

# THE SEASON OF CREATION II, SEPT 11, 2022

“Parables of the Lost Sheep/Lost Coin”



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Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? –Luke 15:8

## ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## The Fourteenth 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.*

### Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

Opening Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

H 383

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Song of Praise

A Scottish Blessing

(Sung to hymn tune Holy Manna)

Be a light before to lead me; be a guiding star above;  
Jesus, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.  
There's no bird that soars the mountain,  
there's no deer upon the hill,  
there's no creature of the forest,  
but shall sing thy praises still.

Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe through all my days;  
Jesus may I always know thee, may I always know thy praise.  
There's no life that swims the ocean;  
there's no creature of the sea,  
there's no fish within the river,  
but proclaims its praise for thee.

As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars,  
at the ending of life's journey may thy heavenly peace be ours.

Let all creatures in God's kingdom,  
let all life upon the shore  
sing praise to God, the world's creator,  
sing praises now and evermore.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### **Creation Collect for Today**

O God, having shown us how far your love goes in saving the lost and forgotten, mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of reuniting with all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from Exodus, Chapter 32, verses 7 through 14.**

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I

have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-11, *Miserere mei, Deus***

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

**6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within 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 1 Timothy, Chapter 1, verses 12 through 17.**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**It is well with my soul**

**LEVAS 188**

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

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just

so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Tom Hughes**

**Affirmation**

**We believe in God, the source of love,  
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,  
who blessed them and asked them to procreate, nurture and  
preserve God's creation for prosperity.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,  
who was born of a woman and was a carpenter,  
who identified himself with women, men, and children,  
transforming them to have life abundantly.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit active before creation,  
who through the ages has inspired Christians without number,  
who continues to inspire us to usher in the reign of God,  
where no one is cast out, lonely or bereft.**

**The Prayers of the People**

At the beginning of time and at the end you are God and we bless you. At our birth and in our dying, in the opening of the day and at its close, in our waking and our sleeping you are God and we bless you. You are the first and the last, the giver of every gift, the presence without whom there would be no present, the life without whom there is no life. Lead us to the heart of life's treasure that we may be bearers of the gift. Lead us to the heart of the present that we may be sharers of your eternal presence. (Silence)

We pray for the church around the world, and for our church, St Peter's, that we may discern your wisdom and guidance as we strive to live out your love on this earth. **Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

We pray for nations around the world, for all people, and for their leaders. Today we give thanks for the long and faithful life and service of Queen Elizabeth II of England. We pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to suffer from the effects of war. We pray for an end to all hatred and violence. Until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray for all who serve in the armed forces of this land. **Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

On this 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of September 11, we remember those who suffered and died that day. We give thanks for those who worked tirelessly to bring order out of the chaos, often at the cost of their own lives. We pray that in remembering the past, we may look with optimism to the future as we intentionally work to restore peace in our hearts, in our nation, and in this world. **Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

We pray for the earth. As you seek out those who are lost, give us the grace to seek out what has been lost on this earth due to our greed and negligence. May we seek your guidance as we work to repair the damage that we have done. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may honor you with all that we have and be faithful stewards of your bounty. **Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We give thanks for the ongoing improvement of Toni Faibisy, and pray for John Whitfield, Roger Key, Lydia O'Neil, JT Moriarty and Randall Clingenpeel. We ask for their healing. Open their hearts to your constant healing presence with each of them and with all on our prayer list. **Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

We pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. **Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

Give us strength to understand and eyes to see; and hearts to seek; teach us to walk on this earth as related to all that lives. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

## **Offertory**

As a shepherd searches for a lost sheep, as a woman searches for a lost coin, God seeks us out to save us. With gratitude and joy, let us offer our lives and all that we have to the Lord.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **WE GIVE THANKS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You brought forth all of creation and filled it with life, from the shining stars at the farthest reaches of the universe, to the abundance of the earth itself; its dark rich sustaining and life-giving soil replenished by rain, and the springs and creeks, streams and rivers that water the earth.

You made us in your image to dwell within your miraculous creation, but we wandered away from your endless gifts of abundance into the dry and dusty waste lands of our own making.

So you sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child, born in a stable, who revealed your goodness and lovingkindness to all who would listen.



Breathing in and living out your love, Jesus spread the good news of your kingdom throughout the land of Galilee with stories about seeds, soil, birds, trees, sheep, and lilies of the field. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, cast out demons and offered living water for all to drink. He prayed alone in the mountains and walked alongside the sea as he revealed to all with eyes to see the everlasting richness and abundance of your kingdom come to earth.

He suffered and died on a cross fashioned from a tree to reunite us with God and with all creation. He was buried in a garden tomb. On the third day, you raised him in glory from death into resurrected life.

And you continue to send your Spirit to bring new life and breath to the world, to clothe us with power from on high, to restore us and all of creation to you.

