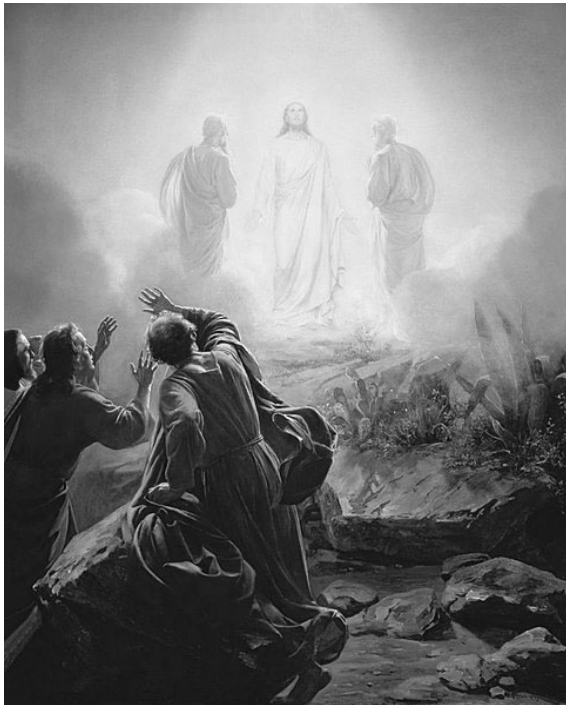


**LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY,
FEB 19, 2023, 11AM**



“Transfiguration of Jesus” – Carl Heinrich Bloch (1872)

“And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white...and suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved: with him I am well pleased; listen to him.” – **Matthew 17:2, 5**

**ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A

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

Larry Saylor, Guitar

Opening Hymn

The Church's one foundation

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

I love to tell the story

LEVAS 64

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of the covenant, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights. Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may lead others into your presence. **Amen.**

A reading from The Book of Exodus, Chapter 24, verses 12-18.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up

into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

1 The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave

them.

**8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**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 Second Letter of Peter, Chapter 1, verses 16-21.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he

was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this holy place, where we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished with the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and all of the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for a rapid end to the war in Ukraine. Until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray for those serving in our military, especially those on our prayer list, that they may serve with honor and return home safely when their work is done.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and whose lives have been upended by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and in Syria, especially for the Syrian refugees in Turkey who have nowhere to go. Give us wisdom as we seek ways to help with this crisis.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who were terrorized, the thirty-one people injured and for the twelve people who lost their lives in the eight mass shootings that took place in our nation this past week in the states of Mississippi, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Maryland. Give our lawmakers the desire and the will to make our nation a safer place by putting common sense gun laws into place. Give us the will and the guidance to work to eradicate this danger in our nation.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially today for Susan Linne von Berg, for Johnny Davis, for Jim Heimbach, and for Rob Dobson and all on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as we grow in grace through the years, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that we will know that you are always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, all times are your season, and all occasions invite your tender mercies: Accept our prayer and intercessions offered in this place today and in the days to come; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Congregational Meeting

Announcements

Offertory

Larry Saylor, Guitar

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.**

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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 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 Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn In remembrance of me

LEVAS 149

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

May the light of Jesus shine through us, that our lives may be a light to the world. And the blessing of God, who brought for light at the beginning, Jesus, who is the light of the world, and the Holy Spirit, burning within us, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

O wondrous type!

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Dismissal

Resources

Today's Collect, Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Book of Common Prayer (Consecration of a Church)

Form IV

For statistics on mass shootings, see

<https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting>

Gun Violence Archive defines a mass shooting as any shooting in which four or more people are shot or killed.

Hymn History

Today's inspiring communion hymn, "In remembrance of me," comes from a musical, Celebrate Life, which was written 50 years ago to inspire young people to participate musically in the life of the church.

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 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>

Get your copy of Living Well through Lent, 2023, a publication by Living Compass. This booklet will guide you through daily personal reflections during Lent and its writers hope that it will help you to practice your faith in a way that is deeply renewing.

-Sunday, Feb 19, Worship, Zoom, 11AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0J0OGdMV3NMRlhmWUVz09>, Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545, Passcode: 889278

-Feb 20, Monday Morning meditation 6:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980716417?pwd=UHlxNE1JYlQ1TGh6N25oYTBxRURwQT09> Meeting ID: 879 8071 6417 Passcode: 790929

-Feb. 21, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5pm-6:30pm In the Middle Ages, this day was a time for people to confess their sins and ask forgiveness, and then to have one last feast before the Lenten fast. Please let Catherine know today if you plan to attend.

-Bible Study Wed, Feb 22, 10am-12pm. Parish House. Reading the lectionary for Feb 26, first Sunday of Lent.

-Ash Wednesday service, Feb 22, 7pm Eucharist and imposition of ashes. We are called to "the observance of a holy Lent" by self-examination, repentance, by prayer and fasting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84089648163?pwd=ZDdxRndPRGVFUzIzC9VT3ZDdWVKZz09> Meeting ID: 840 8964 8163 Passcode: 233871

St. Peter's Lenten page – <https://churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2023>

The basics of Lent, Lenten Practices, Events, the lectionary, special topics, Holy Week and beyond. ...There is a special section on the Lord's Prayer under education created by the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE). The monastic order was founded in 1866 in England and is now located in Boston.

-Sat, Feb 25 – Coldest Night of the Year Walk for Micah. Meet at Hurkamp Park on Saturday, February 25th at 4PM to sign in and walk at 5pm. Please let Catherine know if you plan to walk or would like to donate.

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Prayer List**

Larry Saylor, Jim Heimbach, 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

Nika Corwin (friend of Marcia Kole), **Dominic Paterino, Nathaniel Schakenberg, Ruby Barnes** (Laura Carey's sister), **Claire Cole Curcio** (friend of Catherine Hicks), **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, 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), **Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Scott Crabtree** (Eunice Key's brother), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin), **Mary Lawrence Hicks, 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

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Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V