

# **THE SEASON OF CREATION V**

## **OCT. 2, 2022**



**"The Mulberry Tree" – Vincent Van Gogh, 1889**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.'" – Luke 17:5-6

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**



Let all creatures in God's kingdom,  
let all life upon the shore  
sing praise to God, the world's creator,  
sing praises now and evermore.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### **Today's Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from Habakkuk, Chapter 1, verses 1-4; Chapter 2, verses 1-4.**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 37:1-10, *Noli aemulari***

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.**

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**4 Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

**6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

7 Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.

**8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land**

**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 2 Timothy, Chapter 1, verses 1  
through 14.**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of  
the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our  
Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as  
my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers  
night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may  
be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that  
lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and  
now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to  
rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of  
my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather  
a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of  
me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel,  
relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a  
holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own  
purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus  
before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the  
appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and  
brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this  
gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and  
for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know  
the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able

to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Tom Hughes**

**Affirmation**

**We believe in God, the source of love,  
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,  
who blessed them and asked them to procreate, nurture and  
preserve God's creation for prosperity.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,  
who was born of a woman and was a carpenter,  
who identified himself with women, men, and children,  
transforming them to have life abundantly.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit active before creation,  
who through the ages has inspired Christians without number,  
who continues to inspire us to usher in the reign of God,  
where no one is cast out, lonely or bereft.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

God of the universe, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

Lord, today we pray for all who love you, and for this gathering. Show us the ways you would have us serve you in this world. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy One, make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth, so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Creator God, as St Francis' Day approaches, hear our humble prayer for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We pray for your mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth. We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Until your reign of peace becomes a reality on this earth, we pray for those who serve in the military, especially those on our prayer list. Lead every nation from prejudice to truth, deliver us all from hatred, cruelty, and revenge, and in your good time enable all nations and their peoples to stand reconciled before you. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for those who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially for all who are suffering because of Hurricane Ian. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we ask for blessings for all whose lives are closely linked to ours, especially those on our prayer list. Grant that we may serve you in them and love one another as you love us. We pray today especially for Roger Key and John Whitfield, that you would bless them with your healing peace, and enfold them and their families in your loving care. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of all the ages, you have revealed your grace in our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we wait patiently on your mercies, strengthen us to live in your justice, that with open hearts we may hear and accomplish your will, through Christ, who lights the way to life everlasting. **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**

**Let all the world in every corner sing! St Peter's Choir**

### **The Holy Communion We Give Thanks**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**



It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You brought forth all of creation and filled it with life, from the shining stars at the farthest reaches of the universe, to the abundance of the earth itself; its dark rich sustaining and life-giving soil replenished by rain, and the springs and creeks, streams and rivers that water the earth.

You made us in your image to dwell within your miraculous creation, but we wandered away from your endless gifts of abundance into the dry and dusty waste lands of our own making.

So you sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child, born in a stable, who revealed your goodness and lovingkindness to all who would listen.

Breathing in and living out your love, Jesus spread the good news of your kingdom throughout the land of Galilee with stories about seeds, soil, birds, trees, sheep, and lilies of the field. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, cast out demons and offered living water for all to drink. He prayed alone in the mountains and walked alongside the sea as he revealed to all with eyes to see the everlasting richness and abundance of your kingdom come to earth.

He suffered and died on a cross fashioned from a tree to reunite us with God and with all creation. He was buried in a garden tomb. On the third day, you raised him in glory from death into resurrected life.

And you continue to send your Spirit to bring new life and breath to the world, to clothe us with power from on high, to restore us and all of creation to you.

And so we join the angels as we celebrate and sing: **(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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and then died and redeemed all of creation to you, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this and find me present in your midst.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
The new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this and find me present in your midst.

Jesus Christ has died.  
**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.  
**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.  
**Jesus Christ will come again.**

**Father, as we offer You this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.**

**Pour your Holy Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, share the good news of Jesus, and live in hope as we wait for his coming in glory.**

**For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** **BCP 364**

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

**Communion Hymn** **O Jesus, I have promised** **H 655**

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

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

**Ye servants of God**

**H 535**

**Dismissal**

**Affirmation:** Daily Prayer for all Seasons,

**Resources for Prayers of the People:** Revised Common Lectionary Prayers and The Book of Common Prayer; Prayer for the Animals is from Albert Schweitzer.

## 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>

**Tuesday, October 4, is The Feast Day of St Francis. Take a treat and a blessing home for your pet today.**

**All are welcome at Coffee Hour immediately following this service. The plaque in memory of John Sellers has been installed in the Pavilion. Gospel on the River will be held at 3pm in the church.**

**Happy Birthday! Roger Key (Oct 4), Mary Peterman (Oct 8)**

**-Sunday worship Oct. 2 — On Zoom at 11AM.**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0J0OGdMV3NMRIhmWUVVCz09>** Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545 Passcode: 889278

**-Oct. 2, Compline 6 pm -**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87871679302?pwd=Nvc2UGx3N3M2bDRaRTRRVEphT3FIQT09>** Meeting ID: 878 7167 9302 Passcode: 729195

**-Oct. 3, Monday Morning meditation 6:30am**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980716417?pwd=UHLxNE1JYlQ1TGh6N25oYTBxRURwQT09>** Meeting ID: 879 8071 6417 Passcode: 790929

**-Oct. 3, Conclusion Week 4 of the Goodside's book—"Offsets", 7pm**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87815309573?pwd=cGVlUTdQZ0RvS1FLZUVuQ1RpUHRZZz09>** Meeting ID: 878 1530 9573 Passcode: 276113

**Week 3 and 4 centers on what we can do to lower carbon emissions**

Offsets help us invest in carbon reductions from third parties.

**Wednesday, Oct 5 , Bible Study in the Parish House, 10am-12pm.**

**-Oct. 9. Pledge cards for 2023 due** Give in gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings of life that come from God.

**-Oct. 9 -Last day to sign up for Oct. 25 trip to Washington to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture.**

**-Oct. 14, 7pm The Beau Soir Ensemble in concert**

Listen! <https://news.churchsp.org/beausoirmusic/> .

Help advertise the concert - download the poster

<https://news.churchsp.org/sites/default/files/images12/beausoirposter8x11.pdf>

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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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**Prayer List**

**Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Roger Key, Charles McGuire, Brad Volland, Cornesha Howard, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Mike and Marilyn Newman, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom**

**The Glasgows** (friends of the Felicianos), **Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs. Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's mother), **John Whitfield** (Laura Carey's son), **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, Julie Davis** (sister, brother and daughter of Johnny Davis), **Lois Christie, Sandra Smith, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Nathaniel Schakenberg, 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), **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, Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Scott Crabtree** (Eunice Key's brother), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin), **Dot Wright, Carolyn and Butch Delhagen** (Newman relatives), **Mary Lawrence Hicks** (Catherine and Ben Hicks' daughter), **Lola Delbridge**, (Catherine's mother), **Tommy Hicks and the Reynolds family, Rodney C. Johnson** (Hicks' friend), **Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother)

**Serving in the Armed Forces**

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