

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2023, 11AM



“Let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we for evermore are one.”

From the Bidding Prayer, “Christmas Festival of Lessons and Music,” The Book of Occasional Services

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Saints Sunday

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

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| Prelude | For all the saints | St Peter's Choir |
| Opening Hymn | I sing a song of the saints of God | H 293 |

The Word of God

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| Hymn of Praise | Ye watchers and ye holy ones | H 618 |
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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from The Revelation to John, Chapter 7, verses 9-17.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: verses 1-10,22 *Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

**4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

**8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!**

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him

**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 First Letter of John, Chapter 3, verses 1 through 3.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Hughes

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

We give you thanks for those we have known and loved in this lifetime who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, and with whom, in your son Jesus Christ, we are one.

James Abourezk, (friend of Linda Kramer), **John Anderson** (brother of Jim Anderson), **Susan Allen** (friend of Linda Kramer), **Bethune Andrews** (sister of Linneth Feliciano), **Ruby Barnes** (sister of Laura Carey), **Mattie Beale** (friend of Mary Peterman and Denise Gregory), **Easton Buchanan** (cousin of Andrea Pogue), **John Thomas Carter** (Barbara Wisdom's stepfather), **Roger Chartters** (friend of the Segars), **Pansy Cohen** (relative of Andrea Pogue) , **Herb Collins** (friend of Cookie Davis and Port Royal), **David Fannon**, **David Fitzgerald** (son of Lydia O'Neil), **Lynn**

Garrett, Edward Geraci, (brother of Marion Mahoney), **Louise Gossett** (friend of Catherine Hicks) , **Taylor Hayden** (member of Scout Troop 304), **Joan Johnson** (Andrea Pogue's family) , **Billy Long** (Larry Saylor's brother-in-law) **Bill McKnight** (Chris Fisher's uncle) , **Nancy Newton Nolen** (friend of Barbara Segar), **Beverly Pauken** (Mary Peterman's sister), **Sandra Smith, John Stoddard** (friend of the Upshaws), **Paris Swisher** (friend of Tom and Alice Hughes), **Edith Taylor** (friend of Cookie Davis), **John Vartonklan, MD., Robert Walker, Jane Harrington Webber** (Linda Kramer's aunt), **Jeremiah Williams**

Tolling of the Bell

"We Remember Them"- Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

At the rising of the sun and at its going down; **We remember them.**

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter; **We remember them.**

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring; **We remember them.**

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer; **We remember them.**

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn; **We remember them.**

At the beginning of the year and when it ends; **We remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength; **We remember them.**

When we are lost and sick at heart; **We remember them.**

When we have decisions that are difficult to make; **We remember them.**

When we have joy we long to share; **We remember them.**

When we have achievements that are based on theirs; **We remember them.**

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as, we remember them.

Loving God, you have bound us together in one communion and fellowship. Grant to us, your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and your peace as we continue on in our pilgrimage in faith with one another and with Jesus, our companion and friend. Amen.

And now, let us pray for an end to all violence and for the desire to walk the way of Jesus, for if only we follow that path, we will find God's reign of love here, on this earth.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

Faith of our Fathers!

St Peter's Choir

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer for All Saints' Day

Prayer of Preparation for the Eucharist

As if this were the only time, and this the only place, and we the only people, Jesus Christ will meet us. As if this were the only time and this the only place, and we the only people, let us worship God.

Let us pray.

Heaven is here, and earth, and the space is thin between them.

Distance may divide, but Christ's promise unites those of us still bounded by time, and those who are now blessed by eternity. Let heaven be glad.

All: **Let the whole earth cry glory.**

Heaven is here, and earth, and the church above and below is one.

Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and all the Marys, Lazarus, Francis and Claire, Mother Teresa; and Martin Luther King; the saints from far back and those who left us not long ago. And only sight prevents us from

seeing them, for they are one with us on the other side. Let heaven be glad.

All: **Let the whole earth cry glory.**

Heaven is here, and earth, and God who made them is present. The Lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us; the spirit of God, the Dove, makes her resting place among us. God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction. Let heaven be glad.

