

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY, YEAR B
FEB. 4, 2024, 11AM**



“Jesus the Healer” – Daniel Bonnell

“That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.” – Mark 1:32-34

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B
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.

The Ringing of the Bell

Prelude	The God of Abraham Praise	Choir
Opening Hymn	Immortal, invisible	H 423

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 O bless the Lord, my soul! H 411

Everlasting God, you give strength to the powerless and power to the faint; you raise up the sick and cast out demons. Make us agents of healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 40, verses 21-31.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 147:1-12, 21c

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

**2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

**4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.**

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

**6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

**8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rains for the earth;**

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

**10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

**12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.**

21 Hallelujah!

**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 First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9, verses 16-23.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Have thine own way, Lord

LEVAS 145

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they

said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

O God of Light and Peace, come among us this day.

Come among us in the chill of winter, come; Heal us and form us into peace-makers. Enable us to look within ourselves, to make straight our crooked hearts, and to patiently and lovingly await changes in ourselves and others.

Lord of the church, gather us all into one holy communion. We pray for St Peter’s, and for our presence in this community, that all people may find here the means to a deeper relationship with you, Lord, and that all may find here your forgiveness, the healing mercies of Jesus and the acceptance of one another. Give us the courage to look to you alone as the source of our unity. **Grant us wholeness.**

Creator of all, we pray for the world; for the leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity might prevail; and for regions torn by conflict, especially in Ukraine, Sudan, and Gaza, that peace and harmony may be restored. We pray for all who serve in the armed forces of this land, that they might carry out their duties with honor and return home well in mind, body and spirit when their work is done. **Grant us peace.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexities of all that lives and has its being on this earth. Grant that, as we seek to understand the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purposes for this earth. **Grant us wisdom.**

Great Physician, bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. We pray for Harald Jenewein, preparing for open heart surgery, for Dot Wright, for Mariah and for all who are overwhelmed by need, for Katherine Holland, for Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy, for Ruth and Joyce Smith, the sisters-in-law of Laura Carey, for Enid and Albert Barnett, aunt and uncle of Andrea Pogue, and for all on our prayer list. We pray for those we know and love and for those known only to you. Inspire us to care for our bodies, for they are our gifts from you and your desire for us is health and salvation. **Grant us compassion.**

Spirit of the living Christ, fill us with expectation and eager longing for the coming of that day when no one will suffer, but when all will be gathered together in heavenly joy. We pray for all who mourn, and for all who have died, especially Otis Felts, friend of Johnny Davis, that they may be restored to wholeness as they rest in peace. **Grant us hope.**

As you gather us tenderly and hold us close, may we also show that same compassion to the world. Fill our minds with your peace, and our hearts with the warmth of your light and love, that these may flow freely from our lives into a weary world. We pray for all these things in the name of your Son, who came among us to heal us and to make us whole. **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

In Christ there is no East or West

H 529

The Holy Communion

Eucharist Prayer 3, Enriching our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a
sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing
your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we
shout with joy:

Sanctus

S 125

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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness
of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
The Communion of the People of God	
Communion Hymn Heal me, hands of Jesus	WLP 773
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 365

The Blessing

May God the Father bless you,
God the Son heal you,
God the Holy Spirit give you strength.
May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body;
Save your soul,
And bring you safely to that heavenly country;
Where God lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn	Leaning on the everlasting arms	LEVAS 196
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Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Resources:

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

Prayers of the People:

An anonymous prayer from Miriam Antich, [The Book of Common Prayer](#), and [Intercessions for the Christian People](#), Gail Ramshaw, ed.

Today's blessing is from [The Book of Occasional Services](#).

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, Feb. 4 – God's Garden for ages 5-9 . 10:15am

Feb 4, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Please stay for Coffee Hour immediately after the service.

Happy Birthday – Katie Davis (02/05), John Hess (02/07), Elizabeth Heimbach (02/10), Ramon Feliciano (02/11).

Bible Study, Weds, Feb. 7, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for Epiphany for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany
https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpiLast_RCL.html

A 100th Anniversary program of the Port Royal School. will be held Feb 10th at 11am in the school followed by the unveiling of an exhibit of historical objects in the Port Royal Museum of American History.

Sun., Feb 11 – Souper Bowl to benefit the Village Harvest. Bring a can, or cans, of soup along with a Valentine's Day card wishing the recipient love. Monetary donations (check with Village Harvest in the memo line) are always welcome.

Feb. 13, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5pm-6:30pm. Johnny Davis is the cook. If you'd like to help, call him at 804-241-4076.

Ash Wednesday service, Feb 14, 7pm Eucharist and imposition of ashes. We are called to "the observance of a holy Lent" by self-examination, repentance, by prayer and fasting.

"Practicing Forgiveness", the Lenten Meditations from Living Compass, is available in the back pew. Other meditations are in the newsletter.

Mon., Feb. 26th, Bingo Night 6-7:30PM at the Fire Department. St Peter's is partnering with Caroline County Schools to make this night a success. **If you would like to help, please bring granola bars, individually wrapped bags of trail mix, or small bottles of water, and place them in the back pew.**

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The Vestry

**Larry Saylor (2025) .Elizabeth Heimbach, (2025), Linda Upshaw (2026),
Andrea Pogue (2027), Johnny Davis (2027)**

**Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar
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Junior Warden,**

Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist

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Prayer List

Cleo Coleman, Linda Upshaw, Stanley and Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, The Pannells, Helmut Linne von Berg, 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

**Harald Jenewein, Katherine Holland, Lola Delbridge, Lois Christie, Ralph and Diane Powell, Enid and Albert Barnett (Pogue relatives), Pinkie Mayfield (Laura Carey's friend), Kristina Childs, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Joe Parker, Dot Wright, Beryl Harrison, Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family, Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, Otis (family of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Ruth Smith, 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), Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), , Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth and Morris Wallace, Orville Watson, Tiffany Feliciano and family, The Glasgows (Feliciano family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), 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: Otis Felts (friend of Johnny Davis)**

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V