



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

March 8, 2026

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

PRELUDE

Freya

R. W. Smith

OPENING HYMN

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

#686

- 1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

- 2 Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Come, thou fount of every blessing, #686 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE ONE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

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.

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 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, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ 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 THE BOOK OF **ROMANS 5:1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were

reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 95

BCP 724

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 **Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 **Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

GRADUAL HYMN

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

#685

- 1 **Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side that flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.**
- 2 **Should my tears for ever flow,
should my zeal no languor know,**

all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling.

- 3 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown
and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Rock of ages, cleft for me, #685 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN 4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

People Sit
THE SERMON

THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

THE NICENE CREED (ALL)

**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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY	<i>Sarabande, Cello Suite no. 5</i>	J. S. BACH
<i>People Stand</i>		
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
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 (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 MUSIC

Ordner seg (It'll be alright)

Øystein Baadsvik

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

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

#690

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, #690 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thor's Hammer

R. W. Smith

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:

Amy Rivers (3/10); Sally Waid, Dr. Tom Edwards (3/14).

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

THOSE IN NEED:

Carol Anderson
Jason Christian Bayer
John Beverley
The Rev. Bob Brodie
Kris Browning
Adam Burkley
Gabrielle Clouser
Marla Cook
Angela Coon
Cora
Jacob Crawford
Jeremiah Crawford
Suzanne Cronise
Bryce Dalton
John de Groot
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
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
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 March 8, 2026

Sunday, March 8 - The Second Sunday in Lent

Daylight Saving Time begins today

9:00am - Adult Education –

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I

Monday, March 9

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

2:00pm - Daughters of the King Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

11:00am - Holy Communion at The Glebe

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, March 11

12:00pm - Fincastle UMC Lenten Lunch

3:30-6:00pm - BMA Rehearsal

6:00pm - St. Mark's Lenten Dinner & Talk –
Rhonda M. Lee

Thursday, March 12

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, March 13

Office Closed

Saturday, March 14

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

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

LEM/INTERCESSOR: WALTER MICHAEL

2ND CHALICE BEARER: MEGGAN LAUCHER

LECTOR: DELORES WOOD

ACOLYTE: CHARLIE LAUCHER

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

TUBA PLAYER: WILL DIVERS

ALTAR GUILD: MICHELLE COOK, SUSAN HAYS

COUNTERS: AMY RIVERS, TBD

USHERS: SALLY FIELD, CHARLIE ECHOLS

Today we welcome **Will Divers**. Will is a tuba player who teaches music at Colonial Elementary School, and participates in many local brass ensembles.

LENTEN Season 2026, Mental Health and Theology

11 March Lenten Guest Speaker

Rhonda M. Lee

Rhonda Mawhood Lee knows about grief. She is a priest, spiritual director, and daughter whose mother died by suicide. Having grown up in a family haunted by self-inflicted death for multiple generations, Lee has asked and re-asked the questions for which there are no easy answers. And she knows she's not alone in her search for understanding.

Lee currently serves on the Episcopal Church's General Board of Examining Chaplains and has also worked as a translator, college teacher, and advocate for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.