

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 11, 2023, 11AM**



Let us know,
let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.
Hosea 6:3

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

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	How great thou art (vs 1)	St Peter's Choir
Opening Hymn	Great is thy faithfulness	LEVAS 189

The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God, for ever and ever.

Hymn of Praise	We have come into his house	LEVAS 245
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Oh God, as the showers renew the earth, bathe us in your healing power. Stretch out your hand, that we may live and know that you alone are God, in whose faithfulness we have life all our days. Amen.

A Reading from the book of Hosea, Chapter 5, verses 15 through Chapter 6, verse 6 .

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us

up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:7-15, *Deus deorum*

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

**8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.**

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

**10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

**12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

**14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

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 Letter to the Romans, Chapter 4, verses 13-25.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Heal me, hands of Jesus

WLP 773

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

Affirmation

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

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

God of all goodness, we give thanks for the newness you give each of us every day. We thank you for your surprises, and for the people you put in our paths to show us new dimensions of your faithfulness. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all people of faith, for churches everywhere, for the differing insights into your will offered and proclaimed by many teachers to guide and refresh your people. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all nations, for racial and ethnic differences, for the variety of languages, food, and lands you have created. Mold us into people who praise you for the marvels you set before us. Help us not to fear distinctions but to embrace them as your gifts. May we live in peace and with mercy for one another. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and ask for forgiveness for the ways in which we have harmed all that you have made. As your forests burn and turn to ash, we pray that in your mercy, your rains may water the earth and quench the destructive fires that continue to rage. Give us the courage to work for those things that will restore life and health to this planet which you have placed in our care. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Soften us, Lord, so that we may enter into others' pain. When we are healthy, make us grateful. When we are in need, help us to receive the care of others. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer, especially for Fred Pannell, Susan Linne von Berg, Laura Carey, Ken Pogue, and all on our prayer list; for those who have no home, for all who lack enough food, especially those who come to the St Peter's food distribution, for people who have no work or work that is not lifegiving, for all who live in fear, and for all who hunger for peace and do not know where to turn. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray for those serving in the armed forces of this nation, especially those on our prayer list, that they may perform their duties with honor and with mercy, and that they may return home safely when their work is done. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have lost their lives this past week to gun violence. Give us a vision of life together free of hatred, and the faith to press on for a nation in which violence and division have been turned into peace and unity, through your grace and love. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. May they go from strength to strength in their resurrected lives with you. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Fill us, O God, with your power. As we follow you, fill us with faith and make us whole. Into your hands we commend all who need our prayers, trusting in your compassion, through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from 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:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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:

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 Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn **Give me Jesus** **LEVAS 91**

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea,
guide your feet as you go.

May God, who is with you when you sit
and when you stand,
encompass you with love
and lead you by the hand.

May God, who knows your path
and the places where you rest,
be with you in your waiting,
be your good news for sharing,
and lead you in the way that is everlasting. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **Leaning on the everlasting arms** **LEVAS 196**

Dismissal

Postlude

Resources:

Today's collect: [Revised Common Lectionary Prayers](#)

Affirmation: [Daily Prayers for all Seasons](#)

Prayers of the People: [Feasting on the Word; Liturgies for Year A, Vol 2](#),
Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

Blessing: [Iona Abbey Worship Book](#)

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>

Thank you to all who donated to the Discretionary Fund last week! Your donations make a great difference to those in need. Donations to the fund are always welcome and needed.

Birthdays - Chester Duke 6/12

Happy Anniversary – Mike and Marilyn Newman (June 12), Phil and Catherine Fitzhugh (June 16),

--June 11, Worship, On YouTube,

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

-- Psalms Course. Revised schedule. June 12

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83395538699?pwd=cms1SzN1RzlkYmxGZGpyd1Bja3ZoQT09> Meeting ID: 833 9553 8699 Passcode: 72910

Participants, choose one Psalm to share - **Book 5 (Psalms 107-150).**

--Bible Study, June 14, 10am-12pm. Parish House. 3rd Sunday after Pentecost reading. <https://bit.ly/469V02j>

--Back to Jamaica, helping with school supplies! Purchase school supplies for the children at the Victoria School in Jamaica.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3HN4T28R3HFUM>

The purchases can be shipped to P.O.Box 385, Port Royal Va 22535

OR make a check to St Peter's with Jamaica/Victoria School on the memo line. By Sun June 18 online or checks by Sun, June 30.

--School Supplies for Caroline County. Caroline's Promise will be distributing school supplies for students in Caroline County at the end of July. We have signed up to donate notebook paper. Please place your donations on the back pew. Goals - 200 packs of notebook paper.

Remembering St. Barnabas, June 12. Barnabas was Paul's mentor and advocate and was the leader when he and Paul were sent off on the first missionary journey. Barnabas was so vital to the spread of the Gospel that he earned the highest accolade that any Christian can receive; "...he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:24).

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The Vestry
Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)
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Linda Upshaw (2026)
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Prayer List

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

Roberta Rutledge (friend of the Pogues), **Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother), **Kathleen Curran** (Matt Hood's aunt), **T. C. Collins, Wayne Cohen** (cousin of Andrea Pogue), **Jimmy and Nancy Davis** (Johnny Davits' brother and sister in law), **Herb Collins, Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth Wallace, Bethune Andrews, Orville Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's mother, sisters and brother), **Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman** (Cleo's daughter and son), **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), **Ann Pyle** (Carolyn Duke's mother), **Harvey Yarus** (friend of Tom Kramer), **Joanne Wilkerson and Julie Davis** (sister and daughter of Johnny Davis), **Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear** (BJ's grandson), **Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith** (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), **Gloria Jewell, The Hill family** (Lydia O'Neil's family), **Lorena McElwain**, (friend of the Pogues), **G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw** (Brad's cousin), **Joan Pemberton** (Brad's aunt), **Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Scott Crabtree** (Eunice Key's brother), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons	Scott Estes	Cliff Lance
Steven Lee	Greg Merkl	Grace Grimaldi
Alexis Rye	Michael Hobbs	Alex Long V