
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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	Joy! (Beethoven a la Brubeck)	William Allen Pasch
Processional	All creatures of our God and King	Hymn 400
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 225
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48		See right
Psalm 98		See insert
The Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6		See right
Sequence Hymn	God is love, and where true love is	Hymn 529
The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17		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	With Songs of Rejoicing	J.S. Bach
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	Lord, make us servants of your peace	Hymn 593
	Descent, O Spirit, purging flame	Hymn 297
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional Hymn	O Jesus, crowned with all renown	Hymn 292
Postlude	Fugue in C Major	G.F. Handel

**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 are celebrating Linda Boyett for her years of service to the Altar Guild.***

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Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:9-17)

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Cindy, Merle and Hal, Pat, Isaiah, Donna, Gene, Linda, Tater, Shane, Kirk, Trisha, Harry, the Bassett family and Jack, Michael, Jenna, 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: Amy, Jason, and Jo Ellen.

For those who have died: Joey Cordy, 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: Ken Alexander.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Sharon Henderson & Candace Tschirki, and Tamara & Jamey Whiting.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

Those Who Serve

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Verger – Lynnae Boudreau
Crucifer – Lamar Barber
Lector 1 – Sandy Bell
Lector 2 – Lamar Barber
Eucharistic Minister – Michael Smith-Foot
Ushers – Lynne Joynes & Jerome Laux
Eucharistic Visitor – Sandy Bell
Altar Guild – Kathy McNeese
Flower Guild – Kees Schellingerhoudt
VPOD – Steve Wilson
Videographer – Haley Dyer
Fellowship – Altar Guild

2024 Vestry

Frank Kinmonth, Senior Warden
Pat Murray, Junior Warden
Lamar Barber, Treasurer
Jo Ellen Clow, Clerk
Mary Buonagura
Amy Cox
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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, First Sundays, 7:00PM

Fellowship following today's service is sponsored by the Altar Guild, in celebration of Linda Boyett and her many years of service. All are welcome.

We will hold a 3-week Adult Formation Series on May 12th, 19th, and 26th. Join Liz+ at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall for an introduction to Anglican spirituality (The Episcopal Church).

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.

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

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held after the Pentecost service on 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!

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.