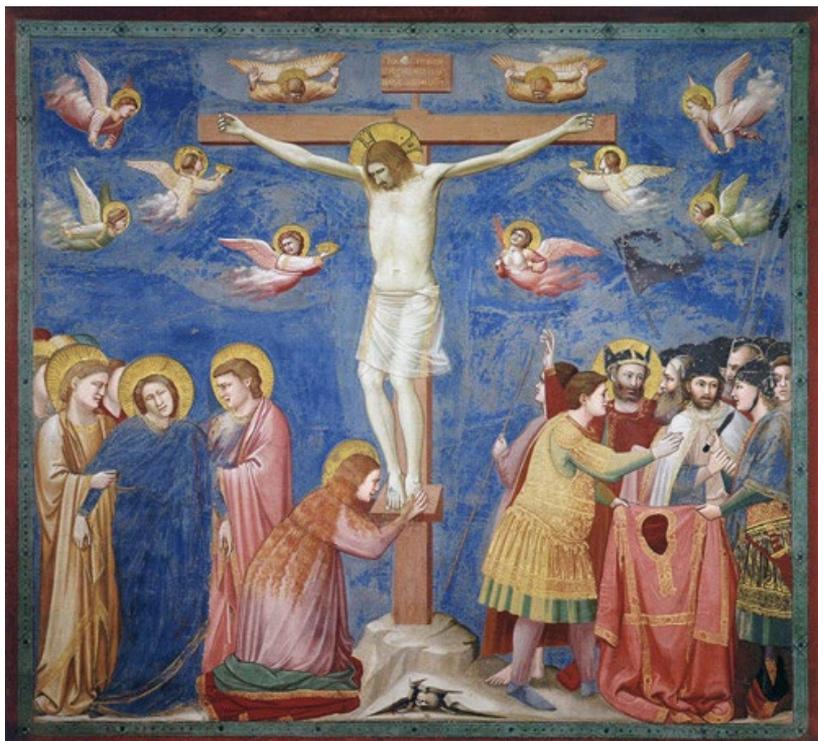


**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT,  
YEAR B  
MARCH 10, 2024, 11AM**



“No. 35 Scenes from the Life of Christ: Crucifixion” – Giotto (1304-06)

Jesus said to Nicodemus, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” – John 3:14

**ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

## Fourth 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

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Trumpet Tune</b>	<b>Jeremiah Clarke</b>
	<b>Helmut Linne von Berg, Violin</b>	

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>Come, thou fount of every blessing</b>	<b>H 686</b>
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### 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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **A reading from The Book of Numbers, Chapter 21, verses 4-9.**

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 **Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.**
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

**21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.**

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

**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 Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, verses 1-10.**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**Amazing grace!**

**H 671**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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**

**My brothers and sisters: reconciled to God by the mercy of Christ, we pray with confidence for the needs of the church and the world.**

Holy God, you created us in Christ Jesus for good works. Help those who profess faith in Christ to do good in the world, following the way of life you have prepared for those who believe in him. For the church of Jesus Christ, Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

In every age you call forth men and women of integrity to lead the nations in the way of righteousness. Help leaders around the world to fulfill their calling to serve the common good. We pray for an end to wars and starvation and the suffering of the people of Gaza, Ukraine, and Haiti. We pray for our nation. Give us the courage to work for the end of the divisions that haunt us. Until your reign of peace becomes a reality on this earth, protect those who serve in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list. Help them to serve with honor and to return home safely when their work is done. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You made us from the dust of the earth, and to dust we shall return. May we care for the earth and its needs as we care for ourselves, and as you care for us. We ask forgiveness for the ways in which we have harmed your beloved creation. May the ways that we choose to live on this earth bless rather than harm all that you have made. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of the sick and the afflicted. Save them from their distress, heal them of their diseases, and deliver them from the destructive power of suffering. We pray for all on our prayer list, especially for Fred Pannell, Terri Harrison, Katherine Holland, Daryl Potter, The Reverend Deacon Linda Murphy and her husband Cy, Lois Christie and Jimmy Davis. For all who sorrow in distress, Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

O God, in Jesus Christ you have shown your love for the world. Receive our prayers, grant us what we need, save us from perishing, and bring us to everlasting life. **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** **Spread, O Spread thou Mighty Word**

## **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** **Rock of ages, cleft for me** **H 685**

**Post-Communion Prayer** **BCP 365**

## **Blessing**

May God the Father bless us;  
May Christ take care of us;  
May the Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our life.  
The Lord be our Defender  
And Keeper of body and soul  
Both now and for ever,  
To the ages of ages.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Love lifted me**

**LEVAS 198**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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### **Resources:**

**Prayers of the People: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers and Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.**

### **The Blessing is from the Book of Cerne.**

The Book of Cerne was an illuminated early ninth century Anglo-Saxon Latin personal prayer book, produced in England. It included excerpts from the Gospels, a collection of prayers and hymns, and an abbreviated Psalter.

## 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.** Thank you for your ongoing generosity for this ministry.

**The Portland Guitar Duo concert is on April 19, 7pm. Help advertise by taking posters and cards to give to your friends and neighbors.**

<https://news.churchsp.org/portlandguitarduo2024/>

**Today, March 10, "God's Garden" for ages 5-9 . 10:00am.** The children are learning about Palm Sunday and the two great commandments.

**Easter Gift form is in the back row –Lily order is due on March 17.**

**Easter Endowment Fund 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!!**

**Stations of the Cross—Meditate on the last hours of Jesus' life by walking the Stations of the Cross. Enter through the back gate.**

**March 10, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.**

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

**Chancellor's Village Eucharist, Tues March 12, 1pm.**

**Bible Study, Weds, March 13, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for the Fifth Sunday in Lent**

[https://lectionarypage.net/YearB\\_RCL/Lent/BLent5\\_RCL.html](https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent5_RCL.html)

**The Creeds—a Guide to Deeper Faith, March 13, 7pm Zoom. What do the creeds have to say about the Holy Spirit? Zoom**

<https://bit.ly/3UEBLu9> Meeting ID: 833 7014 5820 Passcode: 528834

**Confirmation Class continues Thurs, March 14, 7:30-8:15PM on Zoom**

<https://bit.ly/42YG3i8> Meeting ID: 893 1712 7905 Passcode: 505603

**Lent 4 is known as Laetare Sunday, a day of refreshment and celebration within the austere period of Lent, a day of hope with Easter at last within sight.**

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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, Johnny Davis**

**Junior Warden, Larry Saylor**

**Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist**

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**Prayer List**

**The Pannells, Terri Harrison, Linda Upshaw, Stanley and Cindy Fields,  
Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pagues, Laura Carey, 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**

**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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Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V