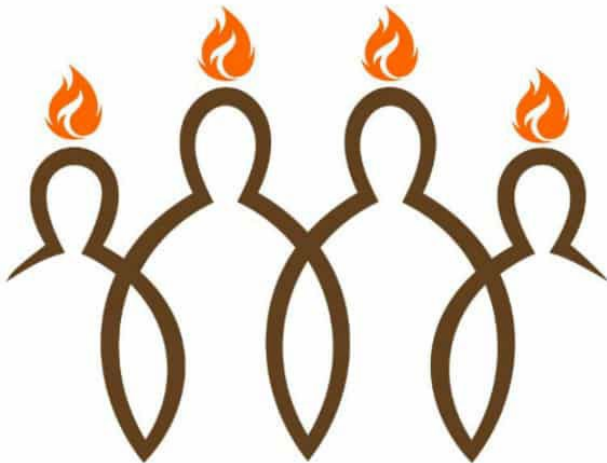


THE DAY OF PENTECOST, MAY 28, 2023, 11AM



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**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

Day of Pentecost, 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.

The Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Larry Saylor, Guitar

Opening Hymn

Spirit divine, attend our prayers

H 509

The Word of God

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to you

S 236

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Numbers, Chapter 11, verses 24-30.

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him,

and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37, *Benedic, anima mea*

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

**28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

**37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!**

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 the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, verses 1-21.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 `In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.

 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.

 And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

 The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious
 day.

 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
 saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

If you believe and I believe

WLP 806

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy

Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

Affirmation

**We believe in God, the source of love,
who created humanity in God’s own image and likeness,
who blessed them and asked them to procreate, nurture and preserve
God’s creation for posterity.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
who was born of a woman and was a carpenter,
who identified himself with women, men, and children, transforming
them to have life abundantly.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit active before creation,
who through the ages has inspired Christians without number,
who continues to inspire us to usher in the reign of God,
where no one is cast out, lonely, or bereft.**

The Prayers of the People

In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgivings, and the deep yearnings of our hearts.

For the church and for all the people of God, that we may be made whole and free by the Spirit, and bear witness in every aspect of our lives to the full power of Christ’s resurrection. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

For our world in its brokenness, that the peace of our risen Lord may heal the wounds of all victims of injustice and exploitation, and transform the hearts of those who lead the nations and who make public policy, that they may become peacemakers. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

For those serving in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list, that they may serve with honor and return home safely when their work is complete. We pray for an end to violence in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities, in our nation, and in the world. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this Memorial Day weekend, we give thanks with grateful hearts for the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

For our children and young people, that they may be protected from danger. Help us all to nurture them so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

For those weighed down by despair, for those imprisoned by addictions, and for those burdened by illness, especially Laura Carey, Ken Pogue, Fred Pannell, Susan Linne von Berg, Beth Andrews, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, John Stoddard, and all on our prayer list, we pray for the healing freedom which the Spirit gives to the children of God. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

In thanksgiving for the departed, and for all who witnessed to us of God's love poured into our hearts by the Spirit, and for the grace to be faithful to all they have been for us. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gracious God, receive our prayers and hear our hearts' deep yearnings that we have yet to form into words. Give us the courage to yield ourselves, all that we are and have yet to become, to the transforming power of your Holy Spirit. Carry out in us and through us your work of new creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and living one. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

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

Larry Saylor, Guitar

The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved upon the waters of chaos
as you called forth land and sea,
oceans and rivers,
mountains and valleys
deserts and tundra,
jungles and grassy plains.

Your Spirit went before Moses and the Hebrew children,
a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night,
leading them through the wilderness.
Your Spirit roused the hearts of the prophets
who proclaimed your judgment upon the nations
And called for repentance among your people.

