

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia 10:30 a.m. May 16, 2021

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MATT ROSSI SUNDAY Service of Communion, Rite II ~ Outdoor Worship Service

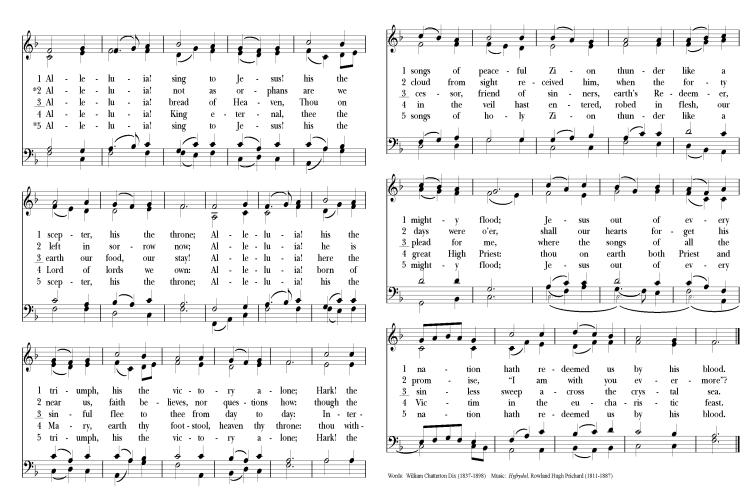
PRELUDE

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

OPENING HYMN

ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS (vs. 1-4)

(#460)

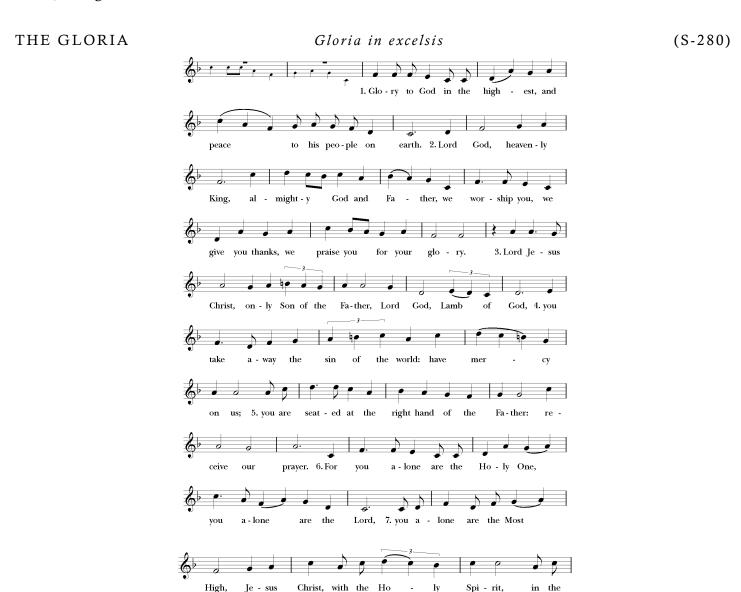


Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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



 God

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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."

(1:1-11)

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

THE PSALM 47

[READ RESPONSIVELY, BY WHOLE VERSE]

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
 God sits upon his holy throne.

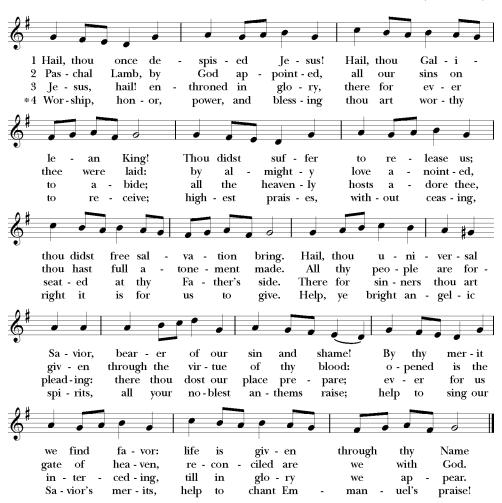
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

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.

