

EASTER DAY
APRIL 9, 2023,
11AM



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ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

Easter Day

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

Alleluia

W.A. Mozart

Helmut Linne von Berg, Violin

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

H 207

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

He is risen, he is risen!

H 180

The Collect of the Day

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 31, verses 1-6.

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

**23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**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 34-43.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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 our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Hughes

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the whole bright earth, so loving created and so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy church, whose life is hid with Christ in God, that in all its diversity witness may be made to the one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ was put to death and was raised, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, and an end to war and violence, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all on our prayer list, especially Susan, Ken, Johnny, TC, Marion, and Nathaniel, and for all who suffer in mind, body or soul, for whom Christ

is risen, that they may be healed and comforted, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory God's Right Hand and Holy Arm

St Peter's Choir

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Sanctus

S 125

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The bread is broken.

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution of the Sacraments

Communion Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

H 174

Break thou the bread of life

LEVAS 146

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

May there always be infinite acres of sky above us.
May there always be the story of the earth beneath us.
May there always be the song of the air between us.
And may the love that shook creation from God's hand,
And destroyed the power of death,
Shake us alive,
That we may walk in God's way,
Now and always.

Closing Hymn

The day of resurrection

H 210

Dismissal

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major

JS Bach

Resources

Today's collect: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Prayers of the People: Intercessions for the Christian People, Gail Ramshaw, ed.

Today's blessing is by Roddy Hamilton, from A Heart for Creation.

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>

Today's service is on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

Thank you to all who helped to make the Holy Week and today's Easter celebration possible.

Thank you for all who gave lilies to add to the church's beauty, and to those who gave to the Endowment Fund for contributing to the future wellbeing of St Peter's.

Alleluia! Welcome back the alleluia! The word Alleluia comes from the Hebrew language, and it means "Praise Yahweh." Traditionally it has been understood as the chief term of praise of the choirs of angels as they worship around the throne of God. Saying or singing Alleluia is a reminder that the Kingdom of Heaven has drawn near when Christians gather to worship and to praise God with joy.

The online Psalms class will meet this week on Tuesday night at 7PM. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87304189375?pwd=RHRlUUCrSVU1K1JPWmhiMlc4Z2xpUT09> Meeting ID: 873 0418 9375 Passcode: 092098.

Our discussion does not depend on discussions from prior weeks. We are reading new Psalms weekly. **Come try it out, this week on Tuesday!**

Wednesday, April 12—Bible Study 10am-12pm, reading Easter 2
http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Easter/AEaster2_RCL.html

Wednesday, April 12 —Village Dinner - 4:30pm,-6 PM. Eat in or take out. (Menu - Baked fish, cabbage, yellow rice, tomato, dessert)
Call Catherine Hicks to make your reservation. 540-809-7489

Shred-it is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10. Time has not been arranged. Dispose of sensitive documents safely and securely, and free up needed space at home or work.

The Easter lilies are given by



Mary Fall Boswell

In memory of the Fall family (2 lilies)

Laura Carey

In memory of Milt Carey

In memory of John Whitfield

Johnny and Cookie Davis

In memory of Conway and Genevieve Davis

In memory of Kilby and Gladys Davis

Catherine Hicks

In memory of loved ones

Tom and Alice Hughes

In memory of Jan and Gary

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

Linda and Tom Kramer

In memory of our parents and grandparents: the Schaefers, Kramers, Kessels and Webbers

In thanksgiving for the birth of Cyrus Blake Samic

Andrea and Ken Pogue

In memory of Linval Samuels

In memory of Carlton Samuels

In memory of Everton Samuels

Larry and Jan Saylor

In memory of our parents

In thanksgiving for Brad, Deanna, Emma, and Owen

Endowment Fund

In Honor of Catherine Hicks, our three daughters, and granddaughter by Ben Hicks

Parish Life at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2023

We are a group of people of various ages, of various races and nationalities, economic situations, educational levels, political persuasions, and varying ways of interpreting scripture and theology. We are united in our love for God, for one another and our neighbors.

Education -Every Wednesday at 10AM we meet for **Bible study** to learn from one another as we share our viewpoints about the scriptures that will be heard in church on the following Sunday. During this time we also pray for one another, and for those in our congregation and community who are sick, suffering, or in need.

We support the **Sacred Ground** project of the Episcopal Church to combat systematic racism. In that capacity we have established a scholarship for minority students entering higher education.

We use Zoom for Christian Education for Youth and for Christian Education for adults, currently the study of the Psalms.

Worship -Our worship is shaped by the liturgies in The Book of Common Prayer. We celebrate Holy Communion at our principal worship service at 11AM on Sunday. We come together for special liturgies spread throughout the year, including Christmas Eve, Epiphany, and Holy Week services. People are welcome to attend worship services online.

Our doors are open to the community. **The Village Dinner**, is led by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Proceeds have provided thousands of dollars for local, national and international projects that help people all over the world. We participate in the annual **United Thank Offering** that provides grants to Episcopal churches around the world. With the help of **Caroline County Social Services** and leadership from the Episcopal Church Men (ECM), St. Peter's adopts families at both Thanksgiving and Christmas and provides meals and gifts based on the needs of the families. We work with **Caroline's Promise** to provide school supplies for Caroline County students, and with the **Caroline County Public Schools** in offering various activities in the community. **The Village Harvest food distribution** of fresh produce and meats, in conjunction with the **Healthy Harvest Food Bank**, is held on each third Wednesday of the month from 3-5PM, and is open to anyone in need of food. This ministry benefits approximately 90 people in this area each month. St Peter's also belongs to **CERVE**, a county organization that also provides financial assistance. We also offer "**Shred-it**" as a community service to dispose of secure documents and to lessen the use of the landfill.

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Prayer List

T.C. Collins, Marion Mahoney, Ken Pogue, Johnny Davis, Fred and Crystal Pannell, Alice Hughes, 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, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom

Wayne Cohen (cousin of Andrea Pogue), **Jimmy and Nancy Davis** (Johnny Davis' brother and sister in law), **Herb Collins, Hyacinth Wallace, Bethune Andrews** (Linneth Feliciano's sisters), **Sylvia Coleman, Ed and Doris Hooker, Milijana Grayson, Nika Corwin** (friend of Marcia Kole), **Nathaniel Schakenberg, 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 Julie Davis** (sister 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), **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), **Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother)

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PJ Koons	Scott Estes	Cliff Lance
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