

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY
JANUARY 8, 2023**



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Matthew 3:16-17

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

**First Sunday After the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord**

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.

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude	Ave Verum	W.A.Mozart
Opening Hymn	Come thou fount	H 686
Opening Acclamation		<u>BCP 355</u>
Song of Praise	Sing praise to our Creator	H 295

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, you declared Jesus your blessed and beloved Son. May we recall our baptisms, and be disciples of your Anointed One, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A reading from The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 42, verses 1-9.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29, *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace

**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 Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 10, verses 34 to 43.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not

to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

LEVAS 62

Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Hughes

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God’s Son. So we also are anointed by that same spirit; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

Blessing of the Water

In the name of the Giver of all gifts,
Creator of word and water,
Incarnate God,
And life-giving Holy Spirit.

In the waters of baptism,
God's Holy Spirit comes to us and binds us to the body of Christ.
Let us give thanks for this miracle that always makes wider and deeper
the companionship we have with each other through Jesus Christ, our
Savior. (Silence)

This earth, O God, is our home, built by your Word and your breath.
Made alive by you, we come to know you and to know ourselves as your
people.

We give you thanks.

We drink your cooling waters.

We give you thanks.

We see your rivers, lakes, and oceans lush with creatures large and
small.

We give you thanks.

We bathe and are refreshed in the waters you have made.

We give you thanks.

Now gathered at this baptismal water, a sign of your unending mercy,
we praise you for the gift of your Son who in his life, death,
resurrection, and ascension embraced the world, calling us to proclaim
the good news that welcomes all people.

Make us one in you.

We praise you for the gift of prayer that allows us to hear you speak in
our midst and gives us words when we are speechless with joy.

Make us one in you.

We praise you for the waters that bring us to this day, to celebrate a
new and renewed life in your name.

Make us one in you.

Come, Holy Spirit, into your people,
Through the holy Word, by waters blessed.

To you be all honor, glory, and gratitude,

Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and for the world.

We pray for your church and for all the baptized, that we may meet the needs of all types of people in the world. **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, that all people may know that they are your beloved. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Senators and Representatives in Congress, that united for the common good, they may enact the laws that will please you, Lord, and shall serve the welfare of the people of this land. **God of wisdom, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole creation with great thanksgiving for its life, beauty, and its abundance. May we care for it as your beloved creation, that it may stay healthy and continue to nourish and nurture us. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer, especially Nathaniel Schakenberg, Susan Linne von Berg, Randall Clingenpeel, and all on our prayer list, that they will know your love for them, and that we may be bearers of comfort. **Healing God, hear our prayer.**

Until your reign of peace on this earth becomes a reality, we pray for those who serve in the armed forces of this land, especially those on our prayer list, that they may carry out their duties with honor and return home safe in mind, body and spirit when their work is done. We pray for an end of the war in Ukraine. **Mighty God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have gone before us and pray for those nearing death, that they may be at peace in your love for them. **God, the giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. 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

**Concerto in A minor
(1st movement)**

Vivaldi/Bach

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Enriching our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it
burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Presider and People

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

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of
hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with [blessed, and] all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

**The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread
The Communion of the People of God**

**BCP 364
BCP 364**

Communion Hymn

In remembrance of me

LEVAS 149

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
The Spirit's outpouring be with you,
Now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

We know that Christ is raised

H 296

Dismissal

Resources:

Opening Collect: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

Mitchell, Leonel L., Pastoral and Occasional Liturgies: A Ceremonial Guide.
Rowan and Littlefield Publishers, 2007.

"Thanksgiving for Baptism II" from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1. Advent through Pentecost Worship Companion Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor

Prayers of the People:

The Book of Common Prayer

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1.

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>
Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545 Passcode: 889278

We are now in the season after The Epiphany. This season of the church year stretches from The Epiphany, January 6th, to the beginning of Lent, which begins this year on February 22nd. The identity of Jesus as the Son of God is revealed through scripture and song. In today's lesson, a voice from heaven at Christ's baptism in the Jordan River identifies Jesus as God's son. God becomes known to the world through Jesus.

Happy Birthday Betty Kunstmann (Jan. 9), Marilyn Newman (Jan. 11), Terri Harrison (Jan. 12), Chris Fisher (Jan. 14)

The loose offering today will go to Catherine's discretionary fund to help people in need in this area.

-Jan 8, Worship, On YouTube at 11AM (10:45am)
<https://youtube.com/live/Fzlv8HZRP4E?feature=share>

-Jan 9, Monday Morning meditation 6:30am on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980716417?pwd=UHLxNE1JYlQ1TGh6N25oYTBxRURwQT09> Meeting ID: 879 8071 6417 Passcode: 790929

Bible Study Wed, Jan 11, 10am-12pm. Parish House.

Weds, Jan 11. Village Dinner 4:30pm,-6 PM. Eat in or take out. Call Catherine Hicks to make your reservation. 540-809-7489.

Looking ahead: Shrove Tuesday this year will be on Tuesday, February 21st. Traditionally, we have gathered to eat pancakes and to celebrate before Ash Wednesday. Volunteers are needed for this year's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Call Catherine Hicks (540-809-7489) to volunteer.

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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

Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Laura Carey, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Mike and Marilyn Newman, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom

Nathaniel Schakenberg, Ruby Barnes (Laura Carey's sister), **Claire Cole Curcio** (friend of Catherine Hicks), **Sandra Smith, Otis Felts** (friend of Johnny Davis), **The Glasgows** (friends of the Felicianos), **Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs. Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's mother), **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, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, 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, 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), **Rodney C. Johnson** (Hicks' friend), **Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Steven Lee

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Greg Merkl

Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V