



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

December 1, 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. M. Hayes

OPENING HYMN

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

#66

- 1 **Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**
- 2 **Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**
- 3 **Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**
- 4 **By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, #66 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), 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.

THE KYRIE

Plainsong

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 159

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

People Sit

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 25:1-9

BCP 614

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

People Stand

HYMN IN RESPONSE

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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*Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.*

- 1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.**

Refrain

- 2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.**

Refrain

- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Refrain

- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

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RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP 304

THE SERVICE OF INSTITUTION OF A SENIOR CHAPTER AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Celebrant: We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this congregation to institute the Agape Chapter in The Order of the Daughters of the King, and to receive and admit the members of the chapter. We commend them to your earnest prayers that they may have grace to perform and keep the vows and obligations of the Order and that the Agape Chapter and its members may work to the glory of God and for the spread of Christ's Kingdom.

Will the Charter be presented?

Presenter: It is my privilege to present to you the Agape Chapter at St. Mark's Episcopal Church so that you may formally institute the chapter.

Celebrant: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, bless and hallow this Agape Chapter, that all your servants who shall take the vows of prayer and service may have the strength and courage to faithfully fulfill them for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Clergy: In accordance with the constitution of The Order of the Daughters of the King® and by my authority as Rector of the parish, I hereby declare the Agape Chapter duly instituted in this parish. We are now ready to admit its members.

Presenter: It is my privilege to present these candidates for membership in Agape Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

Celebrant: We commend these candidates to your earnest prayers that God may provide the grace for them to fulfill the obligations of the Order and that their labors may be to the glory of God and to the welfare of all His people.

Celebrant: Do you desire to become a member of Agape Chapter of the Daughters of the King?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey faithfully the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer your support to the clergy for the good of the parish and the extension of Christ's kingdom? To wear faithfully the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

Candidates: I do with God's help.

Celebrant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit I receive and admit you as members of Agape Chapter.

Addressing the congregation:

Clergy: Will you support these women in their ministry of prayer and service?

Congregation: We will.

Clergy: Bless, O Lord, these crosses and grant to your servants now admitted into this Order such an abundance of your grace that they may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings. Amen.

Presentation of the Crosses:

“Accept and wear faithfully the cross of Our Lord Jesus”

New Members: Almighty God, help me to pray so faithfully that I may draw near to you and learn your will. Help me to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide me each day, that all I think, do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. I ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross I wear, my King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All Pray: O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold. Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant: May your love, O Lord, help the Daughters live lives of love, and may your holiness lead them to be examples of virtue, that they, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may pray and serve you all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

BCP 332

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

WELCOME and INSTALLATION OF THE CHAPLAIN

Presenter: I present to you in the love of God, *Willis*, to be a Chaplain for the Agape Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King® in which comes the call to be a spiritual guide and advisor, to provide pastoral care and liturgical services, and to communicate the work of the Order to other clergy. Because you are called to service in the things pertaining to Christ's church, we ask you to covenant with God and with us to undertake these new responsibilities on behalf of the Agape Chapter.

Willis, are you ready and willing to accept these duties and responsibilities to which you are called?

Chaplain: I am.

Presenter: Will you devote yourself to this ministry, continually seeking to be of service to our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ?

Chaplain: I will with God's help.

Presenter: Almighty and everlasting God, we dedicate *Willis* to your service in faith, joy, and love. We pray that you will confirm and strengthen him that he may grow in the love and knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ. Give him grace to nurture the Daughters under his care that we may grow together in our Rule of Life. We pray that he will be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that his life will be an example of righteousness and wholeness. May he know the nearness of God always. *Amen.*

Taking the Chaplain by the right hand, say one of the following words of reception:

Chaplain, in love we receive you as our spiritual guide and leader. We offer you our faith and trust believing that God will accomplish His work through you. May God richly bless you in all your efforts as our Chaplain, to the glory of His name. *Amen.*

ALL: Heavenly Father, we thank you for calling *Willis* to be our Chaplain. Bless us as we walk together in this new relationship and guide us always to do your work in this world. In your name we pray. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. M. Hayes

People Stand

DOXOLOGY (#380, v. 3)

**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 Plainsong

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

Plainsong

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 (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

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

WLP #812

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.**

Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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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

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

#65

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,

foretold in sacred story.

*Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy Name.*

- 2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

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DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

arr. M. Hayes

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:
Delores Wood (12/6).

SEMINARIANS: Parker Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Carol Anderson
Baby B.
Jason Christian Bayer
Kris Browning
Adam Burkley
Lynn Clark
Angela Coon
Cora
Jacob Crawford
Jeremiah Crawford
Suzanne Cronise
Rafael D.
Bryce Dalton
Nonie Diebold
Josh diPalma
Brenda Dudley
Carma Duffy
Eva
Christine E.
Ernie Ferguson
Brooke Forney
Jeff and Yvonne Frazier
Glenn G.

Chelsea G. H.
Chuck Geiger
Crofton Held
Pat Honts
Joel Honts
Tommy Hunter
Meg Johnson
Kay
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell
Yvonne Killers
Jill Lamar
Allen Layman
Leslie
Lisa, Chelsea, Derek
Darlene Martin
Mary
Laura Holt McCann
Edwina Michael
Joe Mix
Liz Moore
Charley Neil
Edward Neil
Matthew Neil

Judy Newbern
Juliana Nganele
David Ostrowski
Charles P.
Janet P.
Sandy Pauley
Doug Paysour
Roderick Plenge
Sis Proffitt
Roman
Brook Roncinske
Mario Saade
Savannah
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: Bob Woodie; Edgar Dalton.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: Rader and Woodie families; Dalton, Wright & Falls families.

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 December 1, 2024

Sunday, December 1 – The First Sunday of Advent

9:00am - Adult Education in Parish Hall. *Advent Hymns I*

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I and Daughters of the King Installation, reception. Tinsel Tree decorating after church.

Monday, December 2

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

Tuesday, December 3

6:00pm - Piccoli and Cantabile Choirs - Tree Lighting at Blue Ridge Library

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, December 4

3:30pm - BMA concert at The Glebe

7:30pm - Advent Series I, *Visio Divina*, by Zoom & in the Ministry Center

Thursday, December 5

11:30am - St. Mark's Christmas Luncheon at Fincastle United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Music by Aspen Black.

Friday, December 6

Office Closed

6:00pm - Tinsel Trail Opening Night. St. Mark's open for eating in the Library.

Saturday, December 7

8:30am - Episcopal Men's Fellowship meeting at the Greenwood Restaurant.

9:30am - Noon Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

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

Vestry (Lay Leadership)

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

John Alexander * Phil Coffey * Charlotte Hagan

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LECTOR: KAREN BEASLEY

ACOLYTE:

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ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

ALTAR GUILD: ROBIN COLLINS, ANN SOWERS,

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