

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2023



“Jesus and the Samaritan Woman -
Jorge Cocco Santángelo (born 1936)

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"... 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." – John 4:11,13-15

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

Third Sunday in Lent, Year A

Rector: The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks
The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus

**(BCP—Book of Common Prayer, H-Hymnal 1982; S Numbers are the service music found in the front of The Hymnal 1982; WLP-Wonder, Love and Praise)
LEVAS-Lift Every Voice and Sing II)**

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to this Church. May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest; the unhappy, joy; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; and to all the sense of God's Presence in this holy place. We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Port Royal, the Nandtaughtacund, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe.

Prelude

Opening Hymn **Glorious things of thee are spoken** **H 522**

Celebrant **Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.**
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

**and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Kyrie

S 91

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

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

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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

A reading from Exodus , Chapter 17, verses 1-7.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us

out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

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."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 5 , verses 1 through 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you Lord 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.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Saving God, you are the giver of living water, the source of deepest compassion, and the fountain of eternal life. Therefore we pray to you.

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the earth, with its lifegiving water; its oceans, lakes, rivers, streams and creeks, the water which sustains us, cleanses us, and renews us in this life. May we treasure this gift and use it with reverence.

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who are thirsty—thirsty for a life of meaning, thirsty for a word of grace, thirsty for a drink of water. May we provide for those in need and bring hope to the hopeless. **Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who are weary—wary from life's long journey, weary from quarrelling and testing, weary from pain or grief, weary from war. Until your reign of peace comes to this earth, we pray for those serving in the armed forces of this land, especially those on our prayer list. May we encourage our leaders to choose life rather than death and compassion rather than vengeance. **Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who are broken—broken by sin and suffering, broken by hard disappointment, broken by acts of violence. May we, in the wholeness of your love, be reconciled to you, and to one another. **Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who are suffering—suffering from the assaults of disease, suffering from death dealing addictions, suffering from anxiety, suffering from pain. We pray for all on our prayer list, and especially for Ken Pogue, Rob Dobson, Fred Pannell, Sylvia Coleman, Hyacinth Wallace, Bethune Andrews, Nathaniel Schakenberg, Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, Cookie and Johnny Davis, and Ed and Doris Hooker. May we encourage, comfort, and tend those in our care and in our prayers with your healing power. **Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died—especially our generous and steadfast friend, David Fannon. May he and all who have died go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who mourn—that casting every care on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, through your Spirit, pour your love into our hearts, your grace into our lives, and your healing into our world, until the earth is

filled with your glory as the waters cover the sea; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

S 114

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The bread is broken.

Lamb of God

LEVAS 270

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution of the Sacraments

Communion Hymn Rock of ages

H 685

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, spring up like living water, fill your heart, and flow through your life. And may the blessing of God pour over you through the power of the Holy Spirit, and keep you in eternal life, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

H 690

Dismissal

Resources:

The Prayers of the People are in part from Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

Today's bulletin cover art is by Jorge Cocco Santangelo, an Argentinian artist. He paints in an artistic style which he calls "sacro-cubism," in which he portrays religious and sacred events with features of the post-cubist art movement.

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter's. May you find God's love present with you in this place and return here often to worship.

The offering plates are in the back next to the doors. Your gifts help support God's work through this church. Mail - PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. online - <https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

Tom is substituting today at Christ Church Episcopal, Spotsylvania.

Lent is the season to prepare for the journey through Holy Week and the joys of the Easter season to come. The Confession of Sin and the Absolution are both part of the Penitential Order and occur at the beginning of the service.

If you would like to give a lily to beautify the church for Easter in memory or in honor of someone, or to make a donation to the Endowment Fund, complete the form and place in the offering plate – *Lily deadline is Sun., March 26, Endowment Fund, Sun., April 2.*

Happy Birthday- Marie Duke, March 17

Stations of the Cross—Meditate on the last hours of Jesus' life by walking the Stations of the Cross. Mary Peterman's moving watercolors and the text on display . Enter through the back gate. The Stations will be located on the fence around the graveyard. Thank you to the Saylor's, who have supplied the welcoming information and background for the Stations at the front of the church.

-March 12, Worship on YouTube.

<https://youtube.com/live/oJu0CkUupbw?feature=share>

-March 13 Monday Morning meditation 6:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980716417?pwd=UHLxNE1JYlQ1TGh6N25oYTBxRURwQT09> Meeting ID: 879 8071 6417 Passcode: 790929.

-March 13, Psalms Study on Zoom, Mondays in Lent, 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87304189375?pwd=RHRlUUCrSVU1K1JPWmhiMlc4Z2ZxpUT09> Meeting ID: 873 0418 9375 Passcode: 092098

-Bible Study March 15, 10am-12pm. Parish House. Read the lectionary for March 19.

-Village Harvest is that afternoon 3pm,-5PM. Please email Andrea to volunteer at wakepogue.public@gmail.com, or (540) 847-9002. Pack bags 1-3PM, Deliver food to clients' cars 3-5PM.

St. Peter's Lenten page – <https://churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2023>

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(2026),
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Prayer List

Ken Pogue, Fred and Crystal Pannell, Alice Hughes, Jim Heimbach, Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Laura Carey, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom

Hyacinth Wallace, Bethune Andrews (Linneth Feliciano's sisters), Sylvia Coleman, Ed and Doris Hooker, J. P. Wilkerson, Milijana Grayson, Nika Corwin (friend of Marcia Kole), Nathaniel Schakenberg, Otis Felts (friend of Johnny Davis), The Glasgows (friends of the Felicianos), Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs. Watson (Linneth Feliciano's mother), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), J.T. Moriarty (Hicks' friend), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Patty Reno (cousin of Tom Kramer), Joanne Wilkerson and Jimmy Davis, Julie Davis (sister, brother and daughter of Johnny Davis), Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Jonathan Coleman (Cleo Coleman's son), Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Orville Watson (Linneth Feliciano's brother), Gloria Jewell, Kathryn, David and Bobby Hill (Lydia O'Neil's family), Lorena McElwain, (friend of the Pogues), Odessa Davis, Kelly Paterino, G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw (Brad Volland's cousin), Joan Pemberton (Brad Volland's aunt), Albert Barnett (Andrea's uncle), Scott Crabtree (Eunice Key's brother), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin), Mary Lawrence Hicks, Rodney C. Johnson (Hicks' friend), Charlene Schakenberg, (Becky Fisher's mother)

Passed into eternal life: David Fannon

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons	Scott Estes	Cliff Lance
Steven Lee	Greg Merkl	Grace Grimaldi
Alexis Rye	Michael Hobbs	Alex Long V