And so we join the angels as we celebrate and sing: (WLP 858)

**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.**

Father, on the night before he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and then died and redeemed all of creation to you, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this and find me present in your midst.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood,

The new promise of God's unfailing love.

Do this and find me present in your midst.

Jesus Christ has died.

**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

**Father, as we offer You this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.**

**Pour your Holy Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, share the good news of Jesus, and live in hope as we wait for his coming in glory.**

**For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn**

**O love how deep**

**H 488**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

**I sing the almighty power of God**

**H 398**

**Dismissal**

**Today's Collect:** Season of Creation Liturgical Guide, Dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts

**Affirmation:** Daily Prayer for all Seasons

**Offertory Sentence:** Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, Vol 2, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

**Resources for Prayers of the People:** The Book of Common Prayer, Daily Prayer for all Seasons, and Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter, by John Philip Newell.

## 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>

**The loose offering today will go to Catherine's discretionary fund to help people in need in this area. Thank you for your generosity.**

**-Sept. 11, Worship, On Zoom at 11AM.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0J0OOGdMV3NMRIhmWUVCZz09> Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545 Passcode: 889278

**-Sept. 11, Compline 6 pm -**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87871679302?pwd=Nvc2UGx3N3M2bDRaRTRRVephT3FIQT09> Meeting ID: 878 7167 9302 Passcode: 729195

**-Sept. 12, Monday Morning meditation 6:30am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980716417?pwd=UHLxNE1JYlQ1TGh6N25oYTBxRURwQT09> Meeting ID: 879 8071 6417 Passcode: 790929

**-Sept. 12, Week 1 of the Goodside's book—"Educate- Understanding the basis of climate change", 7pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87815309573?pwd=cGVlUTdQZ0RzV1FLZUVuQ1RpUHRZZz09> Meeting ID: 878 1530 9573 Passcode: 276113

**-Sept. 13, Happy Anniv.- Fred, Crystal Pannell**

**-Sept. 14, Ecumenical Bible Study, 10am-12pm**

**-Sept. 14. Village Dinner 4:30pm,-6 PM. Call Susan Linne von Berg to make your reservation. 804-742-5233.**

**Goodside's M.O.R.E Model for Effective Climate Action.** This book brings climate change issues to the forefront in basic easy to understand language. **Download the book here. 1<sup>st</sup> session Mon. Sept 12, 7pm**  
<https://news.churchsp.org/wp-content/uploads/GoodsideMore.pdf>

**A spiritual look at climate change:**

- 1 Creation reflects the glory of God. We are to be good stewards of God's creation. Destruction of nature is a sign of estrangement.
- 2 Climate change is a spiritual challenge. Dealing prayerfully and intentionally in response to climate change is faithful on our parts.
3. We have a responsibility to care for the least of us. The poorest amongst us bear the greatest burden and risk of climate change.
4. We are called to respond to and renew what we see around us. We are moral messengers for the common good, by putting compassion into action.

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**The Vestry**

**Becky Fisher, Andrea Pogue (2022), Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)**

**Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)**

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Prayer List**

**Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Roger Key, Charles McGuire, Brad Volland, Clarence and Betty Kunstmann, Robert Bryan, Cornesha Howard, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Mike and Marilyn Newman, Fred and Crystal Pannell, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom**

**Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs. Watson (Linneth Feliciano's mother), John Whitfield (Laura Carey's son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), J.T. Moriarty (Hicks' friend), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Patty Reno (cousin of Tom Kramer), Joanne Wilkerson and Jimmy Davis, Julie Davis (sister, brother and daughter of Johnny Davis), Lois Christie, Sandra Smith, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Nathaniel Schakenberg, Mary Grace Dorsey, Martha Oldham (Mike Newman's sister), Jonathan Coleman (Cleo Coleman's son), Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Jeremy Pitts, Orville Watson (Linneth Feliciano's brother), Gloria Jewell, Mary Ann Betchy, K. D., Kathryn, David and Bobby Hill (Lydia O'Neil's family), Lorena McElwain, (friend of the Pogues), Odessa Davis, Kelly Paterino, G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw (Brad Volland's cousin), Joan Pemberton (Brad Volland's aunt), Anna Haug, Morgan Chapman and Jess Suggs, (friends of Laura Long), Albert Barnett (Andrea's uncle), Scott Crabtree (Eunice Key's brother), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin), Dot Wright, , Gracelyn McCallum, Carolyn and Butch Delhagen (Newman relatives), Mary Lawrence Hicks (Catherine and Ben Hicks' daughter), Tommy Hicks and the Reynolds family, Rodney C. Johnson (Hicks' friend), , Charlene Schakenberg, (Becky Fisher's mother)**

**Serving in the Armed Forces**

PJ Koons

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