



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

September 1, 2024

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Morning Prayer Rite I

PRELUDE

*Allegro moderato*

F. Schubert

OPENING SONG

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

#423

- 1 **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 **Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,**  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 **To all life thou givest, to both great and small;**  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 **Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,**  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*, #423 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 40

*The people kneel or sit in silence*

CONFESSION

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

*O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Hymnal #S-5

- 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.

*Daily Morning Prayer I, The Invitatory: Venite, #5 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music — Music: John Naylor (1838-1897).*

*People Sit*

THE PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10

BCP 647

[READ RESPONSIVELY, BY WHOLE VERSE]

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;

let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

**2 You are the fairest of men; \***

**grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.**

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*

a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

**8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \***

**with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*

and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \***

**on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## CHILDREN'S HOMILY

*People Sit*

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 1

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. I. Good

### A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that

some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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.**

*Surely it is God who saves me*, #679 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*. Copyright © 1982 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: *Thomas Merton*, Ray. W. Urwin (b. 1950). Copyright © 1984 Ray W. Urwin.

*People sit*

THE SERMON

JAKE WEBB

*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

BCP 54

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

**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

BCP 55

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.**

## THE PARISH PRAYERS

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 181

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

*Adagio*

W. A. Mozart

*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.**

BENEDICTION

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED #707

- 1 Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**
  
- 2 Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

*Take my life, and let it be*, #707 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

*Allegro*

W. A. Mozart

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## 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:

Shirley Sydnor, Jim Johnston, Jessie Saunders (9/1); Justin Frechette (9/5); Peter Howarth (9/6).

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

**SEMINARIANS:** Parker Hughes.

### THOSE IN NEED:

Carol Anderson  
Jason Christian Bayer  
Bianca  
Kris Browning  
Adam Burkley  
Lynn Clark  
Angela Coon  
Cora  
Jacob Crawford  
Jeremiah Crawford  
Suzanne Cronise  
Bryce Dalton  
Nonie Diebold  
Josh diPalma  
Carma Duffy  
Eva  
Christine E.  
Brooke Forney  
Jeff and Yvonne Frazier  
Chelsea G. H.

Chuck Geiger  
Crofton Held  
Tommy Hunter  
Meg Johnson  
Kay  
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell  
Yvonne Killers  
Allen Layman  
Leslie  
Lisa, Chelsea, Derek  
Mary  
Rebecca Matasia  
Laura Holt McCann  
Edwina Michael  
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  
Seth Spickard  
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:** Lynne Kessler; Nancy Cook.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Kessler family; Cook 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

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Prayer Chain: Emergency situations contact Susan Hays by phone (540) 884-2555



# Parish Activities – Week of September 1, 2024

## Sunday, September 1 – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am - Adult Education in Parish Hall  
10:00am - Morning Prayer, Rite I

## Monday, September 2

**Labor Day ~ Office Closed**

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets  
7:00 – 8:30pm - Daughters of the King  
Discernment Group

## Tuesday, September 3

7:00pm - Open AA

## Wednesday, September 4

4:00pm - BMA Rehearsal  
7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

## Thursday, September 5

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

## Friday, September 6

Office Closed

## Saturday, September 7

8:30am - Episcopal Men's Fellowship meeting at 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)

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## **Serving Us Today**

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SCHAUMANN WILSIE, SALLY WAID

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USHERS: DAN & KAREN BEASLEY



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**Make plans now to attend our Sunday  
Celebration of the completion of our  
campus improvements on September  
8th at 10:00am.**

**We will have a BBQ Lunch after the  
service!**

