



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

February 16, 2025

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

Bagatelle op. 33, no. 6

L. Beethoven

OPENING HYMN

ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED (v. 1,2,3,5)

#665

**1 All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew,  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.**

**2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray our trust;  
Though with care and toil we build them,  
Tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.**

**3 God's great goodness e'er endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendor, light, and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of nought.  
Evermore from his store  
Newborn worlds rise and adore.**

**5 Still from earth to god eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ, his son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.**

**Text Information:** First Line: All My Hope On God Is Founded; Alterer: Robert Seymour Bridges, 1844-1930 (Alt.); Author: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; Meter: 87. 87. 337; Language: English; Publication Date: 1985

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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)

Pew Insert

**Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)**

**In excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)**

**In excelsis Deo.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 163

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ 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 JEREMIAH 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?  
I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**THE PSALM 1**

BCP 585

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of  
the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when  
judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

#493

- 1 **O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**
- 2 **My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth  
abroad the honors of thy Name.**
- 3 **Jesus! the Name that charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.**
- 4 **He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.**

5 **Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

6 **Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*, #493 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

THE SERMON

THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

*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".)*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 330

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

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. I Good

*People Stand*

DOXOLOGY (SUNG)

(#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 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

Pew Insert

**Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Deus Sabaoth.**

**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

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.**

**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.**

**1 Let us break bread 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,  
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.*

*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

BCP 339

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

## WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

#296

**1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.**

**Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!**

**2 We share by water in his saving death.**

**Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!**

**3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.**

**The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.  
Alleluia!**

**4 A new creation comes to life and grows**

**as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia!**



DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Theme & Variations

L. Beethoven

## 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:  
James Snyder (2/19); Tommy Hunter (2/21); Gabriella (Bayer) Goodwin (2/22).

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.*

**SEMINARIANS:** Parker Hughes.

### THOSE IN NEED:

Carol Anderson  
Jason Christian Bayer  
Kris Browning  
Adam Burkley  
Angela Coon  
Cora  
Jacob Crawford  
Jeremiah Crawford  
Suzanne Cronise  
Bryce Dalton  
Nonie Diebold  
Josh diPalma  
Brenda Dudley  
Carma Duffy  
Eva  
Christine E.  
Evelyn Edwards  
Ernie Ferguson  
Brooke Forney  
Jeff and Yvonne Frazier  
John G.  
Wendy G.  
Chelsea G. H.

Chuck Geiger  
Scotti Hartman  
Crofton Held  
Pat Honts  
Tommy Hunter  
Meg Johnson  
Kay  
Stephanie Keith  
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell  
Yvonne Killers  
Allen Layman  
Leslie  
Kerry M.  
Darlene Martin  
Mary  
Laura Holt McCann  
Edwina Michael  
Deana Mitchell  
Joe Mix  
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  
Sue Spickard  
Naomi Stoltzfus  
Al Suite  
Sherry Vinson  
Jeanie Walker  
Charlie Webb  
Jerry Webb  
Chad Whitaker  
Denise Williamson  
Bruce Wilsie  
Wingate family  
Kim Wyrick

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Lynn Clark.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Clark & Newbern 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 February 16, 2025

## Sunday, February 16 – The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00am - Adult Education in Parish Hall.  
10:00am - Holy Communion Rite I

## Monday, February 17 ~ Presidents' Day

*Office Closed*

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

## Tuesday, February 18

6:00pm - Vestry Meeting  
7:00pm - Open AA

## Wednesday, February 19

3:30 – 5:00pm - BMA Rehearsal, younger  
choirs  
7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

## Thursday, February 20

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild  
11:30am - Service of Communion and Healing  
12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study  
7:00pm - BMA Community Chorus Rehearsal

## Friday, February 21

Office Closed

## Saturday, February 22

9:00am to noon - Botetourt Food Pantry  
7:00pm - Open AA meeting

### **Serving Us Today**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN  
LEM/INTERCESSOR: WALTER MICHAEL  
2<sup>ND</sup> CHALICE BEARER: MEGGAN LAUCHER  
LECTOR: KATE PARISH  
ACOLYTE: MARYSTONE GARLAND  
MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON  
ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER  
ALTAR GUILD: MICHELLE COOK, SALLY WAID  
COUNTERS: MICHELLE COOK  
USHERS: DAN & ROBIN COLLINS



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

Jake Webb, Assistant to the Rector  
Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk  
Jim Johnston, Treasurer  
Tommy Hunter, Organist      Anna Preston, Music Minister  
Sue Spickard, Bookkeeper      Allison Caldwell, Children's Minister

#### Vestry (Lay Leadership)

Charlotte Hagan (Senior Warden) \* Phil Coffey (Junior Warden)  
John Alexander \* Michelle Cook \* Jenine Culligan  
Meggan Laucher \* Mike Parish

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