



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

April 14, 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

PRELUDE

Sarabande

G. F. Handel

OPENING HYMN

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

(#182)

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.
- 3 Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.
- 4 In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.
- 5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

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)

Gloria in excelsis

(Pew Insert)

Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)

In excelsis Deo.

Gloria. (clap); Gloria (clap)

In excelsis Deo.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 168

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

A READING FROM ACTS 3:12-19

BCP 170

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM 4

(BCP 587)

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

GRADUAL HYMN

SING, YE FAITHFUL (vs. 1,3,4)

(#492)

- 1 **Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,
wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
with the praises of your Savior
let his house resound again;
him let all your music honor,
and your songs exalt his reign.**
- 3 **So, he tasted death for mortals,
he, of humankind the head,
sinless one, among the sinful,
Prince of life, among the dead;
thus he wrought the full redemption,
and the captor captive led.**
- 4 **Now on high, yet ever with us,
from his Father’s throne the Son
rules and guides the world he ransomed,
till the appointed work be done,
till he see, renewed and perfect,
all things gathered into one.**

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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **SAINT LUKE 26:36b-48**

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 CONFESSION

Celebrant and People:

**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 ANTHEM

Here at Your Table, Lord

M. Hayes

People Stand

DOXOLOGY (SUNG)

(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 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 Sabbaoth.

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.

(recited by prisoners who were unable to receive communion during Apartheid)

COMMUNION HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(#711)

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

ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O'ER

(#208)

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!
- 2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!
- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;

let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!

- 5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, #208 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. P. Johnston

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; Caleb Bradley; 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:
Sally Field (4/16); Peg Coffey (4/19).

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.

SEMINARIANS: Jake Webb; Parker Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Jason Christian Bayer	Tommy Hunter	Juliana Nganele
Kris Browning	Mark Hurd	Hi Nicely
Bob Bryant	Meg Johnson	Nora
Adam Burkley	Dan Karnes	Janet P.
Lynn Clark	Kay	Doug Paysour
Angela Coon	Lynne Kessler	Emily Perdue
Cora	Jim Ketron	Roderick Plenge
Jacob Crawford	Sue Ketron	Douglas Pomrenke
Jeremiah Crawford	Sharon LaVonne Kidwell	Sis Proffitt
Suzanne Cronise	Yvonne Killers	Roman
Bryce Dalton	Allen Layman	Brook Roncinske
Nonie Diebold	Leslie	Mario Saade
Eva	George Lester	Savannah
Christine E.	Mary	Aubrey Scaletta
Brooke Forney	Phillip Maye & family	Naomi Stoltzfus
Jeff and Yvonne Frazier	Edwina Michael	Colby Trammell
Chelsea G. H.	Liz Moore	Dave VanAken
Chuck Geiger	Lisa N.	Sherry Vinson
Anna Guillote	Charley Neil	Jeanie Walker
Jim Harris	Edward Neil	Chad Whitaker
Crofton Held	Matthew Neil	Denise Williamson
Laura Holt McCann	Judy Newbern	Kim Wyrick
Pat Honts		

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Fred Coleman Layne, Sr. (father of Delores Wood).

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: Layne & Wood families.

St. Mark's Prayer Ministries

Willis is available to talk and pray: call, email or text him.

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

Parish Activities – Week of April 14, 2024

Sunday, April 14 – The Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am - Adult Education in Ministry Center library

10:00am - Service of Holy Communion, Rite I

2:30pm - Botetourt Music Academy Concert at Grandin Court Baptist Church

Monday, April 15

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

6:00pm - Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, April 17

4-5:30pm - BMA Rehearsal

7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, April 18

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

11:30am - Midweek Holy Communion and
Healing Service

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, April 19

Office Closed

Saturday, April 20

9:30am - Noon Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

LEM/INTERCESSOR: EMILY TALBOT-GUILLOTE

2ND CHALICE BEARER: BRIAN WOOD

LECTOR: KAREN BEASLEY

ACOLYTES: NEV LOGAN

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER

ALTAR GUILD: SUSAN HAYS, SALLY WAID

COUNTERS: WALTER MICHAEL, PAM GARRISON

USHERS: PENNY NEIL, DANIELLE, MARYSTONE,

HEATHERLYN, HAZELLEIGH



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The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector

Tommy Hunter, Organist Anna Preston, Music Minister

George Sydnor, Treasurer Sue Spickard, Bookkeeper

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Allison Caldwell, Children's Minister

Vestry (Lay Leadership)

Karen Beasley (Senior Warden) * Dan Collins (Junior Warden)

John Alexander * Phil Coffey *

Charlotte Hagan * Meggan Laucher * Walter Michael

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Late Easter Flower Dedication

We are sorry that this was accidentally
left out of the list of Easter Flower
Dedications:

Easter flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of **Merilyn Bosch**
and son, **Willem Bosch** by **Johannes**
Bosch.

Our apologies for missing this!