

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
JUNE 18, 2023, 11AM**



Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;  
Go into God's courts with praise;  
Give thanks to God and call upon God's name.  
For God is good;  
God's mercy is everlasting;  
And God's faithfulness endures from age to age.  
Psalm 100: 3-4

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

## The Third Sunday After Pentecost

Recto+r: 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

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| Prelude      | We shall overcome | LEVAS 227 |
| Opening Hymn | Go Down, Moses    | LEVAS 228 |

### The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God, for ever and ever.**

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| Hymn of Praise | Praise to God, immortal praise | H 288 |
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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

### A Reading from the Book of Exodus, Chapter 19, verses 2 through 8a.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say

to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 100, *Jubilate Deo***

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**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 1-8.**

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**Tis the gift to be simple**

**H 554**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Catherine Hicks**

**Affirmation**

**As children of God, we affirm:**

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,  
that God is present with all of creation,  
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful.**

**Therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us love with a human face,  
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,  
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope.**

**Therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,  
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,  
and that when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way.**

**Therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:  
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

We rejoice and give our thanks and praise, our sovereign God: For you do not abandon what you have created, but continue to make your

grace known among us. We thank you for those who have chosen to speak your reconciling word on behalf of the freedom and civil rights for all people in this age, and we pray for the grace to receive those words. We pray that those entrusted with authority in our nation may support the changes needed to exercise leadership and promote healing in an authentic, responsible, and peaceful manner. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We rejoice and give our thanks and praise, our creator God; for you made the earth, in all its majestic beauty and bounty, which sustains us. We pray that we may love your creation and care for it as you care for us, with tender compassion. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We rejoice and give our thanks and praise, our caring God; for you hear the cries of the poor, you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn, you feel the pain of those in anguish, and you come to the side of the lonely. Call us, your church, to compassion and service. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We rejoice and give our thanks and praise, our God of justice; for you desire that we all be one. Erase prejudice and class divisions among us, that together we might share in your vision of harmony. We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy. May we rejoice with one another, knowing that you have set all of us free. May all who gather this week to remember Juneteenth celebrate freely and in safety. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We rejoice and give our thanks and praise, our God of peace; for you have bid us to make warfare cease and to place our trust in you who bear us up on eagles' wings. Raise up peacemakers among us, and confound those who trust in war. Until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray for those serving in the armed forces of this land, especially those on our prayer list. Help them to serve honorably and return home safely when their work is done. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We rejoice and give our thanks and praise, our God of strength; for your will for us is health and salvation. Give to us, and to Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge, Beth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie and all on our prayer list healing, patience, and hope. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We rejoice and give our thanks, our God of life, for the gift of eternal life. May those who have died, especially Joan Johnson, go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Almighty and most loving God, through your Son Jesus, who came among us as a slave choosing rather to serve his disciples than to be served by them; help us in our weakness not to seek to oppress others, nor to make peace with any form of exploitation, but in all things earnestly and of our own free will to seek to serve each other following Christ's good example. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

## **The Holy Communion**

Eucharistic Prayer B

**BCP 367**

Sanctus

**WLP 858**

The Lord's Prayer

**BCP 364**

The Breaking of the Bread

**BCP 364**

The Communion of the People of God

## **Communion Hymn**

**Let us break bread together**

**LEVAS 152**

Post-Communion Prayer

**BCP 365**

## **The Blessing**

(A Four-Fold Franciscan Blessing by The Very Rev. Kim L. Coleman)

And now, may God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, exploitation of people, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this work, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the One who creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**Come, labor on**

**H 541**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in the believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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**Resources:**

Building Faith website

Bulletin Cover: Mary Peterman

Today's collect: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Affirmation: Daily Prayers for all Seasons

Prayers of the People: Intercessions for the Christian People, Gail Ramshaw, ed; Vivian Traylor Union of Black Episcopalians

Blessing: The Very Rev. Kim Coleman

**Today's hymns**

“We Shall Overcome” and “Go Down, Moses” are both in our hymn book, Lift Every Voice and Sing. **We are singing them today in observance of tomorrow's national holiday, Juneteenth.** After the Union army forced the surrender of Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith at Galveston on June 2, 1865, the emancipation of slaves in Texas became reality. On June 19, 1865, 250,000 enslaved people were freed and that day marked an official date of emancipation for the enslaved population. **The official end of slavery in the United States came with the 13th Amendment in 1865.**



“We shall overcome,” a song of promise, became well known during the Civil Rights movement of the 1950’s and 60’s. Its origins date back to a folk song that slaves would sing as they worked in the fields—“I’ll be all right someday.” Learn more at this link.

