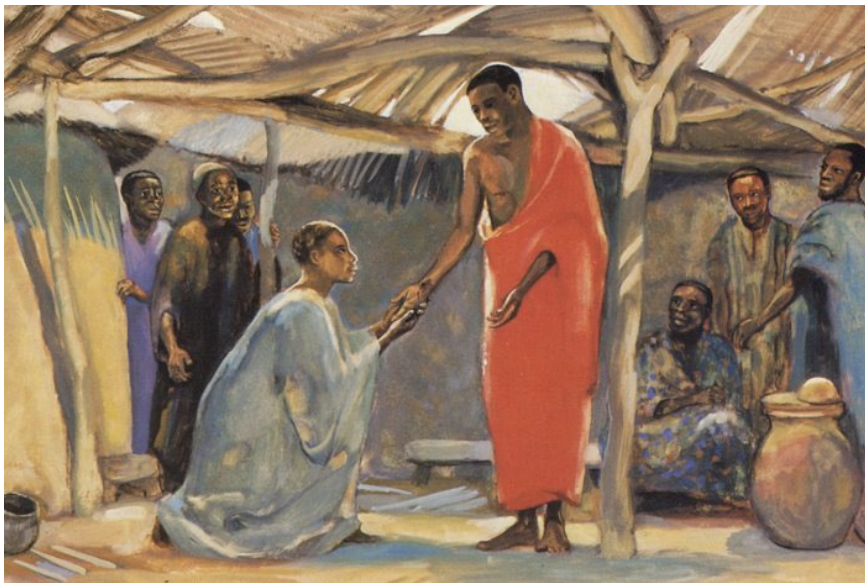


SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023



"Christ with Thomas" Jesus MAFA, Cameroon

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ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday in Easter, 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.

The Ringing of the Bell

Prelude	O sons and daughters	St Peter's Choir
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Opening Hymn	Good Christians all	H 205
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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	That Easter day	H 193
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we receive the legacy of a living hope, born again not only from his death but also from his resurrection. May we who have received forgiveness of sins through the Holy Spirit live to set others free, until, at length, we enter the inheritance that is imperishable and unfading, where Christ lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, verses 14a,22-32.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your
presence.’

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**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 First Letter of Peter, Chapter 1, verses 3-9.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you

believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures.

We pray for Mother Earth, that we may touch her wounds with healing care and love. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole world, its nations, its leaders, and its people, that your wisdom and peace may prevail. We pray for an end to wars, and until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray for those who serve in the armed forces of this land, especially those on our prayer list. Protect them, guide them, and bring them safely home when their work is done. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in this nation who have been affected by gun violence; those who have suffered or died, for their families, and for all who have witnessed these tragedies. In our diversity of opinions regarding gun control, may we all pray for an end to violence in this nation, and for wisdom on how best to pursue peace in this land. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

The apostles received the Holy Spirit and the grace to lighten the burdens of one another's sin. May the church be faithful to this gift. May all the baptized live with abundant compassion for all, especially for those shut out of society. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Christ calls us blest who have not seen and yet believe. May more and more of God's people and all the created order become a song of the resurrection in the world, and may our faith give courage to the doubting. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We are strengthened by Christ's resurrection to share the power of the Spirit with all the suffering. We pray for all in need, especially Marion Mahoney, Susan Linne von Berg, Nathaniel Schakenberg, and all on our prayer list. May the power of Christ's resurrection give life to all who have lost hope. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died in the faith, especially Edward Geraci, brother of Marion Mahoney, and for the dying, that they may know the love that has raised Christ up, having loosed the bonds of death. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do, so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Announcements

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

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Offertory

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus

S 125

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn

We walk by faith

H 209

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

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

H 178

Dismissal

Resources:

Today's Collect—Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Prayers of the People

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, Intercessions for the Christian People, Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1 Worship Companion.

Today's Blessing is by Roddy Hamilton.

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>

Paper copies of the St Peter's church directory are available in the back pew.

Happy Birthday - Brad Volland 4/16, Lamar Key 4/21

--April 16, Worship, On YouTube,

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

-- April 17, Psalms Study, every Monday night from 7-8PM on Zoom,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87304189375?pwd=RHRIUUcrSVU1K1JPWmhiMlc4Z2ZxpUT09> Meeting ID: 873 0418 9375

Passcode: 092098. This week, studying Psalms 15-21.

--Bible Study, April 19, 10am-12pm. Parish House. Get inspired by the lectionary for April 23.

http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Easter/AEaster3_RCL.html

-Village Harvest Weds, April 19th, 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.

This Saturday, April 22 is Earth Day. The Earth Day 2023 Theme is "Invest In Our Planet. What Will You Do?" How much plastic do you use? The Earth Day site has a plastics calculator

<https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-calculator-2/> This Saturday, Earth Day—take a walk and participate in the St Peter's "trashy contest." Prizes will be given in the following categories: amount of trash, most disgusting piece of trash, smallest and largest piece of trash. **Bring your entry to church next Sunday.**

Coming up: Shred-it is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10. The time will be announced. Dispose of sensitive documents safely and securely, and free up needed space at home or work.

Easter Tide – "50 Days celebrating the season" from Forward Movement <https://50days.org/>. Sign up for daily email meditations.

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Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)
Linda Upshaw (2026)
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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)
Passed into eternal life: Edward Geraci, brother of Marion Mahoney

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons
Steven Lee
Alexis Rye

Scott Estes
Greg Merkl
Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance
Grace Grimaldi
Alex Long V