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## *St. Clare's Episcopal Church*

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 25, 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>Choral Prelude on "Have Mercy on me, O Lord God"</i>	J.K. Krebs
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: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalm 22:22-30 (spoken)

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Sequence Hymn

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*

Hymn 675

The Gospel: 8:31-38

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

*People: Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The Sermon

Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt

*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  
Presentation Hymn

*God Be in My Head*

Arlen Clarke

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.*

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

Communion Hymns Hymn 337  
*And now, O Father, mindful of the love*  
*Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants* Hymn 338  
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 Hymn 637  
*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*  
Postlude Henry Purcell  
*Allegretto*

***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:** Lisa, 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, Deborah, Merle, John, Jack, 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:** Amy and Jason, Michelle, John and Lamar.

**For those who have died:** Galen Heyne, Wendell Cross, Leonard Brown, Alexi Navalny, Lisa Lopez-Galvan, Beverly Moore, Seiji Ozawa, 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:** Joy Gibson, Linda Boyett, Roy Gibson, and Adele Pizycki.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Amy & Jonathan Cox, and Kim & Mark Siekman.

### **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

**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 host 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 three 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 3: The Last Week, Part One: Palm Sunday through Holy Wednesday (also known as "Spy Wednesday")
- 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.

**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 bed build** for Sleep in Heavenly Peace on Saturday, March 9th from 8:30 AM - 12:00 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](mailto:lboudreau50@gmail.com).



**Those Who Serve**

Sunday February 25, 2024

Verger – Lynnae Boudreau

Crucifer – Billy Clayton

Lector 1 – Missie Kirkland

Lector 2 – Haley Dyer

Eucharistic Minister – Michael Smith-Foot

Ushers – Lynne Joynes & Jerome Laux

VPOD – Pat Murray & Frank Kinmonth

Altar Guild – Linda Boyett

Videographer – Kees Schellingerhoudt

Fellowship – Jo Ellen Clow

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

Michael Smith-Foot

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