



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

April 28, 2024

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

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

(#296)

Holy Baptism

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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows.____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.____ Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:____



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

10 10 10 with Alleluia

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 (SPOKEN)

(BCP 324)

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 173

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF I JOHN 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he

loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM 22:24-30

(BCP 612)

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.
- 25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: ***
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 **For kingship belongs to the Lord; ***
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 **My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; ***
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

GRADUAL HYMN

COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE

(#487)

- 1 **Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:**
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;

such a life as killeth death.

2 **Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:**
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

3 **Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:**
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life, #487 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **SAINT JOHN 15:1-8**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. ROBERT T. COPENHAVER

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 CONFESSION

BCP 330

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

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 (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 (SUNG)

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.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

(#325)

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;

*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees,

*with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us break bread together on our knees, #325 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

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

GOD IS LOVE, LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM

(#379)

- 1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.**
- 2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**
- 3 God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

God is Love, let heaven adore him, #379 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt. Held by A.R. Mowbray & Co. Ltd. Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). Copyright © 1942 Renewal 1970, by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

DISMISSAL

BCP 340

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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; 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:
Trudy Trammel (5/2); Linda Webb (5/3).

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

SEMINARIANS: Jake Webb; Parker Hughes.

THOSE IN NEED:

Jason Christian Bayer

Lucile Bondurant

Kris Browning

Adam Burkley

Lynn Clark

Angela Coon

Cora

Jacob Crawford

Jeremiah Crawford

Suzanne Cronise

Bryce Dalton

Carma Duffy

Eva

Christine E.

Brooke Forney

Jeff and Yvonne Frazier

Chelsea G. H.

Chuck Geiger

Anna Guillote

Jim Harris

Crofton Held

Laura Holt McCann

Pat Honts

Tommy Hunter

Meg Johnson

Dan Karnes

Kay

Sharon LaVonne Kidwell

Yvonne Killers

Allen Layman

Leslie

Mary

Edwina Michael

Liz Moore

Charley Neil

Edward Neil

Matthew Neil

Judy Newbern

Juliana Nganele

Nora

David Ostrowski

Janet P.

Doug Paysour

Emily Perdue

Roderick Plenge

Sis Proffitt

Roman

Brook Roncinske

Mario Saade

Savannah

Aubrey Scaletta

Naomi Stoltzfus

Dave VanAken

Sherry Vinson

Jeanie Walker

Chad Whitaker

Denise Williamson

Kim Wyrick

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Fred Coleman Layne, Sr. (father of Delores Wood); Colby Trammell; Mark Hurd.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: Layne & Wood families; Trammell family; Hurd and Layman 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 (540) 884-2555

Parish Activities – Week of April 28, 2024

Sunday, April 28 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00am - Service of Holy Communion, Rite I – The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhagen, Celebrant

Monday, April 29

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets
6:30pm - Vestry special meeting

Tuesday, April 30

7:00pm - Open AA

Wednesday, May 1

**4:30pm - BMA Concert and Meal
Fundraiser**

7:30pm - Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, May 2

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework
Guild
12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, May 3

Office Closed

Saturday, May 4

8:30am - Episcopal Men's Fellowship
9:30am - Noon Food Pantry
7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Serving Us Today

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. DR. ROBERT T. COPENHAVER
LEM/INTERCESSOR: MIKE PARISH
2ND CHALICE BEARER: KATE PARISH
LECTOR: EMILY TALBOT-GUILLOTE
ACOLYTE: COLLIN MURPHY
MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON
ORGANIST: TOMMY HUNTER
ALTAR GUILD: PAM GARRISON, DELORES WOOD
COUNTERS: KAREN BEASLEY, TRUDY TRAMMELL
USHERS: MAHLON KIDD, JOHN ALEXANDER



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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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