



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

October 5, 2025

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

PRELUDE

Prelude

R. Glière

OPENING HYMN

AMAZING GRACE

#671

- 1 **Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
 that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
 was blind but now I see.**
- 2 **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!**
- 3 **The Lord has promised good to me,
 his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.**
- 4 **Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.**
- 5 **When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, #671 from *The Hymnal* 1982 — Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broadbuss and Andrew Broadbuss. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

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. *Matthew 22:37-40*

GLORIA (SUNG)

Glory To God

(Pew Insert)

Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)

In excelsis Deo.

Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)

In excelsis Deo.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 182

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

People Sit

A READING FROM LAMENTATIONS 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city

that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become,

she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces

has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night,

with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers

she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,

they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering

and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations,

and finds no resting place;

her pursuers have all overtaken her

in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn,

for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate,

her priests groan;

her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 137

BCP 792

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 **As for our harps, we hung them up ***
on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for mirth: *
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”
- 4 **How shall we sing the Lord’s song ***
upon an alien soil?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 **Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth**
if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,
against the people of Edom, *
who said, “Down with it! down with it!
even to the ground!”
- 8 **O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, ***
happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

GRADUAL HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION

#488

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;**
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, #488 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 16:17:5-10

[Before the Gospel, "**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**" After the Gospel, "**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**"]
The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

People Sit

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. JAN FULLER

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
heartly 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

Andante

F. Mendelssohn

People Stand

DOXOLOGY

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 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

SANCTUS (SUNG)

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.**

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

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

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

RISE UP YE SAINTS OF GOD

#551

- 1 Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.
- 2 Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.
- 3 Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

Rise up, ye saints of God, #551 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Nocturne

J. Field

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:

Anna Guillote (10/5); Peggy Crosson (10/6); Millie Jean-Loal Carter (10/11).

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Anna and Channing Preston in celebration of Nathan's 17th birthday.

SEMINARIANS: Parker Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Danielle Alexander
Carol Anderson
Jason Christian Bayer
John Beverley
Lucile Bondurant
The Rev. Bob Brodie
Kris Browning
Adam Burkley
Bruce & Gabrielle Clouser
Marla Cook
Angela Coon
Cora
Jacob Crawford
Jeremiah Crawford
Suzanne Cronise
Bryce Dalton
Nonie Diebold
Connie Diez
Josh diPalma
Carma Duffy
Christine E.
Evelyn Edwards
Claire Ferguson

Brooke Forney
Chelsea G. H.
Chuck Geiger
Lena Hale
Helen Madine-Gregory
Crofton Held
Pat Honts
Tommy Hunter
Meg Johnson
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell
Stephanie Keith
Yvonne Killers
Allen Layman
Si Mandros
Mark & Molly
Darlene Martin
Mary
Laura Holt McCann
Ella Mitchell
Joe Mix
Liz Moore
Charley Neil
Edward Neil

Matthew Neil
Penny Neil
Judy Newbern
Marie Nganele
David Ostrowski
Janet P.
Doug Paysour
Roderick Plenge
Sis Proffitt
Roman
Brook Roncinske
Mario Saade
Savannah
Sue Spickard
Al Suite
Suzanne
Sherry Vinson
Charlie Webb
Jerry Webb
Gary Welch
Chad Whitaker
Denise Williamson
Bruce Wilsie
Kim Wyrick

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Jeff Frazier.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: Frazier 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 October 5, 2025

Sunday, October 5 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am - Adult Education class in the Education room (previously the vesting room) - *Philosophy and Theology*

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I

Monday, October 6

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

Tuesday, October 7

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, October 8

3:30pm - BMA Rehearsals

7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, October 9

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, October 10

Office Closed

Saturday, October 11

9:00am to noon - Botetourt Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. DR. JAN FULLER

LEM/INTERCESSOR: MEGGAN LAUCHER

2ND CHALICE BEARER: WALTER MICHAEL

LECTOR: KAREN BEASLEY

ACOLYTE: HADEN MURPHY

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ALTAR GUILD: SALLY WAID, KAREN WILLIS

COUNTERS: JOHN ALEXANDER, TBD

USHERS: JOHN & DANIELLE ALEXANDER

Have you signed up to make chili for the Cookoff on October 18th? Other volunteer opportunities are also at this location!!

Sign up here:

<https://stmarksfincastle.org/volunteering.cfm>

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

Vestry (Lay Leadership)

Charlotte Hagan (Senior Warden) * Phil Coffey (Junior Warden)

John Alexander * Michelle Cook * Jenine Culligan

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