

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JAN. 15, 2023

People Of God



To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus....He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. I Corinthians 1:2-4, 8-9

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

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.

Bell Ringing

Prelude	“Chorale Prelude”	Nicholas Lebégue
Opening Hymn	God of grace, and God of glory	H 594
Opening Acclamation		<u>BCP 355</u>
Song of Praise	How wondrous and great	H 533

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 49, verses 1-7.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40, verses 1-12 *Expectans, expectavi*

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

**2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing
sure.**

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.

**4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

**6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.**

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

**8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"

**10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.**

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the
great congregation.

**12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

**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 First Letter to the Corinthians , Chapter 1, verses 1-9.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

H 550

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,

'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

Affirmation of Faith (from Daily Prayer for All Seasons)

As children of God, we affirm:

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation,
and that in darkness and in light, God is faithful.
Therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope.
Therefore, we too seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and
hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,**

**and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way.
Therefore we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
Discerning, loving, and transforming our world. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
(Silence)

Creator God, give us a heart for simple things:
Love and laughter, bread and wine, tales and dreams
Fill our lives with green and growing hope
Make us a people of justice whose song is alleluia
And whose name breathes love. *(Silence)*

Merciful God, we pray for the world, that your saving love may reach to the ends of the earth as we serve the common good. We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine, for the desire for and commitment to peace among the nations, and for all of those who, until the reign of God comes on this earth, serve in the armed forces of this land, especially those on our prayer list. We pray that they may return home safe in mind, body, and spirit when their work is done. *(Silence)*

Healing God, we pray for all who suffer, especially Cookie and Johnny Davis, who have Covid, Sandra Smith, Susan Linne von Berg, and all those on our prayer list. We pray for all caregivers, and for all in the health care professions, that they may all find your powerful mercies with them. *(Silence)*

Lord of the Universe, we pray for your creation, that we may safeguard its well-being. May we let the creatures of the earth and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea teach us of you, O Lord. *(Silence)*

Eternal God, we remember before you those who have died and we pray for those who will die today, that they may know your peace.

(Silence)

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusions, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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

“Verset for the Kyrie”

Alexander Boëly

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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

**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.**

S 125

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 with Martin and 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	I have decided to follow Jesus	LEVAS 136
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Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 365
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The Blessing

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven

To enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
Where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;
No noise or silence, but one equal music;
No fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
No ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity;
In the habitations of thy majesty and thy glory, world without end.

And the blessing of God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit-- be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Resources:

Affirmation: Daily Prayer for all Seasons, Office of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church New York, NY. Church Publishing, 2014

Prayers of the People: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Martin Luther King, Jr. Collect A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations, New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2016

Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1, Advent through Pentecost Worship Companion, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

The Blessing is from John Donne, English poet and Anglican cleric, 1572-1631.

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

Happy Birthday – Cookie Davis (Jan. 15), Judy Fox (Jan. 15), Tom Hughes (Jan. 16), Anna Haug (Jan. 21)

The Congregational Meeting, originally scheduled for next Sunday, has been postponed and will now take place on Sunday, February 19th.

On the Church Calendar Jan. 18 – Confession of St. Peter
<https://news.churchsp.org/2023/01/13/confession-of-st-peters-jan-18>

Week of prayer for Christian Unity is Jan 18-25 Confession St. Peter and Conversion of St. Paul. The focus during the week of prayer this year is "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17) This year's materials include this guidance: "Praying together for Christian unity allows us to reflect on what unites us and to commit ourselves to confront oppression and division amongst humanity." You can access daily readings here <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

The next issue of **Forward Day by Day** (February, March, April) is available at the door. Get your copy as you leave the church today. It is also available online <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd>

-Jan 15, Worship, On YouTube at 11AM (10:45am) on YouTube
<https://youtube.com/live/Gd6Rfnr0YEE?feature=share>

-Jan 16 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 18, 10am-12pm. Parish House.

Weds, Jan 18. Village Harvest is that afternoon 3pm,-5PM. Please email Andrea to volunteer at wakepogue.public@gmail.com, or (540) 847-9002. Pack bags 1-3PM, Deliver food to clients' cars 3-5PM. **The Village Harvest served over 1,000 people in 2022!**

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The Vestry

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Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

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Prayer List

Cookie and Johnny Davis, 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