



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

September 15, 2024

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

*Minuet*

W. A. Mozart

OPENING HYMN

BEFORE THY THRONE

(#574)

- 1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:  
give us a conscience quick to feel,  
a ready mind to understand  
the meaning of thy chastening hand;  
whate'er the pain and shame may be,  
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.
- 2 Search out our hearts and make us true;  
help us to give to all their due.  
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,  
from sins which make the heart grow cold,  
wean us and train us with thy rod;  
teach us to know our faults, O God.
- 3 For sins of heedless word and deed,  
for pride ambitious to succeed,  
for crafty trade and subtle snare  
to catch the simple unaware,  
for lives bereft of purpose high,  
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.
- 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try,  
our inmost spirits purify:  
consume the ill; purge out the shame;  
O God, be with us in the flame;  
a new-born people may we rise,  
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*, #574 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: St. Petersburg, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

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)

*Gloria in excelsis*

(Pew Insert)

**Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)**  
**In excelsis Deo.**  
**Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)**  
**In excelsis Deo.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 179

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF **PROVERBS 1:20-33**

Wisdom cries out in the street;

in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;

at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing

and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;

I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,

have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel

and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF **WISDOM 7:26 – 8:1**

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light,  
a spotless mirror of the working of God,  
and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things,  
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;  
in every generation she passes into holy souls  
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;  
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun,  
and excels every constellation of the stars.  
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,  
for it is succeeded by the night,  
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,  
and she orders all things well.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN                      THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (v. 1-2)

(#525)

**1 The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;**

she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

- 2 Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

*The Church's one foundation*, #525 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK 8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

THE SERMON

JAKE WEBB

*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 CONFESSION

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 ANTHEM

*Nettleton*

arr. I. Good

*People Stand*

DOXOLOGY (SUNG)

(Tune #618)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below, Alleluia!  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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 (SUNG)

(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 (SUNG)

(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                      LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER                      (#325)

**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                      GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN                      (#522)

- 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**
- 2 See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river**



ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver  
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner,  
light by night, and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raise  
over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises  
each for a thank-offering brings.

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*, #522 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1807); desc. Michael Y. Young, (b. 1939). Descant Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Allegro*

W. A. Mozart

## 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:

Jett Field (9/16); Buck Heartwell (9/17); Julian Plumb (9/20).

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Allen & Ann Layman in celebration of the completed columbarium.*

**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  
Pat Honts  
Joel Honts  
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:** Nancy Cook; Jay Massey.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Cook family; Massey and Talbot 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 September 15, 2024

### Sunday, September 15 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am - Adult Education in Parish Hall – *The Gospel According to . . .*

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I

### Monday, September 16

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

6:00pm - Vestry Meeting

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

### Tuesday, September 17

7:00pm - Open AA

### Wednesday, September 18

3:30pm - BMA Rehearsals

7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

### Thursday, September 19

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

11:30am - Service of Communion and Healing  
Prayers

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

### Friday, September 20

Office Closed

### Saturday, September 21

9:30am - Noon Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

### Serving Us Today

OFFICIANT: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

PREACHER: JAKE WEBB

LEM/INTERCESSOR: MIKE PARISH

2<sup>ND</sup> CHALICE BEARER: KATE PARISH

LECTOR: DAN COLLINS

ACOLYTE: CHARLIE LAUCHER

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

ALTAR GUILD: SUSAN HAYS

COUNTERS: CHARLOTTE HAGAN, TBD

USHERS: GEORGE SYDNOR, NATHAN PRESTON



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### **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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