

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia 10:00 a.m. March 31, 2024

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER SUNDAY Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE Prelude in C Major J. S. BACH

OPENING HYMN HE IS RISEN (#180)

1 He is risen, he is risen!

Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

- 2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.
- 3 Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.
- He is risen, he is risen!

 He hath opened heaven's gate:

 we are free from sin's dark prison,

 risen to a holier state;

 and a brighter Easter beam

 on our longing eyes shall stream.

He is risen, he is risen, #180 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

BCP 323

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SUMMATION OF THE LAW

BCP 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA (SUNG)

Gloria in excelcis

(Pew Insert)

Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap) In excelsis Deo. Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap) In excelsis Deo.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 168

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

RESPONSIVE HYMN WELCOME, HAPPY MORNING (vs. 1-4)

(#179)

- "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say: hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today! Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore! Him their true Creator, all his works adore! "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.
- Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring, all fresh gifts returned with her returning King: bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough, speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now. "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.
- 3 Months in due succession, days of lengthening light, hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight. Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea, Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee. "Welcome, happy morning," age to age shall say.
- 4 Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all, thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall, of the Father's Godhead true and only Son, mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say, #179 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: Fortunatus, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

A READING FROM ACTS 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

THE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

(BCP 760)

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
 the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
 and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.

- 23 This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

GRADUAL HYMN

ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O'ER

(#208)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed: let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead: all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high portals fell; let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!
- 5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, #208 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **SAINT JOHN 20:1-18**[Before the Gospel, "Glory be to thee, O Lord." After the Gospel, "Praise be to Thee, O Christ."]

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THE SERMON

THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

People Stand

THE NICENE CREED (ALL)

BCP 327

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped

and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PARISH PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, remembering especially all on our Pews News Prayer list.

(The congregation responds with "Jesus, hear our prayer".)

THE CONFESSION

BCP 330

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins

and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,

the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please thee in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION BCP 332

Celebrant:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 332

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

THE PEACE & WELCOME

BCP 332

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

People Stand

DOXOLOGY (SUNG)

(Tune #618)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE 1, PRAYER 2

BCP 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.**Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

SURSUM CORDA

BCP 340

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS (Pew Insert)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Deus Sabbaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra. Gloria tua, Hosanna in excelsis!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION BCP 337

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI (SUNG)

(Pew Insert)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP 338

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (All Pray Together)

[from the South African Book of Common Prayer (1989).]

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer but hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

(recited by prisoners who were unable to receive communion during Apartheid)

COMMUNION HYMNS

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

(#182)

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
 His cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.
 His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.
- 3 Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.
- 4 In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide,

he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age, till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

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GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE AND SING!

(#205)

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way; let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One, we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING BCP 339

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day, who did once upon the cross, suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, unto Christ, our heavenly King, who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured; now above the sky he's King, where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above praise eternal as his love; praise him, all ye heavenly host, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is risen today, #207 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Easter Hymn, from Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. The Compleat Psalmodist, 1749, alt., desc. Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

DISMISSAL BCP 340

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major J. S. Bach

St. Mark's Weekly Prayer List

Prayer requests for individuals and families are left on for 4 Sundays unless requested. If you wish for someone to be left on longer, please let the office know at the time you make the request.

IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Patrick Funkhouser; Erin Funkhouser; Caleb Bradley; Nathan Bradley; Mason Alexander; Reeve Alexander; Jimmy Brown; Eric Burton; Ali Taha; Griffith Wood; Logan Ching; and First Responders.

THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week:

Pat Gordon (4/3); Sherry Vinson (4/5).

SEMINARIANS: Jake Webb, Parker Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Judy Newbern Pat Honts **Jason Christian** Bayer Juliana Nganele **Tommy** Hunter **Kris** Browning Hi Nicely Mark Hurd **Bob** Bryant Nora Meg Johnson **Adam** Burkley Janet P. **Dan** Karnes Lynn Clark **Doug** Paysour **Angela** Coon Kay Emily Perdue Cora Lvnne Kessler Roderick Plenge Jacob Crawford Jim Ketron **Douglas** Pomrenke Jeremiah Crawford Sue Ketron Sis Proffitt **Suzanne** Cronise **Sharon** LaVonne Kidwell Roman **Bryce** Dalton

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

St. Mark's Prayer Ministries

Willis is available to talk and pray: call, email or text him. We Care Ministry: A prayer and service ministry for St. Mark's Contact: Carole Geiger (geiger.caroleb@gmail.com) Prayer Chain: Emergency situations contact Susan Hays by phone

Parish Activities - Week of March 31, 2024

Sunday, March 31 – The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

10:00am - Service of Holy Communion Rite I with Flowering of the Cross and Celebrating the Risen Lord. Easter Egg Hunt for the children after the service

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed 12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

Tuesday, April 2

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, April 3

4-5:30pm - BMA Rehearsal

5:00pm - Piccoli Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, April 4

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, April 5

Office Closed

Saturday, April 6

8:30am - Episcopal Men's Fellowship

9:30am - Noon Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

LEM/INTERCESSOR: BRIAN WOOD

2ND CHALICE BEARER: WALTER MICHAEL

LECTOR: ANN LAYMAN

ACOLYTES: HADEN MURPHY, HEATHERLYN GARLAND,

HAZELLEIGH GARLAND

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Tommy Hunter, Organist Anna Preston, Music Minister
George Sydnor, Treasurer Sue Spickard, Bookkeeper
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Allison Caldwell, Children's Minister

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There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children after the 10:00am service!! Please bring your Easter baskets!