

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JULY 31, 2022, 11AM**



God, teach us your generosity!

Jesus said, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Luke 12:15

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Eighth 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.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude	Jesus loves the little children	arr. Mark Hayes
Opening Hymn	For the beauty of the earth (Sung to Hymn tune Dix)	H 416
Opening Acclamation		<u>BCP 355</u>
Song of Praise	This is the day	LEVAS 219

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, Generous Giver, you pour out your extravagant bounty without measure on your whole creation. Teach us your generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands and all that we have may be used for the building of your commonwealth of blessing. **Amen.**

A Reading from Ecclesiastes, Chapter 1, verses 2, 12-14; and Chapter 2, verses 18-23.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to

be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-11 *Audite haec, omnes, responsively*

1 Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

**10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.**

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

**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 Colossians, Chapter 3, verses 1-11.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Everyone

Affirmation

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live in respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

The Prayers of the People

We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love for the whole universe. We offer these prayers of love on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures.

Our young people thank God and pray for the following.

Loving God, we thank you for so much. We thank you, God, for being God, for though we will never in this lifetime know you fully, we know that you are everlasting and unfailing love and that you love us. **Lord, we give you thanks.**

We thank you for being with us when we are sick and for helping us to heal so that we can do the things that we want to do. **Lord, we give you thanks.**

We are thankful for all that you have given us, especially our lives, for the privilege of living as part of the life on this bountiful and beautiful earth. We give thanks for our communities, for our families, for the homes that shelter us, for the food that feeds us, and for the love that sustains us. Lord, we know that we are privileged to have all that we need and more besides. We give you thanks for all that we have. **Lord, we give you thanks.**

We are thankful for the opportunities we have for learning, specifically for Governor's School in Caroline County. We thank you for the parents, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and all who make our education possible. **Lord, we give you thanks.**

We thank you for our church, for it is here that you feed us with your bread. It is here that we share your love and learn more about your love for us. **Lord, we give you thanks.**

We thank you for the earth, for snails and fish, for flowers, trees, and bunnies. We thank you for our pets. **Lord, we give you thanks.**

As we give thanks, we also ask for the things we need and want.

We pray for our families. As our grandparents grow older and don't feel well, we pray that they will feel better, especially for Ann Pyle, the Duke's grandmother. We pray for our parents, that you would protect them, keep them safe, and bring them out of trouble and sorrow. We pray especially for Autumn's mother, Mary Lawrence, today. We pray for our brothers and sisters. We ask you to help us to love one another and to get along with one another and be happy, supporting one another and caring for each other, rather than being mean to one another, and that when we travel together on vacation, we can enjoy being together. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

As we start back to school, we pray for a good school year ahead, that we will have positive learning experiences, and have fun at the same time. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

As we care for our pets, we ask that they have all that they need. One of us would like to have a blue heeler puppy to keep our dog Apollo company. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for good weather, for sunny days. We pray for the people of Kentucky who are suffering from the flooding there, and for the families of those who have died in the floods. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace throughout the world. As war continues in Ukraine, we pray for an end to this war, and the healing of both the people and the earth suffering from the devastating effects of the fighting. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our family members who have died, for the grandparents that we remember with love, knowing that they are with you, and that not even death can destroy the love that we share. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

As a church, we give thanks for binding us together in love and in service to one another and to the world.

As a church, we pray for the earth. Show us how best to care for your beloved creation, knowing that the earth and all that is in it belongs to you, and that you expect us to care for it as you would. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

As a church, we pray for the determination to end our violence toward one another in thought, word, and deed. We pray for those who suffer from the effects of gun violence. Give solace to those who mourn this day who have lost a child, a parent, a brother, or sister, husband, wife, or friend due to gun violence. Until your reign of peace is fully realized on this earth, we pray for all who serve in our armed forces, especially those on our prayer list. May they know of your presence in all that they face. We pray for their safe return home when their work is done. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

As a church, we pray for those who are afflicted with cancer and ask that they may know of your presence with them. We pray for the healing of John Whitfield, Roger Key, and JT Moriarty, friend of the Hicks family. We pray for those who recovering in rehabilitation centers, especially Toni Faibisy and Lydia O'Neil. We ask that they will feel your encouraging and sustaining presence with them. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our congregation who are traveling today, for the Heimbachs, and for the Linne von Bergs, for Tom and Alice Hughes, and for the Dukes as they prepare to go on vacation. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Young people please stand as we, the church, pray for the you and the school year ahead.)

Almighty God, we thank you for our young people. We pray that you will open their hearts this year to learning at home, at school, and at church. Give them a deep desire for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. Give them insight beyond their years. In the situations they face, may they use sound judgement. We pray that you will protect them and help them to trust you as their refuge and strength. May they grow strong and succeed in all that they take on this year. And may they be blessed with your peace. **Amen.**

(All stand and pray together)

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

This little light of mine

LEVAS 221

The Holy Communion

God is here

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

[Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.]

