



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

January 12, 2025

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE *Andantino* M. Bercovitz

OPENING HYMN DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS #339

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 323

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 323

THE SUMMATION OF THE LAW BCP 324

GLORIA (SUNG) *Glory be to God* Pew Insert

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 161

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

People Sit

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

THE PSALM 29

BCP 620

GRADUAL HYMN

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE (vs. 1,4)

#135

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

[Before the Gospel, "**Glor**y be to thee, O Lord." After the Gospel, "**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**"]

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

People Sit

THE SERMON

THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

People Stand

THE NICENE CREED (ALL)

BCP 327

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".)

CONFESSION OF SIN	BCP 330
ABSOLUTION	BCP 332
COMFORTABLE WORDS	BCP 332
THE PEACE & WELCOME	BCP 332
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.	
People: And with thy spirit.	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY	<i>Going Home</i>	arr. I Good
<i>People Stand</i>		
DOXOLOGY		#380, v. 3
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		BCP 340
SURSUM CORDA		BCP 340
SANCTUS		Pew Insert
THE LORD'S PRAYER		BCP 336
FRACTION		BCP 337
AGNUS DEI		Pew Insert
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		BCP 337
THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION		BCP 338
PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (Celebrant prays with those on Zoom)		
[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.		
COMMUNION HYMN	LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER	#325

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH (vs. 1-4) #448

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

POSTLUDE

Allegro

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