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## *St. Clare's Episcopal Church*

**Ascension Sunday**

**May 12, 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

Prelude	Trumpet Tune	Jean Joseph Mouret
Processional	Hail the day that sees him rise	Hymn 214
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 226
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11		See right
Psalm 47		See insert
The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23		See right
Sequence Hymn	Crown him with many crowns	Hymn 494
The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53		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	Come, Let us Sing to the Lord	Steven Rickards
Presentation Hymn	From all that dwell below the skies	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 down, O Love divine	Hymn 516
	Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord	Hymn 328
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!	Hymn 460
Postlude	Trumpet Tune	Antonio Vivaldi

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

***All are invited to join us for Fellowship after the service, downstairs in the Parish Hall.  
We will celebrate our graduating seniors, Lily Harkins and Benton Gregory.***

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### **Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

### **Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:44-53)**

*People: Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

### **Prayers of the People**

**For the sick or in need:** Dennis, Bill, Sue, Rick, the Hendrix family, Emily, David, Brenda, Cindy, Merle and Hal, Pat, Isaiah, Donna, Gene, Linda, Tater, Shane, and Kirk; for Aspen, Tina, Beverly, 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 have died:** Martha Williams, Nanda Cook, Linda Long, all who have died in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and all who have died in the war in the Middle East and in wars around the world.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Lily Harkins, Linda Cacchioli, Janice Clapp, and Duncan Lawrence.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Lynne Joynes & Jerome Laux, and Michelle & Chris Crawford.

### **Those Who Serve**

Sunday, May 12, 2024  
Verger – Michael Smith-Foot  
Crucifer – Eli Smith-Foot  
Lector 1 – Lisa McElfresh  
Lector 2 – Haley Dyer  
Eucharistic Minister – Sandy Bell  
Ushers – Carlene & Tony Dockery  
Greeter – Michelle Wilson  
Altar Guild – Diana Symins  
Flower Guild – Patti Albritton  
VPOD – Pat Murray  
Videographer – Lamar Barber  
Fellowship – Scotti Kershner

### **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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### **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 will resume in September

**Today we are celebrating our graduating seniors**, Benton Gregory and Lily Harkins. After the service, please join us for cake in the Parish Hall.

**Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held** after the Pentecost service next Sunday, May 19th. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the church. Please bring a side dish to share. If you have something red in your closet, wear it to help us celebrate Pentecost!

**We will continue our Adult Formation Series** on May 19th. Join Liz+ at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall for an introduction to Anglican spirituality (The Episcopal Church). We will not meet for Adult Education on Sunday, May 26th.

**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.

**Our parish will change to an online directory** over the coming months. After July 1st, the printed directory will no longer be available. More information to come.