



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

March 1, 2026

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

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

NOW LET US ALL WITH ONE ACCORD

#147

- 1 Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.
- 2 The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.
- 3 Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.
- 4 Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.
- 5 Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live,
in love and unity and peace.

Now let us all with one accord, #147 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE ONE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 320

Celebrant and People:

**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 3 21

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 (Spoken)

BCP 3 24

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 1 66

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

People Sit

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 121

BCP 779

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from the Lord, ***
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel ***
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, ***
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 **The Lord shall watch over your going out and**
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

GRADUAL HYMN

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE (v. 1,2)

#401

- 1 **The God of Abraham praise,**
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.
- 2 **He by himself hath sworn:**
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

The God of Abraham praise, #401 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being

born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

People Sit
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 PEACE & WELCOME

BCP 332

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

People: And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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 (Spoken)

BCP 334

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

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 (Spoken)

BCP 337

**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

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

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION (v. 1-4)

#637

- 1 **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2 **“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 **“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**
- 4 **“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, #637 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: K. in John Rippon’s *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); desc. Lois Fyfe (b. 1927). Descant Copyright © 1974, The Cumberland Press. Used by permission.

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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: **Robin** Collins (3/4); **Patty** King (3/5); **Channing** Preston (3/7).
For Jake Webb's graduation from Clinical Pastoral Education.

THOSE IN NEED:

Danielle Alexander	Chuck Geiger	Marie Nganele
Carol Anderson	Rob and Charlotte Hagan	David Ostrowski
Jason Christian Bayer	Crofton Held	Gary Overbay
Cousin Beth	Pat Honts	Janet P.
John Beverley	Tommy Hunter	Doug Paysour
The Rev. Bob Brodie	Meg Johnson	Roderick Plenge
Kris Browning	Ed Johnston	Sis Proffitt
Adam Burkley	Sharon LaVonne Kidwell	Roman
Kay Canham	Stephanie Keith	Brook Roncinske
Gabrielle Clouser	Yvonne Killers	Mario Saade
Marla Cook	Allen Layman	Savannah
Angela Coon	Helen Madine-Gregory	Sue Spickard
Cora	Si Mandros	Patti Suite
Jacob Crawford	Darlene Martin	Suzanne
Jeremiah Crawford	Mary	Mike Thompson
Suzanne Cronise	Laura Holt McCann	Sherry Vinson
Bryce Dalton	Ella Mitchell	Virginia
Connie Diez	Joe Mix	Krystal Weaver
Josh diPalma	Liz Moore	Charlie Webb
Christine E.	David Moyer	Jerry Webb
Evelyn Edwards	Charley Neil	Gary Welch
Claire Ferguson	Edward Neil	Chad Whitaker
Brooke Forney	Matthew Neil	Denise Williamson
Chelsea G. H.	Penny Neil	Bruce Wilsie
	Judy Newbern	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 March 1, 2026

Sunday, March 1 - The Second Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Adult Education – The Study of Religion

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I

4:30pm - Evensong Service

Monday, March 2

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

Tuesday, March 3

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, March 4

12:00pm - Fincastle UMC Lenten Lunch

3:30-6:00pm - BMA Rehearsal

6:00pm - St. Mark's Lenten Dinners & Talks

Thursday, March 5

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, March 6

Office Closed

Saturday, March 7

8:30am - Episcopal Men's Fellowship

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)

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Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

PREACHER: JAKE WEBB

LEM/INTERCESSOR: MEGGAN LAUCHER

2ND CHALICE BEARER: PHIL COFFEY

LECTOR: EMILY TALBOT-GUILLOTE

ACOLYTE: COLLIN MURPHY

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

PIANIST: LESLIE MURPHY

ALTAR GUILD: KAREN WILLIS, SALLY WAID

COUNTERS: TBD

USHERS: PAUL & AMANDA MURPHY

Evensong Service

this afternoon at 4:30pm

at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Led by Anna Preston & Jake Webb

With the Botetourt Music Academy choirs

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.