



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

September 17, 2023

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

Song Without Words

M. Moszkowski

OPENING HYMN

O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL (vs.1-6)

(#411)

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name!
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind.
- 3 He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise
and ready to abate.
- 4 He pardons all thy sins,
prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities
and ransoms thee from death.
- 5 He clothes thee with his love,
upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews
the vigor of thy youth.
- 6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

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)

Glory be to God

Enriching Our Music, #99

Voice 1

Glo - ri - a. (clap) Glo - ri - a (clap)

Voice 2

Glo - ri - a. Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a. (clap) Glo - ri - a (clap)

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a. Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 182

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 EXODUS 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

READING FROM EXODUS 15:1b-11,20-21

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

"Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power--
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;
you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'
You blew with your wind, the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?"

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

GRADUAL HYMN

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

(#516)

- 1 **Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**
- 2 **O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**
- 3 **And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

Come down, O Love divine, #516 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not

pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

THE SERMON

THE REV. STEPHEN R. STANLEY

People Stand

NICENE CREED

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**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

Celebrant and People:

**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 *Where True Charity and Love Dwell*

People Stand

DOXOLOGY (SUNG) *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow* (#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 I, 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 Arr. Anna Preston

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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI (SUNG)

O Lamb of God

(HYMNAL S-157)

**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.**

The Holy Eucharist I, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: Agnus Dei, #157 from *The Hymnal 1982, Service Music* — Music: John Merbecke (1518?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*; acc. Thomas Foster (b. 1938). Melody: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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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.**

(recited by prisoners who were unable to receive communion during Apartheid)

COMMUNION HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST

(#711)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!**

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7. Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written
Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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

FATHER, WE PRAISE THEE

(#1)

- 1 **Father, we praise thee, now the night is over,
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;
singing we offer prayer and meditation:
thus we adore thee.**
- 2 **Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
bring us to heaven, where thy saints united
joy without ending.**
- 3 **All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding
through all creation.**

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over, #1 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). Music: *Christe sanctorum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

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; Caleb Bradley; Nathan Bradley; Mason Alexander; Reeve Alexander; Jimmy Brown; Gavin Zachary; Eric Burton; Ali Taha; Griffith Wood; Logan Ching; and **First Responders**.

THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week:

Buck Heartwell (9/17); **Julian** Plumb (9/20); **Dan** Collins (9/23).

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Linda Webb in loving memory of Bob Webb.

SEMINARIANS: Jake Webb, Parker Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Jason Christian Bayer
Kris Browning
Adam Burkley
Lynn Clark
Angela Coon
Cora
Jacob Crawford
Jeremiah Crawford
Bryce Dalton
Eva
Christine E.
Lisa Farmer
Brooke Forney
Yvonne Frazier
Chuck Geiger
Jim Harris
Laura Holt McCann
Pat Honts
Tommy Hunter
Meg Johnson

Kay
Jim Ketron
Sue Ketron
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell
Yvonne Killers
Allen Layman
Annie Jeter Lee
Leslie
George Lester
Mary
Phillip Maye & family
Betsy Midkiff
Greg Miller
Liz Moore
Lisa N.
Edward Neil
Matthew Neil
Judy Newbern
Juliana Nganele
Janet P.

Padgett family
Doug Paysour
Emily Perdue
Douglas Pomrenke
Sis Proffitt
Roman
Brook Roncinske
Mario Saade
Savannah
Aubrey Scaletta
Ray Smith
Wanda Snyder
Naomi Stoltzfus
Dave VanAken
Sherry Vinson
Jeanie Walker
Nancy Wells
Chad Whitaker
Denise Williamson
Kim Wyrick

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

St. Mark's Prayer Ministries

Willis is available to talk and pray: call, email or text him.

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

Parish Activities – Week of September 17, 2023

Sunday, September 17, 2023 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am - Adult Education ~ Study in the book of Acts. Paul's 1st Missionary Journey & return to Jerusalem;
ACTS 13 - 15

10:00am - Holy Communion Rite I

Monday, September 18

12:00pm - Bridge group meets

6:00pm - Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, September 20

4:00pm - BMA Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Evening Prayer by Zoom

Thursday, September 21

10:00am - Dorcas Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, September 22

Office Closed

Saturday, September 23

8:00am - St. Mark's Yard Sale & Church Tours

9:30am - Noon Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. STEPHEN R. STANLEY

INTERCESSOR: EMILY TALBOT-GUILLOTE

CRUCIFER/CHALICE BEARER: WALTER MICHAEL

LECTOR: GEORGE SYDNOR

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

ALTAR GUILD: PAT GORDON, CHARLOTTE HAGAN

COUNTERS: WALTER MICHAEL, DANIELLE ALEXANDER

USHERS: GEORGE SYDNOR, NATHAN PRESTON



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The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector

Tommy Hunter, Organist Anna Preston, Music Minister

George Sydnor, Treasurer Sue Spickard, Bookkeeper

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Allison Caldwell, Children's Minister

Vestry (Lay Leadership)

Karen Beasley (Senior Warden) * Dan Collins (Junior Warden)

Charlotte Hagan * Meggan Laucher * Walter Michael

Trudy Trammell * Bruce Wilsie

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**WE'RE
IN THIS
TOGETHER!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP with two
things on Saturday, September 23rd!**

ST. MARK'S CHURCH YARD SALE FROM 8AM TO 4PM.

**We need everyone to start bringing anything but clothes
to the downstairs of the church on the tables by the wall.**

We also need help with pricing and working that day.

Call Pam Garrison at 540-992-1250.

TOURS OF THE CHURCH & FREE DESSERTS! Mike

Parish (540-591-9123) is heading this up and needs

volunteers to show the church to visitors, answer

questions, and sit at the dessert table. Volunteers can be

there all or part of the day. Please contact Mike.