

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

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Barbara, Christy, Beth, Steve, Drew, Deserae, Lisa, Carly, George, Lamar, John, Nanda, Scotti, Lorena, Grady, Henry, Rob, Audrey, Anna Beth, Tim, Angie, Kathy, Henry, Rob, Carol, The Heyne family, Elizabeth, the Cross family, Jason, Larry and Donna, Isle, the Hailey Hall family, Keith, Sharon, Renea, Carolyn, MaryAnn, Travis, Jane, Mary, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan.

For those who travel: Members of the vestry returning from retreat, Karen and Sandy.

For those who have died: Ben Sutton, Laken Riley, Galen Heyne, Wendell Cross, Leonard Brown, Alexi Navalny, Beverly Moore, 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 birthdays: Mary Dahl, Tarah Burrell, Elizabeth Nelson, and Linda Jarom.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Julie & Jim Johnston.

Weekly Services

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

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

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Darrell D. Golnitz as supply while Liz+ and the vestry are on retreat. He is also a representative for Food For The Poor (FFTP). You can find more information in the insert, and you can donate online at <https://foodforthe poor.org/help-now>.

Join the Daily Office leaders for Evening Prayer at 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, during the weeks of Lent. The service will be available on Facebook only. Morning Prayer (8:00 AM) and Compline (7:30 PM) will continue as usual on Facebook.

Ken Alexander will continue a Lenten series in March which we will recount the events of the last week of Jesus' life and consider some of the ways theologians over the centuries have thought about the meaning of his death on the cross. All sessions will use slide presentations and discussion to explore the Gospel narratives about Jesus' final week and why those narratives retain their power to inspire us two thousand years later.

- March 10: The Last Week, Part Two: Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday
- March 17: What was the reason for Jesus' death?: Some answers from Christian theologians across the centuries.

Lenten Meditation Booklets are available in the narthex. You can also view the online version using the link in the eClare. Many thanks to all who contributed words and art for this year's booklet, and to Tommy Westbrook for the final design.

Envelopes for Easter flower donations are available in the pews. Please include your donation (and In Honor of/In Memory Of information) in the offering plate or mail it to the office so that it arrives no later than Monday, March 25th.

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 Group is reading Christian Wiman's *Zero at the Bone*. We meet at 4:00 PM on Zoom. Please use the link in the eClare to join. All are welcome!

A support group for caregivers of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia is meeting at St. Clare's on the third Monday of the month, from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM. For more details, contact Harriet Hoke at hhoke1234@gmail.com.

St. Clare's will host a bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace on Saturday, March 9th from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM in the parking lot. The final product will provide a bed, mattress, linens, and a pillow for a child in Union County. No experience is needed to volunteer. Please use the link in the eClare to sign up.

Our Spring Parish Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th. We'll start at 8:00 AM, then weed, clean, and trim until 11:30 AM. Chic-Fil-A biscuits and coffee will be supplied. If you're interested, reach out to Lynnae Boudreau at lboudreau50@gmail.com.



Those Who Serve

Sunday March 3, 2024

Verger – Lynnae Boudreau

Crucifer – Billy Clayton

Lector 1 – Missie Kirkland

Lector 2 – BJ Foster

Eucharistic Minister – Susan Marr

Ushers – Diana Symins & Bucky Buchmaier

VPOD – Lynnae Boudreau

Altar Guild – Diana Symins

Videographer – Michelle Crawford

Fellowship – Parish Life

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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