



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

February 1, 2026

## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00am Morning Prayer Rite I

### PRELUDE

#### OPENING HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED (v. 1-3)

#616

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, #616 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A *Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

#### OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

BCP 40

*The people kneel or sit in silence*

CONFSSION

BCP 41

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

BCP 42

*[A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."]*

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 42

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

VENITE (SPOKEN)

BCP 44

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth,  
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it,  
and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

*People Sit*

THE PSALM 15

BCP 599

*[READ RESPONSIVELY, BY WHOLE VERSE]*

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \***  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**

**3** There is no guile upon his tongue;  
    he does no evil to his friend; \*  
        he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \***  
**but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

**5** He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
    and does not take back his word.

**6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \***  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

**7** Whoever does these things \*  
    shall never be overthrown.

## CHILDREN'S HOMILY

*People Sit*

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF I CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
    and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 1

### ‘TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

#554

**1** ‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,  
    ’tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
        and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
            ’twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
            When true simplicity is gained  
                to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed,  
                    to turn, turn, will be our delight  
                        till by turning, turning we come round right.

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW 5:1-12.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*People stand*

CANTICLE 2

SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

#679

1 **Surely it is God who saves me;**  
    trusting him, I shall not fear.  
**For the Lord defends and shields me**  
    and his saving help is near.  
**So rejoice as you draw water**  
    from salvation's living spring;  
**in the day of your deliverance**  
    thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 **Make his deeds known to the peoples;**  
    tell out his exalted Name.  
**Praise the Lord, who has done great things;**  
    all his works his might proclaim.  
**Zion, lift your voice in singing;**  
    for with you has come to dwell,  
**in your very midst, the great and**  
    Holy One of Israel.

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*People sit*

THE SERMON

BRIAN WOOD

*People stand*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 53

*[The intercessor leads the people in affirming their faith with these words]*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**  
    **who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
    **born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

BCP 54

**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.

#### SUFFRAGES A

Intercessor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
**People: And grant us thy salvation.**  
Intercessor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
**People: And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
Intercessor: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**People: For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
Intercessor: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
**People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Intercessor: Let thy way be known upon earth;  
**People: Thy saving health among all nations.**  
Intercessor: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Intercessor: Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**People: And sustain us with your Holy Ghost.**

BCP 55

## THE PARISH PRAYERS

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 164

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### THE COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP 58

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING [UNISON]

BCP 58

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*

### A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 59

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY

*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.

## BENEDICTION

## BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN

### TELL OUT, MY SOUL

#437

- 1 **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
  
- 2 **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!**  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age the same;  
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.
  
- 3 **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!**  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
  
- 4 **Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!**  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord**  
**to children's children and for evermore!**

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## DISMISSAL

## 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; **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:

**Collin** Murphy (2/1); **Michael** Scott (2/2); **Charlotte** Hagan (2/3); **Emily** (Field) Uribe, **Richard** Workowski, **Lauren** Uotinen (2/7).

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Susan Hays in loving memory of the marriage of Jane and Randall Hays.*

**SEMINARIANS:** Parker Hughes.

## THOSE IN NEED:

Danielle Alexander  
**Carol** Anderson  
**Jason Christian** Bayer  
**The Rev. Sue** Bentley  
**Cousin Beth**  
**John** Beverley  
**The Rev. Bob** Brodie  
**Kris** Browning  
**Adam** Burkley  
**Kay** Canham  
**Gabrielle** Clouser  
**Marla** Cook  
**Angela** Coon  
**Cora**  
**Jacob** Crawford  
**Jeremiah** Crawford  
**Suzanne** Cronise  
**Bryce** Dalton  
**Connie** Diez  
**Josh** diPalma  
**Christine E.**  
**Evelyn** Edwards  
**Claire** Ferguson  
**Brooke** Forney

**Chelsea G. H.**  
**Chuck** Geiger  
**Rob and Charlotte** Hagan  
**Crofton** Held  
**Pat** Honts  
**Tommy** Hunter  
**Meg** Johnson  
**Ed** Johnston  
**Sharon** LaVonne Kidwell  
**Stephanie** Keith  
**Yvonne** Killers  
**Allen** Layman  
**Helen** Madine-Gregory  
**Si** Mandros  
**Darlene** Martin  
**Mary**  
**Laura** Holt McCann  
**Ella** Mitchell  
**Joe** Mix  
**Liz** Moore  
**David** Moyer  
**Charley** Neil  
**Edward** Neil  
**Matthew** Neil  
**Penny** Neil

**Marie** Nganele  
**David** Ostrowski  
**Gary** Overbay  
**Janet P.**  
**Doug** Paysour  
**Roderick** Plenge  
**Sis** Proffitt  
**Roman**  
**Brook** Roncinske  
**Mario** Saade  
**Savannah**  
**Sue** Spickard  
**Patti** Suite  
**Suzanne**  
**Mike** Thompson  
**Sherry** Vinson  
**Virginia**  
**Krystal** Weaver  
**Charlie** Webb  
**Jerry** Webb  
**Gary** Welch  
**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 February 1, 2026

### Sunday, February 1 - The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00am - Morning Prayer, Rite I.

### Monday, February 2

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

### Tuesday, February 3

7:00pm - Open AA

### Wednesday, February 4

3:30-6:00pm - BMA Rehearsal  
7:30pm - Evening Prayer Rite II on Zoom

### Thursday, February 5

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild  
12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

### Friday, February 6

Office Closed

### Saturday, February 7

8:30am - Episcopal Men's Fellowship at the Greenwood Restaurant  
9:30am - Botetourt Food Pantry  
7:00pm - Open AA meeting

### Serving Us Today

OFFICIANT & PREACHER: BRIAN WOOD

LEM/INTERCESSOR: TBD

2<sup>ND</sup> CHALICE BEARER: TBD

LECTOR: TBD

ACOLYTE: TBD

GUEST MUSICIAN: LISA UOTINEN

ALTAR GUILD: SALLY WAID

COUNTERS: TBD

USHERS: CHARLIE ECHOLS, PHIL COFFEY

### **The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector**

Jake Webb, Assistant to the Rector

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Jim Johnston, Treasurer

Tommy Hunter, Organist Emeritus      Anna Preston, Music Minister

Allison Caldwell & Ana Uotinen, Children/Youth Ministers

### **Vestry (Lay Leadership)**

Charlotte Hagan (Senior Warden) \* Phil Coffey (Junior Warden)

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