

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 28, 2022, 11AM**



“Feast of Simon the Pharisee” – Peter Paul Rubens (1618-1620)

“On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.” – Luke 14:1,7

**ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Twelfth 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Opening Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

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Opening Sentences

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1

Let us confess our sins to God. (*Silence is kept.*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory be 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.

Venite To God with gladness sing (sung to Darwall's 148th)

To God with gladness sing, your Rock and Savior bless;

Into his temple bring your songs of thankfulness!

O God of might, to you we sing

Enthroned as King on heaven's height!

God cradles in his hand the heights and depths of earth;

God made the sea and land, God brought the world to birth!

O God most high, we are your sheep;

On us you keep your shepherd's eye!

Your heavenly Father praise, acclaim his only Son,

Your voice in homage raise to him who makes all one!

O Dove of peace, on us descend

That strife may end and joy increase!

Psalm 112, "Beatus vir"

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *

and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *

and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *

and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will 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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Proverbs, Chapter 25, verses 6-7.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle L: A Song of Christ's Humility

Philippians 2:6-11. Please Stand and read in unison

Though in the form of God,

**Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
and was born in human likeness.**

**Being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him
and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,**

**In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

A reading from Hebrews, Chapter 13, verses 1 -8 and 15-16.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle N: A Song of God's Love

1 John 4:7-11. Please Stand and read in unison

**Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.**

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *

that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us*
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
And God's love will be perfected in us.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 14, verses 1 and 7-14.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory Chorale in B flat Major Jacques Boyvin

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost

God of majestic glory, in humility you have revealed yourself in the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, who took the lowest place among us that we might be raised to the height of divinity. Teach us to walk in the path he prepared for us, so that we might take a place at the table with all who seek the joy of his kingdom. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you, and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

For the Church

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands

in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. **Amen.**

For Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For those on our prayer list

Merciful Lord, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve all those on our prayer list, especially Eli Casteel, Lydia O'Neil, John Whitfield, and Toni Faibisy. Give your power of healing to those who care for them, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, until your reign of peace becomes a reality on this earth, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially those on our prayer list. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

For those who have died

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of all who have died and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A General Thanksgiving (*Read in Unison*)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Closing Hymn

All praise to thee

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Resources:

Today's canticles: [Enriching our Worship](#)

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

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>

Happy Birthday – Fred, Crystal Pannell (Aug 29), Ann Upshaw (Aug. 30)

Bible Study Wed. Aug 31, 10am-12pm. Parish House.

Sunday worship Morning Prayer, July 31 — On Zoom at 11AM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0J0OGdMV3NMRlhmWUVCZz09> Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545 Passcode: 889278

The Season of Creation begins on September 1. During the seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter we celebrate the life of Christ. In the season of Pentecost we celebrate the Holy Spirit. **Now, in the season of Creation from Sept. 1- Oct 4, 2022, we have an opportunity to celebrate the Creator and creation.**

During the Season of Creation a class is being offered by Ben Hicks based on the book Goodside's M.O.R.E Model for Effective Climate Action. This book brings climate change issues to the forefront in basic easy to understand language. **Download the book here.**

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

The class will be held on four consecutive Monday nights, starting on Monday, September 12, 7pm.

Week 1 --understanding the basis of climate change based on our use of carbon. Week 2-- helping measure our carbon footprint. Week 3 -- finding ways to reduce our use of carbon. Week 4 -- increasing our investment by using carbon offsets.

Words of wisdom from Hildegard De Bingen—“All nature is at the disposal of humankind. We are to work with it. Without it, we cannot survive.”

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The Vestry

Becky Fisher, Andrea Pogue (202), Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)

Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar

Becky Fisher, Senior Warden

Cookie Davis, Junior Warden

Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector

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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**

**Eli Casteel (friend of the Everetts), Mrs. Watson (Linneth Feliciano's
mother), Julie Davis (daughter of Johnny Davis), John Whitfield (Laura
Carey's son), Michael and Rhonda Walsler, 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, 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

Scott Estes

Steven Lee

Joseph George

Greg Merkl

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V