



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

November 19, 2023

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

STAND UP, STAND UP, FOR JESUS

(#561)

1 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss:
from victory unto victory
his army shall be lead,
till every foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day:
ye that are his now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
stand in this strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own:
put on the Gospel armor,
and watching unto prayer,
when duty calls, or danger,
be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus:
the strife will not be long:
this day, the noise of battle;
the next, the victor's song.
To valiant hearts triumphant,
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus, #561 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: George Duffield, Jr. ((1818-1888), alt. Music: *Morning Light*, George James Webb (1803-1887).

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.*

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)

Glory be to God

Enriching Our Music, #99

Voice 1
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN’S HOMILY

A READING FROM JUDGES 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM 123

BCP 780

[READ RESPONSIVELY, BY WHOLE VERSE]

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, ***
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

GRADUAL HYMN

RISE UP, YE SAINTS OF GOD

(#551)

- 1 **Rise up, ye saints of God!**
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.
- 2 **Rise up, ye saints of God!**
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.
- 3 **Lift high the cross of Christ!**
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

Rise up, ye saints of God, #551 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many

things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

THE SERMON

THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

People Stand

NICENE CREED

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".)

CONFESSION OF SIN

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) *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow* (#380, v. 3)

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 I, 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

Arr. Anna Preston

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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI (SUNG)

O Lamb of God

(HYMNAL S-157)

**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.**

The Holy Eucharist I, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: Agnus Dei, #157 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music — Music: John Merbecke (1518?-1585?); adapt. Hymnal 1982; acc. Thomas Foster (b. 1938). Melody: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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 HYMN

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

(#325)

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;

***with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

***when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

***when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees,

Let us break bread together on our knees, #325 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: African-American spiritual. Music: Let Us Break Bread, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

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

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.*

CLOSING HYMN

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

(#680)

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| <p>1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:</p> <p>2 under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.</p> <p>3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.</p> | <p>4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.</p> <p>5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.</p> <p>6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.</p> |
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O God, our help in ages past, #680 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

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; Gavin Zachary; Eric Burton; Ali Taha; Griffith Wood; Logan Ching; and **First Responders**.

THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week:
Charles Echols, Jr. (11/19); **Jay Gordon** (11/22); **Penny Neil** (11/24).

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Anna & Channing Preston in celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary.

SEMINARIANS: Jake Webb, Parker Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Jason Christian Bayer
Kris Browning
Bob Bryant
Adam Burkley
Lynn Clark
Angela Coon
Cora
Jacob Crawford
Jeremiah Crawford
Bryce Dalton
Eva
Christine E.
Brooke Forney
Yvonne Frazier
Chuck Geiger
Jim Harris
Laura Holt McCann
Pat Honts
Tommy Hunter
Meg Johnson

Kay
Lynne Kessler
Jim Ketron
Sue Ketron
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell
Yvonne Killers
Allen Layman
Leslie
George Lester
Mary
Phillip Maye & family
Greg Miller
Ella Mitchell
Liz Moore
Lisa N.
Charley Neil
Edward Neil
Matthew Neil
Judy Newbern

Juliana Nganele
Janet P.
Doug Paysour
Emily Perdue
Douglas Pomrenke
Sis Proffitt
Roman
Brook Roncinske
Mario Saade
Savannah
Aubrey Scaletta
Ray Smith
Naomi Stoltzfus
Dave VanAken
Sherry Vinson
Jeanie Walker
Nancy Wells
Chad Whitaker
Denise Williamson
Kim Wyrick

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Todd Thompson, Jr.; Carolyn Corswandt

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: Thompson family; Corswandt, Guillote, Meloy, and Talbot Families.

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 November 19, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023 – The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am - Adult Education ~ Hymnody and Theology, Class I – The Favorites!

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I

Monday, November 20

Gina out of office this week

12:00pm - Bridge group meets

Tuesday, November 21

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, November 22

4:00pm - BMA Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Evening Prayer by Zoom

Thursday, November 23



Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

9:30am - Noon Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

INTERCESSOR: EMILY TALBOT-GUILLOTE

CRUCIFER/CHALICE BEARER: BRIAN WOOD

LECTOR: DAN COLLINS

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

ALTAR GUILD: PAT GORDON, CHARLOTTE HAGAN

COUNTERS: MEGGAN LAUCHER, PAM GARRISON

USHERS: MIKE & KATE PARISH

GUEST PIANIST: LISA UOTINEN



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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

Allison Caldwell, Children's Minister

Vestry (Lay Leadership)

Karen Beasley (Senior Warden) * Dan Collins (Junior Warden)

Charlotte Hagan * Meggan Laucher * Walter Michael

Trudy Trammell * Bruce Wilsie

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