<https://www.npr.org/2013/08/28/216482943/the-inspiring-force-of-we-shall-overcome>

“Go Down Moses” discusses the liberation of the ancient Jewish people from Egyptian slavery. This story held a second meaning for enslaved African Americans, as they related their experiences under slavery to those of Moses and the Israelites who were enslaved by the pharaoh,<sup>[5]</sup> and they resonated with the message that God will come to the aid of the persecuted. Sarah Bradford's authorized biography of Harriet Tubman, *Scenes in the Life of Harriet Tubman* (1869), quotes Tubman as saying she used "Go Down Moses" as one of two code songs used with fugitive enslaved people to communicate when fleeing Maryland.<sup>[5]</sup> Tubman began her underground railroad work in 1850 and continued until the beginning of the Civil War. Some people even hypothesize that she herself may have written the spiritual.<sup>[17]</sup> Others claim that Nat Turner, who led one of the most well-known slave revolts in history, either wrote or was the inspiration for the song. Learn more at this link. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Go\\_Down\\_Moses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Go_Down_Moses)

“Tis a gift to be simple” is a Shaker song written and composed in 1848, generally attributed to Elder Joseph Brackett from Alfred Shaker Village. The song was largely unknown outside Shaker communities until Aaron Copland used its melody for the score of Martha Graham's ballet, Appalachian Spring, first performed in 1944.

Learn more at this link. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simple\\_Gifts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simple_Gifts)

The text to “Come, Labor On” was written by Jane L. Borthwick (b. Edinburgh, Scotland, 1813; d. Edinburgh, 1897) and published it in her *Thoughts for Thoughtful Hours* (1859) in seven, six-line stanzas. Borthwick revised the text into its present five-line form and published that version in her *Thoughts for Thoughtful Hours* of 1863. Borthwick was a member of the Presbyterian Free Church of Scotland and had a strong interest in the church's mission work. She also supported Moravian missions in Labrador, Canada, and was involved in social service work in Edinburgh. T. (Thomas) Tertius Noble (b. Bath, England,

1867; d. Rockport, MA, 1953) composed the hymn tune ORA LABORA for Borthwick's text when it was accepted in 1916 for inclusion in the Episcopal hymnal, on whose commission Noble served. ORA LABORA, which means "pray and work," was also published in *The New Hymnal* of 1918. Learn more at this link.

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/PsH/526>

### **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>

**Sunday, June 18 Worship, On YouTube,**

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

**Happy anniversary –Chris and Becky Fisher. June 18.**

**Barbara and Tom Segar will be celebrating 63 years together!**

**Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**World Refugee Day, June 20.** As of May 2022, 100 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide. 27.1 million are refugees. Over half of all refugees are children. Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) is The Episcopal Church's refugee resettlement agency, saving lives and restoring hope for thousands of refugees resettled to the United States every year. In 2022, EMM resettled 1,639 individuals from 30 countries into communities in the United States. **To learn more about EMM and how you can help, [episcopalmigrationministries.org](http://episcopalmigrationministries.org)**

**Bible Study, June 21, 10am-12pm. Parish House. 4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**

[https://lectionarypage.net/YearA\\_RCL/Pentecost/AProp7\\_RCL.html](https://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp7_RCL.html)

**Village Harvest Wed, June 21, 3pm,-5PM.** Please email Andrea to volunteer at [wakepogue.public@gmail.com](mailto:wakepogue.public@gmail.com), or (540) 847-9002. Pack bags 1-3PM, Deliver food to clients' cars 3-5PM.

**Summer Solstice compline service on Zoom, 7pm Wed, June 21.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81673905299?pwd=eWFhRFAXdUlkb1lzTmtKS>

3JOT2I5dz09 Meeting ID: 816 7390 5299 Passcode: 945108 Link on web site.

**Back to Jamaica, helping with school supplies!**

1. Purchase school supplies for the children at the Victoria School in Jamaica . <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3HN4T28R3HFUM>

The purchases can be shipped to P.O. Box 385, Port Royal, VA 22535.

Here are the numbers remaining as of June 16. Due June 18

| <u>Item</u>                    | <u>Need</u>    | <u>Notes</u>         |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <u>1) Drawstring backpacks</u> | 250            |                      |
| <u>2) Sharpeners</u>           | 150            |                      |
| <u>3) Pencils</u>              | 550            |                      |
| <u>4) Pens</u>                 | 100            |                      |
| <b>5) Toothpaste</b>           | <del>432</del> | Complete - Thank you |
| <u>6) Erasers</u>              | 230            |                      |
| <u>7) Crayons</u>              | 500            |                      |
| <u>8) Pencil cases</u>         | 350            |                      |
| <u>9) Rulers</u>               | 350            |                      |
| <b><u>10) Toothbrushes</u></b> | <del>350</del> | Complete - Thank you |
| <b><u>11) Tablets</u></b>      | ±              | Complete - Thank you |

OR

**2. Make a check to St Peter's** with Jamaica/Victoria School on the memo line. Your donation will help with shipping costs for the school supplies and to buy monitors for computers being donated. **Order supplies by today online or make a monetary donation by Sun, June 30.**

**School Supplies for Caroline County. Please place your donations of notebook paper on the back pew.** (Goal -200 packs by July 16)

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**The Vestry**  
**Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)**  
**Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)**  
**Linda Upshaw (2026)**  
**Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar**  
**Senior Warden, Elizabeth Heimbach**  
**Junior Warden, Cookie Davis**  
**Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist**  
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**Prayer List**

**Laura Carey, Fred and Crystal Pannell, Ken Pogue, 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**

**Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge** (friend of the Pogues), **Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother), **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 Feliciano'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 sisters-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)

**Passed into eternal life: Joan Johnson** (Andrea Pogue's family)

### **Serving in the Armed Forces**

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