All: **Let the whole earth cry glory.**

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Invitation to the Eucharist

Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, and Zacchaeus, he was always the guest. At the meal table of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him, those who want to follow him must first be fed by him, those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Holy Creator, that you allow us to live surrounded by the evidence of your divinity at St Peter's: Your sun pours in through the tall clear windows, light and shadows playing across these holy walls and holy words like the joys and sorrows that come and go in our lives. We thank you for the ever-shifting beauty of the Rappahannock River,

for the shade of the sycamores, for the flowers that bloom in their season, for the smell of newly cut grass, for the crunch of autumn leaves. We thank you for the laughter and the tears that we have shared together.

As Jesus was, we are called to times of service, but also to solitude, to vast stores of unused quiet to be with You, to immensities of rivers, oceans and skies that enlarge our souls and remind us of eternity, and what passes, but with promise.

And so we come together today to receive your Word and join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise and thanks that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came to live and die as one of us.

(Silence) Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

Amen.

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, and broke it. "This is my body broken for you."

Later he took a cup of wine and said, "This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it all of you, to remember me."

Jesus, firstborn of Mary,

All: **Have mercy upon us.**

Jesus, Savior of the world,

All: **Have mercy upon us.**

Jesus Lord of heaven,
All: **Grant us peace.**

He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread.
He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup.
So take this bread and wine. In them God comes to us so that we may
come to God. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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.**

Everyone receives.

Communion Hymn All who hunger WLP 761

Concluding Prayer
Let us pray.

**Loving God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal,
and these people, we give ourselves to you. Lead us out from this
place to live as changed people because we have shared the Living
Bread and so cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much
of us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Lord, may we
live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and as citizens of the
commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Lord bless us, and keep us, and preserve us from all evil,
And bring us to everlasting life;
And may the souls of the faithful,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Closing Hymn Ye holy angels bright H 625

Dismissal

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

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>

Nov. 5, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Bring your donation of snacks for Bowling Green Elementary and place on the back pew. Elizabeth Heimbach will deliver the snacks.

Episcopal Church Men (ECM) is working with the County Department of Social Services to provide families in the area with Thanksgiving gift cards. Donations are due today with a check, ECM in memo line.

Coffee Hour will be held after the service in the Parish House. All are welcome.

Happy Anniversary! Clarence & Betty Kunstmann (Nov. 7)

Happy Birthday! Andrea Pogue (Nov. 5), Johnathan Davis (Nov. 7), Lydia O'Neil, (Nov. 9), Kimberly Fisher (Nov. 10), Jackie Collins, Jim Heimbach (Nov. 11)

Bible Study, Wed Nov. 8, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for 24th Sunday after Pentecost

https://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp27_RCL.html

THIS WEDNESDAY, Nov. 8, 2:30PM. All are invited to join in the field trip to the Patawomeck Museum and Cultural Center, 638 Kings Hwy, Fredericksburg, VA 22405 Get your tickets online ahead-

<https://tribalstore.square.site/shop/museum-village-and-cultural-center-tickets/40> Let Catherine know if you plan to attend.

Planning Meeting for 2024, Thurs, Nov. 9, 7pm on Zoom. What would like to see on our church calendar? What do you think we should be doing this coming year. All are welcome to attend. Here's the link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86586929772?pwd=SnFiUnFOVUJZM1NGc01Vamdhd1VzUT09> Meeting ID: 865 8692 9772 Passcode: 408230

Estimate of Giving Cards are due Nov. 19 for the stewardship campaign, Rooted in Love. Give in gratitude for the ways that God has blessed you as part of this community, and in support for the ministries of this church. You also have the option of turning in your estimate online. <https://news.churchsp.org/eog2024>

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Prayer List

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Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Karen Stoddard, Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, Otis Felts (family and friends of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Ruth and Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge, (Pogue friend), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg, Nathaniel Schnakenberg, (Fisher family), Albert Barnett, Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), , Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth Wallace, Orville Watson, The Glasgows (Feliciano family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Gloria Jewell, The Hill family (Lydia O'Neil's family), G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat , Joan Pemberton (Brad's family), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin)

Passed into eternal life: Bethune Andrews (Linneth Feliciano's sister)

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