



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

March 23, 2025

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

*Thy Word*

arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING HYMN

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

#150

- 1 **Forty days and forty nights**  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
**forty days and forty nights**  
tempted, and yet undefiled.
- 2 **Should not we thy sorrow share**  
and from worldly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
strong with thee to suffer pain?
- 3 **Then if Satan on us press,**  
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint nor fall!
- 4 **So shall we have peace divine:**  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.
- 5 **Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,**  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

*Forty days and forty nights*, #150 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE ONE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People: His mercy endureth for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE (Kneeling)

BCP 317

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

THE SUMMATION OF THE LAW

BCP 319

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. *Matthew 22:37-40*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 320

**Celebrant and People:**

**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.**

#### ABSOLUTION

BCP 321

Celebrant:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

#### KYRIE (SPOKEN)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 167

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

*People Sit*

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF I CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM 63:1-8**

BCP 670

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

#439

- 1 **What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown  
for my soul.**
- 2 **To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme  
I will sing.**
- 3 **And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be,**

**and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.**

*What wondrous love is this*, #439 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 13:1-9**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*People Sit*

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".)*

#### THE PEACE & WELCOME

BCP 332

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

**People: And with thy spirit.**

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

##### OFFERTORY

*'Tis So Sweet*

arr. Bethany K. Smith

*People Stand*

##### DOXOLOGY

(#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

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.**

#### SANCTUS (SPOKEN)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

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 (SPOKEN)

**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 MUSIC

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Bethany K. Smith

## 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

## ROCK OF AGES

#685

- 1 **Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood  
from thy wounded side that flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and power.**
- 2 **Should my tears for ever flow,  
should my zeal no languor know,  
all for sin could not atone:  
thou must save, and thou alone;  
in my hand no price I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling.**
- 3 **While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I rise to worlds unknown  
and behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.**

*Rock of ages, cleft for me*, #685 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

## DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Fount!*

arr. Bethany K. Smith



## 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:  
Ross Wilsie (3/24); Stan Diez (3/26).

**SEMINARIANS:** Parker Hughes.

### THOSE IN NEED:

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

Chuck Geiger  
Crofton Held  
Pat Honts  
Tommy Hunter  
Meg Johnson  
Kay  
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell  
Stephanie Keith  
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  
Cindy Stobaugh  
Al Suite  
Sherry Vinson  
Jeanie Walker  
Charlie Webb  
Jerry Webb  
Chad Whitaker  
Denise Williamson  
Bruce Wilsie  
Kim Wyrick

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Susan Burks Williams; Jim Harris; "Bitsy" McMurry; Scotti Hartman.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Burks, Logan & Williams families; Harris family; McMurry family; Hartman 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 March 23, 2025

## Sunday, March 23 – The Third Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Adult Education in Parish Hall --- *Ransom and Redemption*  
10:00am - Holy Communion Rite I

## Monday, March 24

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

## Tuesday, March 25

7:00pm - Open AA

## Wednesday, March 26

3:30 – 5:00pm - BMA Rehearsal, younger  
choirs

6:00-7:35pm - Lenten Dinner Series: *What  
happened on the Cross?*

## Thursday, March 27

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

7:00pm - BMA Community Chorus Rehearsal

## Friday, March 28

Office Closed

## Saturday, March 29

9:00am to noon - Botetourt Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

## **Serving Us Today**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS  
LOGAN

LEM/INTERCESSOR: MEGGAN LAUCHER

2<sup>ND</sup> CHALICE BEARER: BRIAN WOOD

LECTOR: KAREN BEASLEY

ACOLYTE: MARYSTONE GARLAND

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

GUEST PIANIST: CARA HUBBARD

ALTAR GUILD: DELORES WOOD

COUNTERS: JOHN ALEXANDER, TBD

USHERS: SALLY FIELD, PHIL COFFEY

TODAY WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PIANIST, *CARA  
HUBBARD*, WHO IS A LOCAL MUSICIAN RECENTLY  
RETIRED FROM THE ROANOKE COLLEGE MUSIC  
DEPARTMENT.



St. Mark's Facebook page



## **GARDEN & GROUNDS UPDATE**

The Garden Party fundraiser was a great success and the time has come to start planting and cleaning up in the Resurrection Garden!

A schedule of every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday starting March 22<sup>nd</sup> has been set aside for cleaning up and weeding along with planting as new plants are purchased, which Charlotte Hagan has already started! We need YOU to come and help on these weekends from 10-2. April weekends are the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Charlotte Hagan, Phil Coffey or Kate Parish.

## **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

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