

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
AUGUST 13, 2023, 11AM**



So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" – Matthew 14:29-31

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

Opening Hymn

O God, our help in ages past

H 680

The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God, for ever and ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

O worship the King (verses 1 and 5)

H 388

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith, so that we may never doubt his presence among us, but proclaim that he is your Son, risen from the dead, living for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from 1 Kings, Chapter 19, verses 9 through 18.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: Verses 8 through 13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

**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 10, verses 5
through 15.**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call

on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save

H 608

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Hughes

The Affirmation (from Daily Prayers for All Seasons)

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,
and 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

We are the ark of the church, at times storm-tossed and frightened. Let us cry out in faith for our own needs and for the needs of the world. May we prayerfully listen to you, O Lord, for you speak peace to your faithful people, and to all who turn their hearts to you.

We pray for churches everywhere, that they may face the challenges that come to them with the assurance that you are with them. Lift them up and carry them through. We pray for the people of the churches in Maui, who are working to provide immediate relief to those in need around them. **Truly your salvation is very near.**

We pray for the earth, afflicted by wildfires, melting glaciers, and drought. We pray for all who are affected these natural disasters, especially the people of Hawaii and all who have been affected by wildfires there. We ask forgiveness for the harm we have done to your creation. Give us the will and the perseverance to care for our mother earth, as you have called us to do. **May your glory be restored to this earth.**

We pray for the leaders of nations, communities and households who are faced with terrible choices and whose decisions affect the lives of many. We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may govern with the common good in mind. We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray 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 done. **May peace be a pathway for our feet.**

We pray for all teachers and students and for their families as this school year begins. May our schools be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. May those who teach and those who learn find that you are the source of all truth. We pray today for all schools in Caroline County and for The Victoria School in Linstead, Jamaica, whose mission we support. We give thanks for the Principal of the Victoria School, Annette Steele, and for her presence with us today. Bless her work and the work of all teachers and principals. **May mercy and truth meet as we work and learn together.**

We pray for those who rely only on themselves, for those who struggle to trust in God's beckoning and welcoming word, and for those caught in fear. **May we all find your righteousness and peace present with us.**

We pray for all who suffer, especially those on our prayer list, for those caught in addictions in mind or body, and for those who feel powerless and sink ever more deeply into despair, for the lonely, disconsolate, the dying, and for those who mourn. May they hear your call and reach out to you in trust and faith, trusting that you will lift them up with your healing presence. We give thanks for the continuing improvement of Beth Andrews, Linneth Feliciano's sister. **Give us life again, that we may rejoice in you.**

We pray all of us who gather around this eucharistic table, that you may bless us with strength in our faith. **Restore us and open our eyes to your mercy.**

O true and faithful God, you are the hope of those who cry out to you. We thank you for hearing our petitions. Where there is no faith, awaken it; where there is little faith, enlarge it, that one day we may all come to acknowledge Jesus as your Son and the savior of the world. We ask this in his name, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit. **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

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The Breaking of the Bread **BCP 364**

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn **Precious Lord, take my hand** **LEVAS 106**

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn **Love lifted me** **LEVAS 198**

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ways to help those in need in Hawaii

Group Donation

We at St Peter's can come together as a group to do our part to help with immediate relief efforts in Hawaii. If you would like to donate through St Peter's, as this part of the Body of Christ, make out a check to St Peter's and put Hawaii in the memo line. The St Peter's collection will go to The Diocese of Hawaii to The Bishop's Pastoral Fund with a note that this is from our church, St Peter's, here in The Diocese of Virginia. The Diocese of Hawaii will put this money to work through [A Cup of Cold Water](#), the homeless assistance ministry run by the four Episcopal Churches on the island of Maui. If you would prefer to donate individually online to The Bishop's Pastoral Fund, click this link. [online donations](#)

Individual Donations

If you would like to donate online through Episcopal Relief and Development, click on this link, <https://support.episcopalrelief.org> and put US Disaster Fund in the memo line. This group is also working with The Diocese of Hawaii.

Charity Navigator, a website that rates charities in an effort to help people use their donations wisely, has a curated list of charities which are accepting donations to help the people of Hawaii. Go to this link, <https://www.charitynavigator.org> . Click on Hawaii Wildfires to find their list and ways to contribute to various groups online.

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>

Annette Steele, Principal of the Victoria Primary School in Jamaica, is with us today. Two years ago we purchased enough school supplies for 350 children and sent people to the school in Jamaica on a mission trip. Andrea and Ken Pogue, and Laura Carey will return to Jamaica this month to take school supplies and equipment to the school.

Following today's service, please come to lunch in the Parish House to honor Principal Annette Steele from the Victoria School in Jamaica.

Following lunch, all are invited to come to the Davis residence from 2-5 PM for a time of renewal, recreation, and refreshments. During our time together, we will consider our baptisms and renew our baptismal vows, and those who would like to experience what baptism by John the Baptist might have been like will have that opportunity. Thank you to Cookie and Johnny Davis for hosting this party.

**Happy Birthday –Thom Guthrie, Scarlett Long (Aug. 13), Salli Hartman (Aug. 15), Linda Kramer, Boyd Wisdom (Aug. 18)
Happy Anniversary - Boyd, Barbara Wisdom (Aug. 17)**

Aug. 13, Worship, On YouTube,
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

Bible Study, Weds, Aug 16, 10am-12pm. Parish House. 12th Pentecost
http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp15_RCL.html

Village Harvest Wed, Aug 16, 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.

Resources for today's service include Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (today's collect), and for the Prayers of the People, The Book of Common Prayer, Intercessions for the Christian People, and Psalm 85.

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The Vestry

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Prayer List

Cookie Davis, 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, Jim Heimbach

Sherie Franssen (Matt Hood's aunt), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Ralph Powell (Hicks friend), Lola Delbridge, Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge (friend of the Pogues), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg, (Becky Fisher's mother), T. C. Collins, Wayne Cohen (cousin of Andrea Pogue), Jimmy and Nancy Davis (Johnny Davi's 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 Schnakenberg, 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)

Serving in the Armed Forces

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