

# The Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

August 13, 2023





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.

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, there are two ways to do so—you may drink the wine from the first chalice, or the second chalice-bearer will dip the bread in the wine (intinction) and place it in your hands. 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 Baptism

**Voluntary**

Voluntary in F Major, Largo and Brillante

Robert Broderip

**Processional Hymn**

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymn 657

## Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Priest continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People *One God, Creator of all.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Clare, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:8-15

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and right, do not be amazed at the matter; for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. But all things considered, this is an advantage for a land: a king for a plowed field. The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity. When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of laborers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep. There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. As they came from their mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 63:1-8



1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as  
in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will  
rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

**The Gospel: Luke 12:32–34**

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

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Renewal of Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* *I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* *I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Baptism Hymn**

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymn 490

### **The Prayers of the People**

### **A Litany for the Mission of The Church**

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,  
*Have mercy on us.*

From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,  
*Savior, deliver us.*

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,  
*Savior, deliver us.*

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,  
*Savior, deliver us.*

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,  
*Savior, deliver us.*

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Comfort and heal those who are sick or in need, give them courage and hope in their troubles as we pray their names responsively: Bonnie M., The Sullivan Family, Michael, Lee, Annelies, Liz R., Bea, Kathryn, Mike, Kathy and Travis, Herb P., Sally S, Friederich, Mary, Billy, Anne, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Annie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan. Receive into your arms those who have died, including Bonnie Ledford, Jim Hull, Eva Breedlove, Buddy Hatchison, and William Heider. Protect those who travel, including Michelle W. and Bailey. Shine your love on those who celebrate birthdays, including Sean Duryea, Hana Gregory, and Marvin Harkins; and those who celebrate anniversaries, including Becky and Ken Boehringer.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

## **The Blessing of Backpacks and Gifts to Family Connection**

### **The Peace**

# The Holy Communion

## Choral Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?  
*Missie Kirkland, soloist*

Greg Gilpin

## Presentation Hymn

Take my life and let it be

Hymn 707

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal, S-125\*

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or to 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 wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Christ Our Passover

Hymn S-155\*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Communion Hymns**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
I Am the Bread of Life

Hymn 711  
Hymn 335

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## **The Blessing**

Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for the One who created you has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and for ever more. Amen.

*(Adapted from a prayer by St. Clare, given to her sisters on her death bed.)*

## **Procession**

Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee

Hymn 376

## **The Dismissal**

## **Postlude**

Lift High the Cross

Sydney Hugo Nicholson

## **Those Who Serve**

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Verger – Lynnae Boudreau

Crucifer – Lamar Barber

Gospelier – Camilla Duello

Lector 1 – Butch Duryea

Eucharistic Minister – Susan Marr

Ushers – Carlene & Tony Dockery

VPOD – Herb Pilcher

Altar Guild – Linda Boyett & Kathy McNeese

Flower Guild – Patti Albritton

Videographer – Michelle Crawford

Fellowship – Bob Gorman

### **Weekly Services**

Sundays, HE Rite II, 10:30 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 will resume in September.

### **Barn Warming**

**The parish is invited to Lynnae Boudreau's farm this evening**, August 13th, at 5:00 PM for a barn warming. Explore the barn, wander the farm, pet the sheep, and bring a potluck dish to share! If you have questions, contact Lynnae at (404)232-0220.

### **Music in the Garden**

**Save the date for our next Music in the Garden event** on Friday, September 29th. Weather permitting, we will begin with a reception in our gardens at 5:30 and move indoors for a lively performance by our own Tamara and Jamie Whiting. If you are able to help plan the reception, contact Kitty at [admin@stclaresepiscopal.org](mailto:admin@stclaresepiscopal.org).

### **Chapel Wish List**

**Our new Assisi Chapel** needs chairs, linens, and other items. Please see the email announcement sent on August 1st to complete a donation form or to learn more about the wish list. Printed donation forms are also available in the Narthex. Many thanks to those who have already contributed their gifts to this sacred space.

### **Adult Formation**

**Join Liz+ next Sunday, August 20th**, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall for Adult Christian Education. We will continue our exploration of spiritual practices in the Anglican tradition.

**Thursday Book Study Group** will resume on September 7th. We will be reading The Sacred Enneagram by Christopher Heuertz. If you would like to be on the email list for our group, please contact Liz at [Liz@StClareEpiscopal.org](mailto:Liz@StClareEpiscopal.org). Use the link provided in the eClare to join. All are welcome!

### **Volunteers**

**We need smiling faces for greeters and generous hands for fellowship.** If you are interested in serving as a greeter, contact Kitty at [admin@stclaresepiscopal.org](mailto:admin@stclaresepiscopal.org). If you have questions about providing light fare for fellowship, contact Darlene Pilcher at [darlenepilcher@gmail.com](mailto:darlenepilcher@gmail.com).

### **Choir Practice**

**Our choir has resumed evening practice.** All interested singers are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:30 PM in the chapel. For more information, contact Karen Calloway at [ed-wins@windstream.net](mailto:ed-wins@windstream.net).





2023 Vestry

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