
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 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	Trumpet Tune	John Stanley
Processional Hymn	O God, our help in ages past	Hymn 680
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 235
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12		See right
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17		BCP 717
The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8		See right
Sequence Hymn	How lovely is thy dwelling place	Hymn 517
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-36		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	If Ye Love Me	Thomas Tallis
Presentation Hymn	Not here for high and holy things (verses 4-6)	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	Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God	LEVAS 74* Hymn 505
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Lord, whose love through humble service	Hymn 610
Postlude	Chromatic Fugue	Johann Pachelbel

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

**All hymns beginning with LEVAS can be found in Lift Every Voice and Sing.*

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

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Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:34-46)

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Leah Marie, Doug S., Clinton, B.C. and T.C., Andy, Richard, Amy, Suheil, Eran, Denise & Don, Susie, Jerry, MaryAnn, Travis, Annie, 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: Amy C., Marcia B.

For those who have died: Barbara Jones, Ray Cricker, Fowden Maxwell, Marion Prindle.

For those celebrating birthdays: Eddie Sherotski, Kees Schellingerhoudt.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Joyce & Hank Ankenmann,

Those Who Serve

Sunday October 29, 2023
Verger – Eli Smith-Foot
Crucifer – Michael Smith-Foot
Lector 1 – BJ Foster
Lector 2 – Michael Smith-Foot
Eucharistic Minister – Steve Wilson
Ushers – Scotti & Skip Kershner
VPOD – Lynnae Boudreau
Altar Guild – Diana Symins
Flower Guild – Kees Schellingerhoudt
Videographer – Sandy Bell
Fellowship – Peggy & Bob Gorman

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
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Herb Pilcher
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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

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is now being offered in the Assisi Chapel on Wednesdays at 11:30 AM. This practice will continue through the end of Advent. Our 12:15 Eucharist follows in the church.

Adult Formation

Join Liz+ next Sunday, November 5th, 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 November 2nd 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.

Boo Bash

We are collecting candy for the annual Boo Bash! Sunday, October 29th, is the last day to drop off candy at the service.

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 Monday, October 30th, 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.

Advent Meditation Booklet

It is our tradition to create meditation booklets for Advent and Lent, filled with submissions by members of our parish. We would love to have your written reflections, original poems, photography, or photos of your artwork. This year's theme is "The Joy of Creation." Please send your submission to Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org. The deadline is Monday, October 30th.