

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 25, 2023, 11AM**



"Carrying the Cross of Christ"

Gabriel Loire (1904-1996)

Jesus said, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." – Matthew 10:37-39

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Fourth 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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

I love thy kingdom, Lord

H 524

Opening Sentence

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory be 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.

Venite To God with gladness sing (sung to Darwall's 148th)

To God with gladness sing, your Rock and Savior bless;

Into his temple bring your songs of thankfulness!

O God of might, to you we sing

Enthroned as King on heaven's height!

God cradles in his hand the heights and depths of earth;

God made the sea and land, God brought the world to birth!

O God most high, we are your sheep;

On us you keep your shepherd's eye!

Your heavenly Father praise, acclaim his only Son,

Your voice in homage raise to him who makes all one!

O Dove of peace, on us descend

That strife may end and joy increase!

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20 *Salvum me fac*

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

**9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.**

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.**

[12 I put on sack-cloth also, *
and became a byword among them.

**13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, *
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, *
at the time you have set, O LORD:

**15 "In your great mercy, O God, *
answer me with your unfailing help.**

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.

**17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up; *
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.]**

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

**19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver 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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 20, verses 7-13.

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle I A Song of Jonah

Jonah 2:2-7, 9

**I called to you, O God, out of my distress, and you answered me;*
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.**

**You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,*
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and billows passed over me.**

**Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight;*
how shall I ever look again upon your holy temple?"**

**The waters closed in over me, the deep was round about me;*
weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the
mountains.**

I went down to the land beneath the earth, *

**yet you brought up my life from the depths, O God.
As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God,*
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to you;*
what I have vowed I will pay, for deliverance belongs to the Lord!**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 6, verses 1b-11.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle M: A Song of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;**

**Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.**

The ransom that was paid to free us*

**was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ,*
the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory*
so that we might have faith and hope in God.**

**A Reading from The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 10, Verses
24 through 39.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow

me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

We've a story to tell to the nations Handout

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Hughes

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages from Enriching our Worship

Help us, O God our Savior;

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations;

And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Collect for Fourth Sunday in Pentecost

God of power, you uphold us in times of persecution and strengthen us to meet the trials of faithful witness. As you delivered us from death through our baptism in Christ and the victory of his resurrection, send us forth to proclaim that glorious redemption, so that the world may claim the freedom of forgiveness and new life in you. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you, and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. **Amen.**

For Leaders

Almighty God, ruler of the nations, we pray for all leaders, and for the leaders of the nations, that they may seek your guidance and discern the ways to overcome divisions and mistrust. May they reflect your unity in every aspect of common life. We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. We pray for your comfort and sustenance for all who suffer because of this war. **Amen.**

For an End to Violence

Prince of Peace, we pray for the determination to end our violence toward one another in thought, word, and deed. Give solace to those who mourn this day who have lost a child, a parent, a brother or sister, husband, wife, or friend due to gun violence. **Amen.**

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, until your reign of peace is realized on this earth, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially those on our prayer list. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen

them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

For Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular the Heimbachs and Jan Saylor; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger, and bring them home in safety when their journeys are done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the restoration of health

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the blessing of a kidney for Nathaniel Schakenberg. We pray for Nathaniel's continuing recovery, for his family as they continue to support him, and for the family of the organ donor. We pray that Nathaniel, with your help, may live in this world according to your will, and celebrate each day that he is granted, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those on our Prayer List

Merciful Lord, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve all those on our prayer list, especially Fred Pannell, Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, John and Toni Faibisy, Roberta Rutledge, Barbara Deal, and Liz Ruthven. Give your power of healing to those who care for them, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those who have died

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of all who have died, especially Easton Buchanan, cousin of Andrea Pogue, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer attributed to St Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

A General Thanksgiving (*Read in Unison*)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Closing Hymn I have decided to follow Jesus LEVAS 136

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Postlude

Resources

Today's canticles are from [Enriching our Worship](#).

Today's prayers are from [The Book of Common Prayer](#) and from [Revised Common Lectionary Prayers](#).

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>

Birthdays – Ben Hicks (June 28)

Catherine is away today at a family celebration of the 100 year anniversary of her mother's homestead near Raleigh, NC.

June 24 is the day on the church calendar which commemorates the birth of John the Baptist, the prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah and who baptized Jesus.

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul commemorates the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles St. Peter and Paul of Tarsus and observed this week on June 29. Peter represents that part of the Church which gives it stability: its traditions handed down from the very beginnings, the structures which help to preserve and conserve those traditions. Paul, on the other hand, represents the missionary role in the Church. It is that part of the Church which pushes the boundaries of the Church further out, not only in a geographical sense but also pushing the concerns of the Church into neglected areas of social concern and creatively developing new ways of communicating the Christian message.

June 25, Worship, On YouTube,

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

Back to Jamaica. Consider a donation to the Jamaica Project with Jamaica/Victoria School on the memo line. This could help with shipping costs for the school supplies and/or to buy the computer equipment.

Due June 30.

Bible Study, June 28, 10am-12pm. Parish House. 5th Pentecost

http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/Aprop8_RCL.html

School Supplies for Caroline County. Please place your donations of notebook paper on the back pew. (Goal: 200 packs by July 16)

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**Christ Centered, Biblically Based, Spirit Filled, Caring
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

Barbara Deal, 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)
Passed into eternal life: Easton Buchanan (cousin of Andrea Pogue)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Steven Lee

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Scott Estes

Greg Merkl

Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V