

# **LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FEB 11, 2024, 11AM**



After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. Mark 9:2-3

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

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**

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Chorale Prelude</b>	<b>JS Bach</b>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>Songs of thankfulness and praise</b>	<b>H 135</b>

**The Word of God**

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God forever 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.**

<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<b>All creatures of our God and King (Verses 1 and 7)</b>	<b>H 400</b>
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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Holy God, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights. Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may lead others into your presence. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **A Reading from The Second Book of Kings, Chapter 2, verses 1-12.**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 50:1-6**

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its  
setting.

**2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.**

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.

**4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.**

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."

**6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.**

**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 Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 4,  
verses 3-6.**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**O light of Light, Love given birth  
(sung to Wareham)**

**H 134**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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**

O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the church and the world.

We pray for your Church around the world and the people of this parish, St Peter's. Open our hearts in faith, enlighten our minds with knowledge, and strengthen us to proclaim the good news to the world.  
*(Silence)*

We pray for this glorious creation. Help us to recognize the connectedness of all things, and to restore the beauty of this world, for you made it all and called it good. *(Silence)*

We pray for people everywhere and for the leaders of all the nations. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan, that the wars

raging there may come to an end. May all come to see your vision of justice. Offer the leaders your mantle of wisdom and give all people your blessing of peace. *(Silence)*

We pray for this nation, for an end to violence and for a return to civility. Give us the courage to bless one another. Protect those serving in our armed forces, especially those on our prayer list. *(Silence)*

We pray for those who are hungry. We give thanks for all churches who provide food for those in need. We pray for those who are homeless and give thanks for the Micah Ministry and for the Thurman Brisben Center. We pray for those who are in jail, for those who suffer from mental illness, for those held captive by addictions, and for those who are dying. *(Silence)*

We pray for all on our prayer list, and especially for Linda Upshaw, the Pogues, the Wisdoms, Beryl Harrison, Michelle Hinton, the family of Johnny Davis, Katherine Holland, and Cy and The Reverend Deacon Linda Murphy. Bless our families, friends, and neighbors, help them in times of trouble, and be near when they are afraid. *(Silence)*

O God, your compassions never fail and your mercies are new every morning: We give you thanks for giving our sister Cleo Coleman relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in her, we pray, the good work you have begun; that she, daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in your goodness, may always think and do those things that please you. *(Silence)*

We pray for those who have died, especially Tom Segar. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, let your light perpetual shine on them and give them your peace. *(Silence)*

O God, you revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. **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**

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharist Prayer 3, Enriching our Worship

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a  
sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing  
your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we  
shout with joy:

### Sanctus

S 125

**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.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,

you delivered them from bondage  
and led them to a land of promise.  
Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
"Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ's coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.  
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness  
of time gather us  
with all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending  
praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>BCP 364</b>
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>	<b>BCP 364</b>
<b>The Communion of the People of God</b>	
<b>Communion Hymn      Seek ye first</b>	<b>H 711</b>
<b>Post-Communion Prayer</b>	<b>BCP 365</b>
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn              Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks</b>	<b>H 178</b>
<b>Dismissal</b>	

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

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

**Postlude**

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**Resources:**

**Today's collect:** Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

**Prayers of the People:** Opening and closing collects, Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, Vol 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed., 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>

**Today's loose offering goes to the Discretionary Fund.** In January, \$850 of our discretionary fund helped 9 families with internet access, rent, and electricity. Thank you for your ongoing generosity for this ministry.

**Today is Souper Bowl Sunday. Please place your donations and cards in the basket at the front of the church.**

**Today, Feb. 11 – "God's Garden" for ages 5-9 . 10:15am** Today during the worship service, the children will place the Alleluia in a box and put it away for Lent.

**Feb 11, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.**

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

**Happy Birthday –** Clarence Kunstmann (02/14), McKenna Long (02/15), Gibby Fannon (2/18)

**Feb. 13, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5pm-6:30pm.** Johnny Davis is the cook. If you'd like to help, call him at 804-241-4076.

**Bible Study, Weds, Feb. 14, 10am-12pm.** Parish House, reading the lectionary for Epiphany for the First Sunday in Lent  
[https://lectionarypage.net/YearB\\_RCL/Lent/BLent1\\_RCL.html](https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent1_RCL.html)

**Ash Wednesday service, Feb 14, 7pm** Eucharist and imposition of ashes. We are called to "the observance of a holy Lent" by self-examination, repentance, by prayer and fasting.

**"The Creeds—a Guide to Deeper Faith", beginning Feb. 21, 7pm .** How they came to be, what they mean to the Church, and how they may help us grow in faith as Christians

**Mon., Feb. 26th, Bingo Night 6-7:30PM** at Port Royal Fire Department  
Please bring snacks - granola bars, individually wrapped bags of trail mix, or small bottles of water and place them in the back pew.

**St. Peter's Lenten page –**[news.churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2024/](https://news.churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2024/)

Lent basics, calendar, practices, events, education, Stations of the Cross.

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**The Vestry**

**Larry Saylor (2025) .Elizabeth Heimbach, (2025), Linda Upshaw (2026),  
Andrea Pogue (2027), Johnny Davis (2027)**

**Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar  
Senior Warden,  
Junior Warden,**

**Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist**

**The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector**

**The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus**

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**Prayer List**

**Cleo Coleman, Linda Upshaw, Stanley and Cindy Fields, Marion  
Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pagues, Laura Carey, The Pannells,  
Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John  
Hess, Charles McGuire, Barbara Segar, The Faibisys, The Felicianos,  
Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach**

**Michelle Hinton (Hicks friend), Harald Jenewein, Katherine Holland,  
Lola Delbridge, Lois Christie, Ralph and Diane Powell, Enid and Albert  
Barnett (Pogue relatives), Pinkie Mayfield (Laura Carey's friend),  
Kristina Childs, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends),  
Dot Wright, Beryl Harrison, Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family,  
Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and  
Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, Otis (family of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Ruth  
Smith, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan  
Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Roberta  
Rutledge, (Pogue friend), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven,  
Charlene Schnakenberg, Nathaniel Schnakenberg, (Fisher family),  
Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), , Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth and Morris  
Wallace, Orville Watson, Tiffany Feliciano and family, The Glasgows  
(Feliciano family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's  
daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), 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: Tom Segar**

**Serving in the Armed Forces**

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V