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## *St. Clare's Episcopal Church*

### **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 2024**

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.  
Please silence all cell phones. Flash photography is not allowed.*

**W**elcome 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>	Tommaso Albinoni
Silent Procession		
Opening Acclamation		BCP 351
The Confession and Absolution		BCP 352
Trisagion ( <i>sung three times</i> )		Hymn S-102*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 219

### **The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

### **Psalm 51:1-13** (*spoken*)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**The Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Sequence Hymn

*What wondrous love is this*

Hymn 439

**The Gospel: John 12:20-33**

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

*People: Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

## The Holy Communion

Choral Anthem  
Presentation Hymn

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*  
*Take my life and let it be*

Carl F. Mueller  
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.*

*The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the communion hymns.*

Communion Hymns	<i>When I survey the wondrous cross</i>	Hymn 474
	<i>In the Cross of Christ I glory</i>	Hymn 441
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365

Solemn Prayer Over the People

*The Celebrant says*

Bow down before the Lord (*the people kneel as able*).

*The Celebrant says*

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>Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim</i>	Hymn 473
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Antonio Vivaldi

***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:** Rubye, Belinda, Maggie, Ray, Peter, George, Jim, Jenna, Jerry, Alice, Brandy, Jo Ann, Neil, and Jacquelyn; for Keith, Sharon, Renea, Carolyn, MaryAnn, Jane, Mary, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan.

**For those who have died:** Guillermo Aquas-Bahena, Kay Scott, 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:** Susan Stokke, Norman Clapp, Betty-Bruce Hoover, and Mary Beth Wiles.

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

### **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10:30 AM beginning in the Memorial Gardens behind the church  
Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 5:15 PM Agape Meal in the parish hall  
Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist with foot-washing in the church  
Good Friday, March 29th, Noon and 6:00 PM with Stations of the Cross at 5:15 PM in the church  
Holy Saturday, March 30th, Noon in the church

### **Easter Day**

Easter Vigil, March 31st, 6:00 AM beginning in the Memorial Gardens, followed by Easter breakfast  
Easter Day Service, March 31st, 10:30 AM  
Covered dish Easter Feast and Easter Egg Hunt for children, March 31st, immediately following the service

**The bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be held this Saturday**, March 23rd from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM. 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.

**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. The Daily Office will not be held on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

**Signups for our Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner, Wait With Me One Hour, and Easter Feast** are available in the eClare. Please RSVP and help us plan for these Holy Week and Easter Day events.

**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](mailto:hhoke1234@gmail.com).

**St. Clare's will host a fire drill on Sunday, April 14th, during the 10:30 AM service.** This drill has been scheduled as part of the Vestry's work on our emergency management procedures.



**Those Who Serve**

Sunday March 17, 2024  
Verger – Lamar Barber  
Crucifer – Billy Clayton  
Lector 1 – Michelle Crawford  
Lector 2 – Billy Clayton  
Eucharistic Minister – Lamar Barber  
Ushers – Carlene & Tony Dockery  
Greeter – Jo Ellen Clow  
VPOD – Butch Duryea  
Altar Guild – Lisa McElfresh  
Videographer – Haley Dyer  
Fellowship – Mary Beth Wiles & Leslie Davis

**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  
Lisa McElfresh  
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