



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

October 6, 2024

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

Andantino

D. Cimarosa

OPENING HYMN

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

(#376)

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, #376 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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

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 excelsis

(Pew Insert)

Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)

In excelsis Deo.

Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)

In excelsis Deo.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 179

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF **HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM 26

BCP 616

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O Lord, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 **Whose hands are full of evil plots, ***
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 **My foot stands on level ground; ***
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (v. 1,2,4) (#416, tune #119)

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain

- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

For the beauty of the earth, #416 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt. Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK 10:2-16

[Before the Gospel, “**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**” After the Gospel, “**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**”]

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

THE SERMON

JAKE WEBB

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

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,

BCP 330

**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

How Great Thou Art

arr. I. Good

People Stand

DOXOLOGY (SUNG)

(Tune #618)

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

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 (SUNG)

(Pew Insert)

**Sanctus, 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.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Love divine, all loves excelling, #657 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Con spirito

M. Clementi

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; 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:

Peggy Crosson (10/6).

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Channing & Anna Preston in celebration of Nathan's 16th birthday.

SEMINARIANS: Parker Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Carol Anderson
Jason Christian Bayer
Bianca
Kris Browning
Adam Burkley
Lynn Clark
Angela Coon
Cora
Jacob Crawford
Jeremiah Crawford
Suzanne Cronise
Bryce Dalton
Nonie Diebold
Josh diPalma
Carma Duffy
Eva
Christine E.
Ernie Ferguson
Brooke Forney
Jeff and Yvonne Frazier
Chelsea G. H.
Chuck Geiger

Crofton Held
Pat Honts
Joel Honts
Tommy Hunter
Meg Johnson
Kay
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell
Yvonne Killers
Allen Layman
David Leister
Leslie
Lisa, Chelsea, Derek
Mary
Rebecca Matasia
Laura Holt McCann
Edwina Michael
Liz Moore
Charley Neil
Edward Neil
Matthew Neil
Judy Newbern

Juliana Nganele
David Ostrowski
Janet P.
Doug Paysour
Roderick Plenge
Sis Proffitt
Roman
Brook Roncinske
Mario Saade
Savannah
Seth Spickard
Naomi Stoltzfus
Al Suite
Sherry Vinson
Jeanie Walker
Charlie Webb
Jerry Webb
Chad Whitaker
Denise Williamson
Bruce Wilsie
Kim Wyrick

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

St. Mark's Prayer Ministries

Willis and Jake are available to talk and pray: call, email or text them.

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 (540) 884-2555

Parish Activities – Week of October 6, 2024

Sunday, October 6 – The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am - Adult Education in Parish Hall. “The Gospel According to . . . John Donne”

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I

Monday, October 7

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

6:30 – 8:00pm - Daughters of the King

Discernment Group

Tuesday, October 8

11:00am - Holy Communion at The Glebe

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, October 9

3:30pm - BMA Rehearsals

7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, October 10

Gina on vacation

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, October 11

Office Closed

Saturday, October 12

9:30am - Noon Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT: THE REV. STEPHEN R. STANLEY

PREACHER: JAKE WEBB

LEM/INTERCESSOR: MEGGAN LAUCHER

2ND CHALICE BEARER: MIKE PARISH

LECTOR: KAREN BEASLEY

ACOLYTE: COLLIN MURPHY

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

ALTAR GUILD: ROBIN COLLINS, ANN SOWERS,

SCHAUMANN WILSIE, SALLY WAID

COUNTERS: JOHN ALEXANDER, BRIAN WOOD

USHERS: JOHN & DANIELLE ALEXANDER



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The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector

Jake Webb, Assistant to the Rector

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Tommy Hunter, Organist Anna Preston, Music Minister

George Sydnor, Treasurer Sue Spickard, Bookkeeper

Allison Caldwell, Children's Minister

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