

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUG. 7, 2022



“Watchful Servants” – Eugène Burnand (1850-1921)

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.” - Luke 12:35-36

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22, Exultate, justi

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

**13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.**

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

**15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

**19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.

**21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

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 Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 11, verses 1-3, 8-16.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not

wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks

Affirmation

We believe in God, the Creator of all:

**The two-legged, the four-legged,
the winged ones, and those that crawl upon the earth
and swim in the waters.**

We believe in God, One Who Walked with Us:

**Our brother Jesus, born in humility,
who lived and died for us and
who will come again to bring us to glory.**

We believe in God, Spirit with Us:

**Ever present and ever guiding, upholding us and
showing us the principles to live by.**

We hear God's voice through the prophets.

Creator, One Who Walked with Us, Spirit with Us, Holy One:

**We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,
all of us related, all of us your children.**

**We watch for signs of your homecoming
and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

God of blessing, you fling the stars into the heavens and show us more blessings than we can count. You give us treasure that cannot be destroyed. You promise us a feast and peace without end. And you hear our prayers.

We pray for your world, wounded and scarred by our greed: **Heal earth's body and lead us to care.**

We pray for the church throughout the world. Grant us all things necessary for our common life: **Bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church.**

We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for an end to gun violence in our nation. We pray for our lawmakers, divided and angry: **Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.**

Until your reign of peace becomes a reality on this earth, we pray for those serving in our armed forces, that they will carry out their duties with honor and come home safely when their work is done: **Grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.**

We pray for the lost, the imprisoned, the refugees, the forgotten, and the lonely: **Gather them in and show us how to love.**

We pray for the addicted:
Save them and strengthen them.

We pray for those who have no hope:
Give them faith in you.

We pray for the greedy:

Make them generous.

We pray for the poor:

Sustain them and give them hope, and may we share what we have with them.

We pray for all those whose burdens we carry in our hearts, and offer them up to you; John Whitfield, Roger Key, Lydia O'Neil, the Walser family, who have lost everything in a house fire, and all on our prayer list:

Heal them, comfort them, guide them, and make them whole.

Increase our faith, and amplify our hope, that by the power of your Spirit, we might serve you well and be ready to greet you when Christ comes in glory. **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

Sing praise to God

H 408

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from Enriching our Worship

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God, source
of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus WLP 858

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
The Communion of the People of God	

Communion Hymn	This is the hour	H 316
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Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 365
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The Blessing

May the God of mercy keep you,
May the Holy Spirit cheer you,
And Christ in glory greet you,
Now and at the day of his coming.

Closing Hymn	Trust and obey	LEVAS 205
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Dismissal

Resources

Collect: Revised Lectionary Prayers

Affirmation: Daily Prayer for all Seasons, Church Publishing, Inc.

Prayers of the People: Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Vol 2, 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>

The Discretionary Fund is helping many people who are behind on their rent and utility bills. **Please help this vital ministry with a donation to St Peter's, Discretionary Fund in the memo line.** Every dollar makes a positive difference in someone's life.

Due to the current high Covid transmission rates, we will be wearing masks during worship today. Masks are available at the back of the church.

Sunday worship Aug. 7 — On Zoom at 11AM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0J0OGdMV3NMRIhmWUVCZz09> Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545 Passcode: 889278

Happy Birthdays Mike Newman, (Aug. 7). Suzanna Wall, Keith Upshaw (Aug 9), Brigette Long, Samantha Pugh (Aug. 10), Scarlett Long, Thom Guthrie (Aug 13)

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

August 10. Village Dinner 4:30pm,-6 PM. Take out only this month due to high Covid rates. Call Susan Linne von Berg to make your reservation. 804-742-5233.

Catherine will be away on vacation for the next two Sundays. The Rev. Tom Hughes will be serving in her absence.

The Season of Creation begins Sept 1 and lasts until Oct. 4, St. Francis feast day. 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>

Please contact Catherine if you plan to participate.

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The Vestry

Becky Fisher, Andrea Pogue (2023), Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)
Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

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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**

**Michael and Rhonda Walser, 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)**

**Passed into eternal life: The Rev. E. Leon Smith (friend of the Hicks
family)**

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Joseph George

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Greg Merkl

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V