



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Fincastle, Virginia
10:00 a.m.
January 11, 2026

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

The Unclouded Day

arr. J. Raney

OPENING HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED (v. 1-3)

#616

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, #616 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A *Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

BCP 323

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM 29

BCP 620

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; ***
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; ***
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, ***
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe ***
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; ***
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

GRADUAL HYMN CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTISED

#121

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
 God's Spirit on you came,
 as peaceful as a dove and yet
 as urgent as a flame.
- 2 God called you his belovèd Son,
 called you his servant true,
 sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
 his holy will to do.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death

you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,

your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW 3:13-17

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

Forest Green

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 Sabaoth.
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.

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

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

#711

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

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

DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS

#339

- 1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded—
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

- 2 Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the best that any knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth:
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

- 3 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

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DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Great is the Lord

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:
Mitch Bowman (1/11); **Mike** Parish (1/14).

SEMINARIANS: **Parker** Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Danielle Alexander	Chelsea G. H.	David Ostrowski
Carol Anderson	Chuck Geiger	Gary Overbay
Jason Christian Bayer	Crofton Held	Janet P.
The Rev. Sue Bentley	Pat Honts	Doug Paysour
Cousin Beth	Tommy Hunter	Roderick Plenge
John Beverley	Meg Johnson	Sis Proffitt
The Rev. Bob Brodie	Ed Johnston	Roman
Kris Browning	Sharon LaVonne Kidwell	Brook Roncinske
Adam Burkley	Stephanie Keith	Mario Saade
Kay Canham	Yvonne Killers	Savannah
Gabrielle Clouser	Allen Layman	Sue Spickard
Marla Cook	Helen Madine-Gregory	Patti Suite
Angela Coon	Si Mandros	Suzanne
Cora	Darlene Martin	Mike Thompson
Jacob Crawford	Mary	Sherry Vinson
Jeremiah Crawford	Laura Holt McCann	Virginia
Suzanne Cronise	Ella Mitchell	Krystal Weaver
Bryce Dalton	Joe Mix	Charlie Webb
Connie Diez	Liz Moore	Jerry Webb
Josh diPalma	Charley Neil	Gary Welch
Christine E.	Edward Neil	Chad Whitaker
Evelyn Edwards	Matthew Neil	Denise Williamson
Claire Ferguson	Penny Neil	Bruce Wilsie
Brooke Forney	Judy Newbern	Kim Wyrick
	Marie Nganele	

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: **Lucile** Bondurant.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: **Bondurant** and **Parish** 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 January 11, 2026

Sunday, January 11 - The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9:00am - Adult Education class in the Education room – *Steps Toward a Bishop Election*

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I

Monday, January 12

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

2:00pm - Daughters of the King meeting

Tuesday, January 13

11:00am - Holy Communion at The Glebe

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, January 14

3:30-6:00pm - BMA Rehearsal

7:30pm - Evening Prayer Rite II on Zoom

Thursday, January 15

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, January 16

Office Closed

Saturday, January 17

9:30am - Botetourt Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

LEM/INTERCESSOR: MIKE PARISH

2ND CHALICE BEARER: BRIAN WOOD

LECTOR: DELORES WOOD

ACOLYTE: HAZELLEIGH GARLAND

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ALTAR GUILD: MICHELLE COOK, SALLY WAID

COUNTERS: JOHN ALEXANDER, TBD

USHERS: DAN & ROBIN COLLINS

The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector

Jake Webb, Assistant to the Rector

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Jim Johnston, Treasurer

Tommy Hunter, Organist Emeritus Anna Preston, Music Minister

Allison Caldwell & Ana Uotinen, Children/Youth Ministers

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