
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

*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 and then cross your arms over your chest and the wine will pass by you. 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	Voluntary in F Major	Robert Broderip
Processional Hymn	Rejoice, the Lord is King!	Hymn 481
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 234
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14		See right
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23		BCP 741
The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9		See right
Sequence Hymn	Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness	Hymn 515
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14		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 II		BCP 385
The Confession		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Choral Anthem	O God Give Peace	arr. Robert Leaf
Presentation Hymn	Not here for high and holy things <i>(verses 4-6)</i>	Hymn 9
Eucharistic Prayer D		BCP 372
The Sanctus		Hymn S-128*
The Lord's Prayer and 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>		
Communion Hymns	This is the hour of banquet and of song My God, thy table now is spread	Hymn 316 Hymn 321
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Rejoice, ye pure in heart! <i>(verses 1-5)</i>	Hymn 556
Postlude	Voluntary in F Major	William Hine

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

The altar flowers are given by Jane Wedemeyer, in thanksgiving for God's miraculous healing power and the assistance of His earthly team.

You are invited to join us for fellowship after the service, downstairs in the parish hall.

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Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:1-14)

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

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 October 15, 2023
Verger – Michael Smith-Foot
Crucifer – Eli Smith-Foot
Lector 1 – BJ Foster
Lector 2 – Eli Smith-Foot
Eucharistic Minister – Lynnae Boudreau
Ushers – Lynne Joynes & Jerome Laux
Eucharistic Visitor – Lisa McElfresh
VPOD – Sandy Calloway
Altar Guild – Lisa McElfresh
Flower Guild – Patti Albritton
Videographer – Lamar Barber
Fellowship – Kathy McNeese & Frank Kinmonth

2023 Vestry

Lynnae Boudreau, Senior Warden
Lisa McElfresh, Junior Warden
Lamar Barber, Treasurer
Jo Ellen Clow, Clerk
Sandy Calloway
Amy Cox
Katherine Duello
Lynne Joynes
Pat Murray
Herb Pilcher
Michael Smith-Foot

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Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Ray, Jerry, Leena and her family, Marion, Travis, Donald, Jerry, Hilda & Roger, Andrea, the Barry Family, Jacob, Andy, Jerry, Bonnie, Jane, Sally, Mary, Anne, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan.
For those who travel: Jason and Amy, Faith and Brian.
For those who have died: Marion Prindle, Glenda, Parker Johnson, Michael Hutch, Dennis Barry.
For those celebrating birthdays: Liz Schellingerhoudt, Julie Johnston, Alex Henson.

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, First Sundays, 7:00 PM

Adult Formation

Join Liz+ next Sunday, October 22nd, at 9:30 AM for Adult Christian Education. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark, which will last through November 19th.

Thursday Book Study Group will meet on October 19th at 4:00 PM on Zoom. We will be discussing The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective by Richard Rohr and Andreas Ebert. Use the link provided in the eClare to join. All are welcome!

Boo Bash

We are collecting candy for the annual Boo Bash! You can drop off candy during office hours - Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM - or at Sunday service. Volunteers are also needed to set up our candy booth. If you are able to help, contact Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org.

All Saints' Day

On November 5th, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. We will read the names of those members of the parish, family, and friends who have died since last All Saints' Day, November 1, 2022. If you have a name you'd like to include, please send it to Kitty (admin@stclaresepiscopal.org) as you would like for it to be read. Names need to be received by Sunday, October 29th to be included.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting and potluck lunch will be held on November 19th, following our 10:30 AM service. During the service, we will have our pledge ingathering. Ministry leaders - please submit your report(s) to Kitty by Monday, October 23rd.