For these mighty acts of your Holy Spirit,
we praise your name and join in the eternal hymn
of the angels and saints who sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, indeed, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son.
By your Spirit, you anointed him to bring good news to the poor
and to proclaim release to the captives.
By your Spirit, Jesus confronted the demons of oppression.
In your Spirit, he rejoiced as his disciples did great work in his name.
At his death on the cross Jesus yielded up his spirit to you,
And by the Holy Spirit, you raised him for the dead.
This same enlightening, empowering, enlivening Spirit
Jesus promised to all who keep his commandment to love as he has
loved.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over, he took the cup and gave thanks, saying,
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
Poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, in remembrance of the mighty acts and blessed promise of
Jesus,
we offer ourselves to you in union with his offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

**Send your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here out of love for you,
and on this bread and wine.
Let the bread we break
be true fellowship in the body of Christ.**

Let the cup we share be a true participation in the new covenant of his blood.

By your Spirit, pour through us the power of your redeeming love that we may be Christ for the world, serving in his name.

Through your son Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
All glory and honor is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

The Communion of the People of God
Communion Hymn Loving Spirit WLP 742

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing
Come, Holy Spirit!
Like wind, fly free through us
Like fire, burn with passion in us
Like living water, renew us
Fill us with God's healing power
So that we may be witnesses to God's presence in this world.
And may the love of the Risen Lord bless us with the peace that passes all understanding, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn Sweet, Sweet Spirit LEVAS 120

Dismissal

Postlude

Resources

Opening Collect and the Eucharistic Prayer are from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed. **Prayers of the People: Intercessions for the Christian People**, Gail Ramshaw, ed., and The Book of Common Prayer

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 communion bread is gluten free. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

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>

Birthdays - Cornesha Howard 5/30 Please send a birthday card to Cornesha at her address. 307 Garrison Woods Dr, Apt 10, Stafford, VA 22556

Thank you to Cookie Davis and Alice Hughes for today's altar flowers.

On Pentecost, the extinguishing of the Paschal Candle serves as a reminder that Christ's work on earth is now complete, and that our job as Christians is to carry the light of Christ out into the world.

Please welcome the Little Falls Bluegrass Band who will be providing bluegrass music for our picnic today. Thank you, Ken and Andrea Pogue, and Larry Saylor for picking up our new picnic tables, and to Ken for assembling them. Thank you to those who donated the money for these new tables. We will bless the tables today at the picnic.

Shred-it collected \$640 on Fri, May 19. After expenses of \$335, there was a profit of \$305 for outreach ministries. Thanks to all who donated and helped with the event and to Andrea Pogue for organizing the project.

--May 28, Worship, On YouTube,

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

--UTO Spring Ingathering, today! "Being a blessing to others may be the greatest altruism possible by a human being."-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

--Psalms Course. Revised schedule--Tues, May 30, finish Books 1 and cover Book 2 (Psalms 24-72)

--Back to Jamaica, helping with school supplies. Two ways to help.

Write a check by Sunday, June 11h with Jamaica/Victoria School in the memo line, or purchase school supplies for the children at the Victoria School in Jamaica, by June 17.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3HN4T28R3HFUM>

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Prayer List**

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

**John Stoddard (friend of the Upshaws), Christy Meehan, Amy the bus
driver, Mario Ferguson's father, Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz
Ruthven, Charlene Schakenberg, (Becky Fisher's mother), Kelly Paterino,
Kathleen Curran (Matt Hood's aunt), T. C. Collins, Wayne Cohen (cousin
of Andrea Pogue), Jimmy and Nancy Davis (Johnny Davits' brother and
sister in law), Herb Collins, Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth Wallace, Bethune
Andrews, Orville Watson (Linneth Feleciano's mother, sisters and
brother), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ed
and Doris Hooker, Milijana Grayson, Nika Corwin (friend of Marcia
Kole), Nathaniel Schakenberg, Otis Felts (friend of Johnny Davis), The
Glasgows (friends of the Felicianos), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother),
Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Joanne Wilkerson and Julie Davis
(sister and daughter of Johnny Davis), Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill
Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Ruth Smith,
Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sister-in-law), Gloria Jewell, The Hill family
(Lydia O'Neil's family), Lorena McElwain, (friend of the Pogues), G. Lee
Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw (Brad's cousin), Joan Pemberton
(Brad's aunt), Albert Barnett (Andrea's uncle), Scott Crabtree (Eunice
Key's brother), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin)**

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Steven Lee

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Greg Merkl

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Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V