(1:15-23)

GRADUAL HYMN HAIL THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS (vs. 1-3) (#495)



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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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.

(24:44-53)

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

THE SERMON

SEMINARIAN MATT ROSSI

THE NICENE CREED (ALL)

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

of one Being with the Father.

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We 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 "hear our prayer".)

CONFESSION BCP 360

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

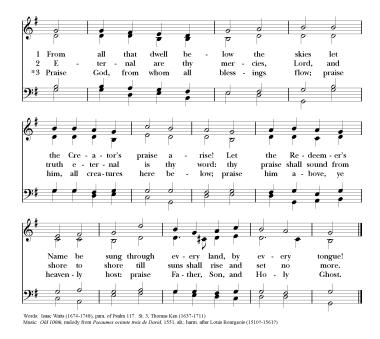
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

HOLY COMMUNION

DOXOLOGY (#380, v. 3)



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (ALL) (HYMNAL S-129)

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. . .

. . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

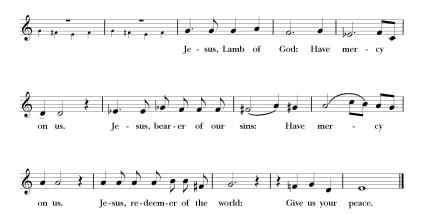
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where Holy Communion is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I

proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD (#711)



Celebrant:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(#494)



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DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

SERVING US TODAY:

CELEBRANT: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

PREACHER: MATT ROSSI INTERCESSOR: PAM GARRISON

READER: EMILY TALBOT-GUILLOTE

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON
ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

WELCOME & INFO

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 each week:

Weekly Easter offerings

Wednesday Service of Evening Prayer - 7:30pm

Thursdays – Brown Bag Bible Study at 12:00pm meeting in person and also by Zoom.

Saturdays—The Botetourt Food Pantry will distribute food by drive-up service from 9:30am to noon Sundays – Hybrid service of Holy Communion meeting outdoors in the Memorial Garden and on Zoom.

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
Mary Garland, Children's Minister Marissa Howell, Nursery Minister

Vestry (Lay Leadership)

Danielle Alexander (Senior Warden) * Charlie Echols
Patti Suite (Associate Warden) * Trudy Trammell
Lisa Uotinen * Bruce Wilsie * Brian Wood

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St. Mark's Weekly Prayer List

Prayer requests for individuals and families are left on for 4 Sundays <u>unless requested</u>. 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:

Ashley Logan, Colin King (5/19).

THOSE IN NEED:

Jason Christian BayerJim HarrisJudy NewbernThe Rev. Susan BentleyLaura Holt McCannJuliana Nganele

Kris BrowningTommy HunterJanet P.Gail BurrussMary Beth HuweDebi PhelanKay CanhamMeg JohnsonSis Proffitt

Lynn Clark Sue Ketron Evelyn Renshaw

Angela Coon Sharon LaVonne Kidwell Roman

CoraYvonne KillersBrook RoncinskeCarolyn CorswandtAnn LaymanJan RozzelleJacob CrawfordGeorge LesterDoug RossJeremiah CrawfordBette MahonyMario SaadeCathy CronisePete MahonySavannah

Bryce Dalton
Mary
Brenda Simmons
Debby
Greg Miller
Sherry Vinson
Eva
Lora Mobray
Reedie Waid
Christine E.
Judy Morris
Nancy Wells

Brooke Forney Lisa N. Denise Williamson

Yvonne Frazier Edward Neil Pete Wood

Carol Gavel Penny Neil

Helen Gregory

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Trip Bopp; Tim Kelly; Kel Carter.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: Bopp family; Kelly family; Carter 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 Contact: Carole Geiger (geiger.caroleb@gmail.com)

Prayer Chain: Emergency situations contact Susan Hays by phone