

EASTER DAY
MARCH 31, 2024,
11AM



"The Empty Tomb" - Rachata Sinthopachakul

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." – Mark 16:2, 5-7

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

Easter Day

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 respect and honor with gratitude the land itself, the legacy of the ancestors, and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude	Up from the grave he arose!	Choir
Opening Hymn	Jesus Christ is risen today	<u>H 207</u>

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation	<u>BCP 355</u>
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Hymn of Praise	Alleluia, alleluia!	<u>H 178</u>
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The Collect of the Day

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness , war, and greed, that your new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 10, Verses 34-43.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he

went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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 15, Verses 1-11.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
May we live in the joy of the resurrection.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace. We pray for an end to war, violence, and hatred, and for your kingdom of peace and freedom to be realized around the world.

May we honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation and rejoice in its beauty and abundance.

May we care for the earth as tenderly as you care for us.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort all those who suffer in mind, spirit, or body. We pray especially for Tom Kramer, John Hess, Fred Pannell and all on our prayer list. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

May we be your hands of healing in this world.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled.

We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

**Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept our prayers, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

“Alleluiah!”

W.A. Mozart

Helmut Linne von Berg, Violin

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Sanctus

S 125

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

The bread is broken.

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution of the Sacraments

Communion Hymn

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing

H 174

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

God of hope, who brought love into this world,

Be the love that dwells among us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,

Be the peace that dwells among us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,

Be the joy that dwells among us.

God of hope the rock we stand upon,

Be always at the center, the focus of our lives

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

Closing Hymn

The day of resurrection

H 210

Dismissal

Postlude

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluiah!

Healey

Resources

Today's Collect: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Prayers of the People: The Book of Common Prayer

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's service is on YouTube -

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

Thank you to all who helped to make the Holy Week and today's Easter celebration possible. Special thanks to our musicians, including Brad Volland, Helmut Linne von Berg, Larry Saylor and the St Peter's Choir.

Thank you for all who gave lilies to add to the church's beauty, and to those who gave to the Endowment Fund for contributing to the future wellbeing of St Peter's.

Happy Birthday! - Caroline Upshaw (03/31), Larry Saylor (04/02), Elizabeth Long (04/07)

Alleluia! Welcome back the alleluia! The word Alleluia comes from the Hebrew language, and it means "Praise Yahweh." Traditionally it has been understood as the chief term of praise of the choirs of angels as they worship around the throne of God. Saying or singing Alleluia is a reminder that the Kingdom of Heaven has drawn near when Christians gather to worship and to praise God with joy.

Portland Guitar Duo concert April 19, 7pm. We need help with the advertising- friends, neighbors, business associate, etc.. We have posters and cards <https://news.churchsp.org/portlandguitarduo2024/>

The Easter lilies are given by



Laura Carey

In memory of Milton Carey

In memory of John Whitfield

Catherine Hicks

In memory of Louise Gossett

Alice and Tom Hughes

In memory of Jan and Gary

In thanksgiving for our family and friends

Linda Kramer

In honor of the Schaefers and the Kramers

In memory of the Webbers and the Kessels

Andrea and Ken Pogue

In memory of Carlton Samuels, Andrea's brother

In memory of Linval Samuels, Andrea's brother

In memory of Alton Samuels, Andrea's brother

Larry and Jan Saylor

In memory of our parents

In thanksgiving for Brad, Deanna, Emma, and Owen Saylor

Endowment Fund

In memory of friends Lin Harrell and Otis Felts, by John Davis

In Honor of Catherine Hicks, our daughters and granddaughter, by Ben Hicks

Parish Life at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2024

We are a group of people of various ages, of various races and nationalities, economic situations, educational levels, political persuasions, and varying ways of interpreting scripture and theology. We are united in our love for God, for one another and our neighbors.

Education -Every Wednesday at 10AM we meet for **Bible study** to learn from one another as we share our viewpoints about the scriptures that will be heard in church on the following Sunday. During this time we also pray for one another, and for those in our congregation and community who are sick, suffering, or in need. A class for young children takes place on Sunday mornings.

We support the **Sacred Ground** project of the Episcopal Church to combat systematic racism. In that capacity we have established a scholarship for students entering trades education. We use Zoom for Christian Education for Youth and for Christian Education for adults. We recently concluded a class on the Creeds.

Worship -Our worship is shaped by the liturgies in The Book of Common Prayer. We celebrate Holy Communion at our principal worship service at 11AM on Sunday. We come together for special liturgies spread throughout the year, including Christmas Eve, Epiphany, and Holy Week services. People are welcome to attend worship services online.

Our doors are open to the community. We participate in the annual **United Thank Offering** that provides grants to Episcopal churches around the world. With the help of **Caroline County Social Services** and leadership from the Episcopal Church Men (ECM), St. Peter's adopts families at both Thanksgiving and Christmas and provides meals and gifts based on the needs of the families. We work with **Caroline's Promise** to provide school supplies for Caroline County students, and with the **Caroline County Public Schools** in offering various activities in the community. **The Village Harvest food distribution** of fresh produce and meats, in conjunction with the **Healthy Harvest Food Bank**, is held on each third Wednesday of the month from 3-5PM, and is open to anyone in need of food. This ministry benefits approximately 90 people in this area each month. St Peter's also belongs to **CERVE**, a county organization that also provides financial assistance. We also offer **"Shred-it"** as a community service to dispose of secure documents and to lessen the use of the landfill.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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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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Prayer List

Tom Kramer, Pam Keller-Arlledge, The Pannells, Terri Harrison, Linda Upshaw, Stanley and Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Barbara Segar, The Faibisys, The Felicianos, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach

Karen Lawhorn, Joy Newlin, Michelle Hinton (Hicks friend), Harald Jenewein, 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), 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, (family of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sister-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), 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)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Steven Lee

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Reg Merkl

Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V