



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Fincastle, Virginia
10:00 a.m.
February 22, 2026

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

Allemande, French Suite no. 1

J.S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH

#448

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

- 2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

- 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

- 4 For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

- 5 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

- 6 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, #448 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE ONE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People: His mercy endureth for ever.

BCP 319

THE DECALOGUE (Kneeling)

BCP 317

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

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.

KYRIE

Plainsong

CONFESSIO N OF SIN

Celebrant and People:

BCP 320

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.

ABSOLUTION

BCP 321

Celebrant:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

KYRIE (Cantor Only)

Plainsong

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 166

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

People Sit

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God

knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 32

BCP 624

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

GRADUAL HYMN

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

#150

1 Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights

tempted, and yet undefiled.

- 2 Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?
- 3 Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!
- 4 So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.
- 5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Forty days and forty nights, #150 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

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People Sit
THE SERMON

THE REV. SUSAN E. BENTLEY

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 PEACE & WELCOME

BCP 332

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Minuet, French Suite no. 1

J.S. Bach

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.

SANCTUS (Cantor Only)

Plainsong

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 (Cantor Only)

Plainsong

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 MEDITATION

Like a River Glorious

arr. J. Raney

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

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

#688

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
 a bulwark never failing;
 our helper he amid the flood
 of mortal ills prevailing:
 for still our ancient foe
 doth seek to work us woe;
 his craft and power are great,
 and, armed with cruel hate,
 on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
 our striving would be losing;
 were not the right man on our side,
 the man of God's own choosing:
 dost ask who that may be?
 Christ Jesus, it is he;
 Lord SabaOTH his Name,
 from age to age the same,
 and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
 should threaten to undo us;
 we will not fear, for God hath willed
 his truth to triumph through us;
 the prince of darkness grim,
 we tremble not for him;
 his rage we can endure,
 for lo! his doom is sure,
 one little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
 no thanks to them, abideth;
 the Spirit and the gifts are ours
 through him who with us sideth:
 let goods and kindred go,
 this mortal life also;
 the body they may kill:
 God's truth abideth still,
 his kingdom is for ever.

A mighty fortress is our God, #688 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Courante, French Suite no. 1

J.S. Bach

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:

Gabriella (Bayer) Goodwin (2/22); **Dan** Beasley, **Allen** Layman (2/23); **Elaine** Scott (2/26); **Christopher** Moore, Jr. (2/27).

The communion elements today are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Channing's birthday by Anna Preston.

THOSE IN NEED:

Danielle Alexander
Carol Anderson
Jason Christian Bayer
Cousin Beth
John Beverley
The Rev. Bob Brodie
Kris Browning
Adam Burkley
Kay Canham
Gabrielle Clouser
Marla Cook
Angela Coon
Cora
Jacob Crawford
Jeremiah Crawford
Suzanne Cronise
Bryce Dalton
Connie Diez
Josh diPalma
Christine E.
Evelyn Edwards
Claire Ferguson
Brooke Forney
Chelsea G. H.

Chuck Geiger
Rob and Charlotte Hagan
Crofton Held
Pat Honts
Tommy Hunter
Meg Johnson
Ed Johnston
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell
Stephanie Keith
Yvonne Killers
Allen Layman
Helen Madine-Gregory
Si Mandros
Darlene Martin
Mary
Laura Holt McCann
Ella Mitchell
Joe Mix
Liz Moore
David Moyer
Charley Neil
Edward Neil
Matthew Neil
Penny Neil
Judy Newbern

Marie Nganele
David Ostrowski
Gary Overbay
Janet P.
Doug Paysour
Roderick Plenge
Sis Proffitt
Roman
Brook Roncinske
Mario Saade
Savannah
Sue Spickard
Patti Suite
Suzanne
Mike Thompson
Sherry Vinson
Virginia
Krystal Weaver
Charlie Webb
Jerry Webb
Gary Welch
Chad Whitaker
Denise Williamson
Bruce Wilsie
Kim Wyrick

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: **Charles** Poindexter; **Ruby** Painter; **Jefferson** Baird Stevens.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: **Poindexter**, Geiger families; **Painter** families; **Stevens**, Austin, Boblett 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 February 22, 2026

Sunday, February 22 - The First Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Adult Education

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I

Monday, February 23

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

Tuesday, February 24

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, February 25 - Ash Wednesday

12:00pm - Fincastle UMC Lenten Lunch

3:30-6:00pm - BMA Rehearsal

6:00pm - St. Mark's Lenten Dinner

Thursday, February 26

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

Friday, February 27

Office Closed

Saturday, February 28

9:30am - Botetourt 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

Jim Johnston, Treasurer

Tommy Hunter, Organist Emeritus Anna Preston, Music Minister
Allison Caldwell & Ana Uotinen, Children/Youth Ministers

Vestry (Lay Leadership)

John Alexander (Sr. Warden) * Phil Coffey (Jr. Warden)

* Michelle Cook * Jenine Culligan

Mike Parish * Amy Rivers * Sally Waid

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Serving Us Today

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LEM/INTERCESSOR: MIKE PARISH

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LECTOR: KAREN BEASLEY

ACOLYTE: HADEN MURPHY

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ALTAR GUILD: DELORES WOOD, SUSAN HAYS

COUNTERS: TBD

USHERS: DAN & ROBIN COLLINS

SAVE THE DATE

LENTEN Season 2026, Mental Health and Theology

Beginning 25 Feb and running through the month of March (4, 11, 18 and 25) we will have an all Parish Lenten Dinner beginning at 6pm in the Ministry Center. Our talks will focus on Mental Health and Theology. What does the Bible say about depression? What about therapy? If you would like to help with any of the meals, please contact Michelle Cook (mcook250316@gmail.com | 910-580-1252).

Brief Schedule:

6-650pm visit and eat

650-730 presentation and q/a

We are so excited about this time together.