

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
NOV. 26, 2023, 11AM**



“And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood”

– Rev. 1:5

Christ the King Sunday

“Christ the King” – Stained glass -Wilbur Herbert Burnham (1943)

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**ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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.

Bell Ringing

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come

H 290

The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God forever and ever.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Praise to God, immortal praise

H 288

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be

freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from The Prophet Ezekiel, Chapter 34, verses 11-16, 20-24.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 95:1-7a

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his
hand.

**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 Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 1, verses 15-23.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Where cross the crowded ways

H 609

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Our shepherd satisfies our needs; in faith, let us pray to the Lord, with deep gratitude for all the blessings of this life.

We give you thanks for the gift of time with our families and friends. We give you thanks for bringing us together around our tables during this time of Thanksgiving, for our earthly feasts remind us that you will gather us, with all the saints, around your banquet table in your world to come.

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church. We give thanks for St Peter's, and ask that we may continue to care for your flock, both within and outside of these walls. As you have made Christ the head of all, help us to live faithfully as his body, continuing his mission in the world. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth. We give thanks for the privilege of caring for your intricately woven creation. Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you, a song of praise to the rock of our salvation, as we wait in expectation for your new creation. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations. We give thanks for all the ways in which nations work together for the common good. Drive out those wolves in sheep's clothing who lead their people astray, who abuse the weak and scatter the flock. Come and save us; bring justice and peace. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; people of all faiths—Jews, Muslims, and Christians and for all the people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to all people. May your kingdom come, where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community. Help us to see Christ among our neighbors, serving those who are hungry and thirsty, naked and lonely, sick or in prison. We pray especially for those who come to our food distribution and pray that they will be richly blessed. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for our loved ones. We pray especially today for our families, for the Fishers and the Schnakenbergs as they mourn, for the many family members of Johnny Davis, for the Glasgows and

Linneth Feliciano's family, for Brad Volland's family, for the Linne von Bergs, the Murphys, for Daryl Potter, and for Albert Barnett and all the Pogue family, and for all on our prayer list. Remember the people of your pasture: rescue the lost, bind up the broken, heal the sick, and feed those who hunger. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for all who have died, especially Trenton Schnakenberg. May he continue to increase in knowledge and love of you, and go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. Deal graciously with his family and friends as they mourn, that casting all their cares on you, they may know the consolation of your strong love. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O God, in your Son Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. Grant us one thing more: Grateful hearts, despite all our cares and sorrows, to sing your praise, in this world and the world to come.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Communion Hymn In remembrance of me

LEVAS 149

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

May the good Lord show you
how to be frugal, until all are fed;
how to weep, until all can laugh;
how to be meek, until all can stand in pride;
how to mourn, until all are comforted;
how to be restless, until all live in peace;

how to claim less, until all find justice.
Then you will be blessed indeed
and the earth itself will be blessed
through you.

And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

H 494

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Resources:

Prayers of the People: Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 2, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed. The closing collect is from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers. The prayer for peace in the Middle East is from the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum

The Blessing is From Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation, by Sam Hamilton-Poore, 2008
Peter W. Millar, adapted

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>

Nov. 26, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Thank you to Mary Peterman, whose art work auction contributes to the ECM Christmas project. Thank you to all who bid on the art work. If you'd like to donate to this project, write a check to St Peter's with ECM Christmas in the memo line by Sunday, Dec 3.

Advent Workshop! TODAY! 3:30-5PM led by Jan Saylor. Make an Advent wreath for your family. Kids--make a nativity scene, a pinecone bird feeder, and help decorate cookies.

A memorial service for Trenton Schnakenberg will be held at 2pm, Mon, Nov. 27. A reception will follow.

Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28 in support of the Village Harvest, beginning its 10th year! Our goal is \$575 to cover 25% of next year's costs.

On or before Nov. 28, make out a check to St. Peter's with "Giving Tuesday" in the memo line OR go online, use St. Peter's PayPal account and donate via credit card or bank account.

<https://news.churchsp.org/givingtuesday2023/>

Bible Study, Weds, Nov. 29, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for Advent 1

https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Advent/BAAdv1_RCL.html

Coming up during early December

- Sun., Dec. 3, God's Children 10:15pm. All about Advent
- Sun., Dec. 3, Coffee Hour after the 11am service. Bring a dish.
- Tuesday, December 5, ECW Dinner for "The House"
- Thursday, December 7, 14, and 21 at 7PM on Zoom, Advent Compline

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86334877905?pwd=TOFsSEpvUmRIMmkyR09DL2NBWnnpnUT09> Meeting ID: 863 3487 7905 Pass 868383

- Saturday, December 16, 5PM, Outdoor Christmas Pageant

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The Vestry

Cookie Davis, Larry Saylor (2024)

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Linda Upshaw (2026)

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Prayer List

Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, The Pannells, The Linne von Bergs, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, The Segars, The Faibisys, The Felicianos, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach

David Griffin, Gordon Flesher, Beryl Harrison, Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, Otis Felts (family and friends of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Ruth and Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge, (Pogue friend), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg, Nathaniel Schnakenberg, (Fisher family), Albert Barnett, Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), , Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth Wallace, Orville Watson, The Glasgows (Feliciano family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Gloria Jewell, The Hill family (Lydia O'Neil's family), G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat , Joan Pemberton (Brad's family), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin)
Passed into eternal life: Trenton Schnakenberg

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Greg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V