
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

*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. If you do not wish to take the wine, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like to accept the wine, you may drink the wine from the first chalice or the second chalice-bearer will dip the wafer in the wine (intinction) and place it in your hands. If you would rather have the bread only with no wine, please let the priest know by holding up one finger. 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 EUCHARIST RITE II

The Word Of God

Prelude	Toccata in C	Carlos Seixas
Processional	Christ is alive! Let Christians sing	Hymn 182
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 224
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19		See right
Psalm 4		See insert
The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7		See right
Sequence Hymn	Children of the heav'nly Father	LEVAS 213
The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48		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 III		BCP 387
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Choral Anthem	Like as a Father	Luigi Chrubini <i>arr. by A.C. Lovelace</i>
Presentation Hymn	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow	Hymn 380
Eucharistic Prayer B (<i>sung</i>)		BCP 367
The Sanctus		Hymn S-128*
The Lord's Prayer (<i>contemporary form, sung</i>)		Hymn S-148*
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>		
<i>The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the communion hymns.</i>		
Communion Hymns	Come, risen Lord, and design to be our guest Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless	Hymn 305 Hymn 343 BCP 365
Post Communion Prayer		
Processional Hymn	Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness	Hymn 492
Postlude	Voluntary No. 7	Maurice Green

**All hymns beginning with "S" (Service Music) are found in the front of the blue hymnal.
All hymns beginning with LEVAS are found in Lift Every Voice and Sing.*

We will not gather for fellowship after the service today.

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:36b-48)

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Beth, Darlene, Margaret, Noel, Will, Glenda, Allowee, Nancy, Maggie and Bob, Mike, Merle, Lisa, the Bassett family and Mike, and the Brennan-Linial family; for Nancy, Kathleen, Angela, 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 travel: Annelies.

For those who have died: Ron Gollberg, Bud Dyer, Bob Johnson, Bruce Konrady, Marcella Phelps, Andy Linial, all who have died in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and all who have died in the war in the Middle East and wars around the world

For those celebrating birthdays: Fern Kropewnicki and Eloise Whisenhunt. .

Those Who Serve

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Verger – Michael Smith-Foot
Crucifer – Eli Smith-Foot
Lector 1 – Haley Dyer
Lector 2 – Michael Smith-Foot
Eucharistic Minister – Steve Wilson
Ushers – Kathy McNeese & Frank Kinmonth
VPOD – Amy Cox
Altar Guild – Diana Symins
Flower Guild – Kees Schellingerhoudt
Videographer – Lamar Barber
No fellowship

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
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Weekly Services

Sundays, HE Rite II, 10:30 AM
Wednesdays, Centering Prayer, 11:30 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, 7:00PM

Our fire drill is today! Frank Kinmonth will share more information and directions during announcements and the drill will be held at the end of the service. This coordinated effort will help us move forward with our emergency preparedness plan.

Join Liz+ next Sunday, April 21st, at 9:30 AM for Conversations in the Parish Hall. We will continue these conversations for the remainder of Sundays this month.

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 is currently reading Zero at the Bone: Fifty Entries Against Despair by Christian Wiman. All are welcome! We meet by Zoom each Thursday from 4 to 5 PM.

Henry Batten and Tommy Westbrook will seek God's blessing on their marriage during our regular Eucharist next Sunday, April 21st. They invite everyone to celebrate after the service at Fellowship.

We will celebrate our graduating seniors, Benton Gregory and Lily Harkins, on Sunday, May 12th.

After 6 years of service as our altar guild chair, Linda Boyett is stepping down. Thanks to Kathy McNeese for agreeing to chair this important committee. We will celebrate Linda's service to the parish on Sunday, May 5th, during Fellowship.

The May-July 2024 schedule for Those Who Serve will be published this week. If you have any questions, contact Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org.