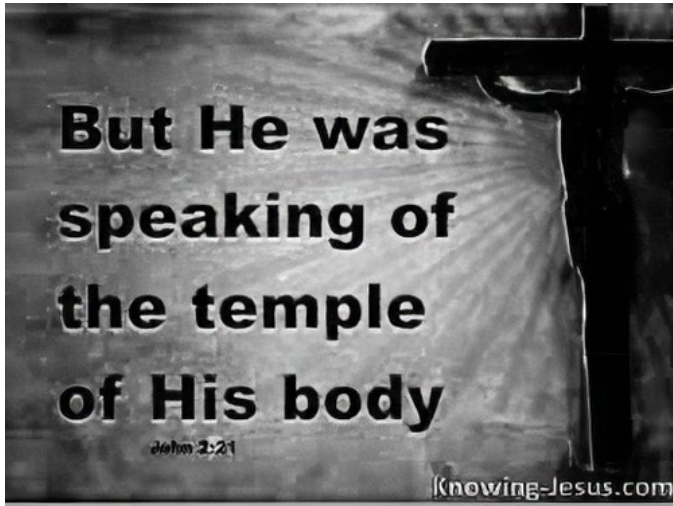


**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT,
YEAR B
MARCH 3, 11AM**



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**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

Third Sunday in Lent, 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 respect and honor with gratitude the land itself, the legacy of the ancestors, and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe.

Ring the Bell

Prelude	Help us, O Lord to learn	St Peter's Choir
Opening Hymn	Bless the Lord, my soul	WLP 825

The Word of God

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

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.

Kyrie **S 96**

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy One, creator of the stars and seas, your steadfast love is shown to every living thing: your word calls forth countless worlds and souls; your law revives and refreshes. Forgive our misuse of your gifts, that we may be transformed by your wisdom to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen**

The Lessons

A reading from The Book of Exodus, Chapter 20, verses 1-17.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, ***

**sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**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 First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 1, verses
18-25.**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are
perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For
it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the
debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the
world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know
God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our
proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs
and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a
stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those
who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human
wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Holy God, you have called us to live before you and with one another in all faithfulness. Today we offer up our prayers of intercession. Restore us to communion with you and one another that we might live in the freedom you have bestowed. (*Silence*)

We pray for your church around the world. May your church be a house of prayer for all people, a place of healing and restoration, and a place where we bring before you our provisions to be used for your glory and your work in this world. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness. We pray for reconciliation with all we have harmed, and for all who have harmed us, for an end to all war

and violence, and for the relief of the suffering of the victims of war, especially the people of Gaza and Ukraine. We pray for those serving in the armed forces, that until your kingdom comes and all swords are beaten into plowshares, they may serve with honor and return home safely when their work is done. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

The heavens declare your glory and the firmament shows your handiwork. May our restoration of your earth declare your glory as we care for it and love it as our sacred home, for we come from the earth, and to the earth we shall return. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for healing and reconciliation where trust has been broken, hostility has flared, or misunderstanding has grown. Restore us not only to one another, but reconcile us to ourselves and to you. In every relationship, we seek your grace as we honor others by caring for them, being truthful and working for their welfare. Let generosity grow in and among us. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for those who are ill, in mind, body, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list. We pray for those lonely and isolated from community; for those burdened by guilt or grief, by depression or despair. Do not let us turn inward as a church, lest we shut out or neglect those who long for a community of welcome and companionship. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your heavenly kingdom. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Shape us and transform us by your grace, that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence to bring your realm of peace to fulfillment. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

We sing the praise of Him who died

Choir

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus		S 130
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread		
Fraction Anthem	Lamb of God	LEVAS 270
Communion of the People of God		
Communion Hymn	There is a balm	LEVAS 203
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365

Blessing

Do not fear!

May the blessing of God, who holds us in a mighty embrace,

And the blessing of the Son, who sings love into our lives,

And the Blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills us with God's love for one another,

Remain with us, and keep us safe, both now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn	I am thine, O Lord	LEVAS 129
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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Resources:

Today's Collect: [Revised Common Lectionary Prayers](#)

Prayers of the People: [Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, The Book of Common Prayer, and Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Vol 1](#), Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

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, March 3, "God's Garden" for ages 5-9 . 10:00am. The children are learning The Lord's Prayer.

Please stay for Coffee Hour immediately after the service.

Easter Gift form is in the back row –Lily order is due on March 17. Easter Endowment Fund gifts to be included in the bulletin are due March 24, Palm Sunday.

Donated items for the Holy Week Workshop (March 24, 2:30pm) and needed by March 17: egg cartons (12 egg size), terra cotta 2 1/2" pots, and 6" terra cotta drip trays (used is fine), and any leftover potting soil you might like to share. **Place items on the back pew. Thank you!!**

Two copies of "Practicing Forgiveness", the Lenten Meditations from Living Compass, are available in the back pew.

Happy Birthday Karen Richardson (March 4), Becky Fisher, Samuel Paterino (March 8)

March 3, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Bible Study, Wed., March 6, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent4_RCL.html

The Creeds—a Guide to Deeper Faith, Wed., March 6, 7pm. We will be discussing Jesus in the creeds. Zoom <https://bit.ly/3UEBLu9> Meeting ID: 833 7014 5820 Passcode: 528834

Confirmation Class begins Thurs, March 7, 7:30-8:15PM on Zoom <https://bit.ly/42YG3i8> Meeting ID: 893 1712 7905 Passcode: 505603

St. Peter's Lenten page –news.churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2024/ "Lent 101" including Lenten Practices, Events, Liturgical Calendar, the lectionary, special topics, Holy Week and beyond.

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Joy Newlin, 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)

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