



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:30 a.m.

March 7, 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Morning Prayer, Rite I

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT ON HIGH (VS. 1, 3)

(#409)

Unison or harmony

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,
the moon takes up the won - drous tale,
move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim.
re - peats the sto - ry of her
a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day
whilst all the stars that round her burn,
In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;
and all the plan - ets in their turn,
and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land
con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll
for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,

the work of an al - might - y hand.
and spread the truth from pole to pole.
"The hand that made us is di - vine."

THE DECALOGUE

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Honor thy father and thy mother.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not steal.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 38

CONFESSION

BCP 41

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

[THE PEOPLE KNEEL OR SIT IN SILENCE]

Officiant begins and people follow:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

BCP 42

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

[A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."]

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 42

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

VENITE (*Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*)

BCP (#S-6)



O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

THE PSALM 19

BCP 606

[READ RESPONSIVELY, BY WHOLE VERSE]

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Officiant and People: Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF FIRST CORINTHIANS

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

(1:18-25)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
 call upon him when he draws near.
 Let the wicked forsake their ways *
 and the evil ones their thoughts;
 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will
 have compassion, *
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
 so are my ways higher than your ways,
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *

and return not again, but water the earth,
 Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,
 So is my word that goes forth from my
 mouth; *
 it will not return to me empty;
 But it will accomplish that which I have
 purposed, *
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
 the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
 be for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

(2:13-22)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) Music: *Herzliebster-Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

THE SERMON

MATT ROSSI

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 53

[The intercessor leads the people in affirming their faith with these words]

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Intercessor: Let us pray.

**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.**

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.

THE PARISH PRAYERS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER DURING A PANDEMIC

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING [UNISON]

BCP 58

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM
[OFFICIANT ONLY]

BCP 59

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY

(#380, V. 3)

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3. Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Psalmes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

BENEDICTION

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

ROCK OF AGES

(#685)

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERVING US TODAY:

OFFICIANT & PREACHER: MATT ROSSI

INTERCESSOR: MIKE PARISH

READER: JAY GORDON

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO YOU!

We are so glad that you are with us today! Our prayer each Sunday is that St. Mark's will be a place of refuge, rest, restoration, and love.

During this time of physical separation, we hope you will “join” us virtually each week on Zoom:

Sunday Adult Education with Willis & Matt – 9:30am

Sunday Service of Morning Prayer - 10:30am

Wednesday Service of Evening Prayer - 7:30pm

Thursdays – Brown Bag Bible Study at 12:00pm

Saturdays—The Botetourt Food Pantry will distribute food by drive-up service from 9:30am to noon

The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector

Tommy Hunter, Organist Anna Preston, Music Minister

George Sydnor, Treasurer Sue Spickard, Bookkeeper

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Peter Howarth, Property Manager

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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: Nicholas Borsa; Patrick Funkhouser; Erin Funkhouser; Catharina Lindsey; Andrew Tucker; Caleb Bradley; Mason Alexander; Reeve Alexander; Jimmy Brown; Gavin Zachary; Ali Taha; **First Responders;** Megan Aylor.

THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week:
Channing Preston (3/7).

THOSE IN NEED:

Jason Christian Bayer
The Rev. Susan Bentley
Kris Browning
Gail Burruss
Kay Canham
Lynn Clark
Angela Coon
Cora
Carolyn Corswandt
Jacob Crawford
Jeremiah Crawford
Cathy Cronise
Bryce Dalton
Debby
Eva
Christine E.
Charlie Echols
Brooke Forney
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Jim Harris
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Doug Ross
Mario Saade
Savannah
Brenda Simmons
Sherry Vinson
Reedie Waid
Nancy Wells
Denise Williamson
Pete Wood

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Mike Phelan

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: Phelan family.

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

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Prayer Chain: Emergency situations contact Susan Hays by phone

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Adult Education at 9:30am and Service of Morning Prayer at 10:30am Sunday:

<https://zoom.us/j/529751141>

Call-in Use # 1 301 715 8592 // then enter
meeting code 529 751 141

Service of Evening Prayer at 7:30pm Wednesday:

<https://zoom.us/j/515775059>

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Brown Bag Bible Study Thursdays at noon:

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(If prompted for a password then enter "jesus")