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.
You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels

and sing your praise:

**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.**

WLP 858

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away from you
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

[Question Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.]

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more

to be like Jesus our Savior.

[Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.]

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

We who are many are one body,
For we share one bread and one cup.

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn

In my life Lord, be glorified

LEVAS 216

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

**May there always be infinite acres of sky above us.
May there always be the story of the earth beneath us.
May there always be the song of the air between us.
And may the love that shook creation from God's hand,
Shake us alive,
That we may walk in God's way,
Now and always.**

Closing Hymn

Through north and south

WLP 822

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Resources for this service

Today's Collect: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Affirmation: Daily Prayer for All Seasons, from the United Church of Canada

Prayers of the People: Opening and closing, Revised Common Lectionary Prayers. Most of today's prayers were contributed by the young people in our congregation. The prayer for our children is taken in part from Lauren Gaines and Rebecca Barlow Johnson.

Eucharistic Prayer: Worship Texts and Resources from The Church of England, Prayer 2

Closing Blessing: Roddy Hamilton From A Heart for Creation

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 in the world with this church. Mail - PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. **and online -**
<https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

Thank you to all the young people who contributed their prayers for today's Prayers of the People: Zeke Fisher, Sydney, Evan, Holly and Katy Davis, Arthur, Chester, Hamilton and Marie Duke, and Autumn Hicks.

The Rev Tom Hughes and his wife Alice are traveling and will return on August 14th. They send greetings to St Peter's from Alaska.

Bible Study Wed. August 3, 10am-12pm. Parish House.

Sunday worship On Zoom at 11AM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0JOOGdMV3NMRlhMwUVCZz09> Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545 Passcode: 889278

Virginia's Tax-Free Weekend is August 5-7, 2022. The 3-day sales tax holiday starts the first Friday in August at 12:01 a.m. and ends the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m.

<https://www.tax.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/sales-tax-holiday-list-of-qualifying-school-supplies-and-clothing.pdf> . Qualified school supplies - \$20 or less per item Qualified clothing and footwear - \$100 or less per item.

The Season of Creation begins Sept 1 and lasts until Oct. 4, St. Francis feast day. We know God is not passive or distant, but active and involved in helping to make creation new. Human beings have a part to play. Ben Hicks will be leading a book study during the Season of Creation. **Goodside's M.O.R.E Model for Effective Climate Action** brings climate change issues to the forefront in basic easy to understand language and suggests ways to address it. The book study will take place on Zoom. Sessions lasting about an hour will probably take place on Mondays in September. **Download the book here.**

<https://news.churchsp.org/wp-content/uploads/GoodsideMore.pdf>

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**Christ Centered, Biblically Based, Spirit Filled, Caring
Prayer List**

**Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Roger Key, Charles McGuire, Brad Volland,
Clarence and Betty Kunstmann, Robert Bryan, Cornesha Howard,
Tommy Segar, Terri Harrison, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano,
Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Mike and Marilyn Newman, Fred and
Crystal Pannell, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom**

**Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), J.T. Moriarty (Hicks' friend), Harvey
Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Patty Reno (cousin of Tom Kramer),
Joanne Wilkerson and Jimmy Davis (sister and brother of Johnny Davis),
Lois Christie, Sandra Smith, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Nathaniel
Schakenberg, Mary Grace Dorsey, John Kassouf, John Whitfield (Laura
Carey's son), Martha Oldham (Mike Newman's sister), Jonathan
Coleman (Cleo Coleman's son), Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's
grandson), Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law),
Jeremy Pitts, Orville Watson (Linneth Feliciano's brother), Gloria Jewell,
Mary Ann Betchy, K. D., Kathryn, David and Bobby Hill (Lydia O'Neil's
family), Lorena McElwain, (friend of the Pogues), Odessa Davis, Kelly
Paterino, G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw (Brad Volland's
cousin), Joan Pemberton (Brad Volland's aunt), Anna Haug, Morgan
Chapman and Jess Suggs, (friends of Laura Long), Albert Barnett
(Andrea's uncle), Scott Crabtree (Eunice Key's brother), Louise Chapman
(Barbara Segar's cousin), Dot Wright, , Gracelyn McCallum, Carolyn and
Butch Delhagen (Newman relatives), Mary Lawrence Hicks (Catherine
and Ben Hicks' daughter), Tommy Hicks and the Reynolds family,
Rodney C. Johnson (Hicks' friend), , Charlene Schakenberg, (Becky
Fisher's mother)**

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Cliff Lance

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Steven Lee

Michael Hobbs

Joseph George

Greg Merkl

Alex Long V