



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

February 2, 2025

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

*Allegretto*

L. Beethoven

OPENING HYMN

CHRIST, MIGHTY SAVIOR

#34

- 1 Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation,  
you make the daytime radiant with the sunlight  
and to the night give glittering adornment,  
stars in the heavens.
- 2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting:  
mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection;  
while in the heavens choirs of stars appearing  
hallow the nightfall.
- 3 Therefore we come now evening rites to offer,  
joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you,  
with all creation joining hearts and voices  
singing your glory.
- 4 Give heed, we pray you, to our supplication:  
that you may grant us pardon for offenses,  
strength for our weak hearts, rest for aching bodies,  
soothing the weary.
- 5 Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil,  
for ever resting in the peace of Jesus,  
in light or darkness worshipping our Savior  
now and for ever.

*Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation*, #34 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930).  
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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

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.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF **HEBREWS 2:14-18**

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

THE PSALM 84

BCP 707

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**6 They will climb from height to height, \***  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**8 Behold our defender, O God; \***  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts is better than  
a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \***  
**he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O LORD of hosts, \***  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

GRADUAL HYMN

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

#324

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
in the Body and the Blood  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

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 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**

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.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**MY GOD, THY TABLE NOW IS SPREAD**

#321

**1 My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.**

- 2 O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.
- 3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless number let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.
- 4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.

*My God, thy table now is spread*, #321 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmsody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

#### 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

#### LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

#436

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.
- 2 O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!
- 3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.
- 4 Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel:  
thy grace and love in me reveal.
- 5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin;



**thy Holy Spirit guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.**

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*, #436 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Allegro*

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:  
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.*

**SEMINARIANS:** Parker Hughes.

### THOSE IN NEED:

Carol Anderson  
Jason Christian Bayer  
Kris Browning  
Adam Burkley  
Lynn Clark  
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.

Chelsea G. H.  
Chuck Geiger  
Scotti Hartman  
Crofton Held  
Pat Honts  
Tommy Hunter  
Meg Johnson  
Kay  
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell  
Yvonne Killers  
Allen Layman  
Leslie  
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:** Elaine Brugh.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Henry Brugh family.

### 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 2, 2025

### Sunday, February 2 – The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – The Presentation of our Lord

9:00am - Adult Education in Parish Hall

10:00am - Holy Communion Rite I

### Monday, February 3

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

### Tuesday, February 4

7:00pm - Open AA

### Wednesday, February 5

7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

### Thursday, February 6

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

### Friday, February 7

Office Closed

### Saturday, February 8

9:00am to noon - Botetourt Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

### **Serving Us Today**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

LEM/INTERCESSOR: BRIAN WOOD

2<sup>ND</sup> CHALICE BEARER: WALTER MICHAEL

LECTOR: KAREN BEASLEY

ACOLYTE: LUKE MURPHY

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

ALTAR GUILD: JENINE CULLIGAN, SUSAN HAYS

COUNTERS: JOHN ALEXANDER, BRIAN WOOD

USHERS: PAUL & AMANDA MURPHY



St. Mark's Facebook page

### **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)

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