

THE SEASON OF CREATION

III, SEPT 18, 2022



“Parable of the Shrewd Manager” – Coptic art

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**ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Fifteenth 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

Be thou my vision

H 488

Opening Acclamation

Blessed is the One who creates all things.

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

Almighty God, to you are 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

The Creation Collect for the Day

Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; 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 the Prophet Amos, Chapter 8, verses 4 through 7.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?"

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113, *Laudate, pueri*

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

**2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

**4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.**

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

**8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.**

**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 2, verses 1 through 7.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and
humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

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hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

God is just. God is one. But we are often fragmented and consumed by many wants. Let us gather our needs now and offer them confidently to God.

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, that we may be ingenious and tireless in preaching God's good news for all of creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the world powers, that they may be just and honorable in their dealings with one another. We pray for peace, and an end to war, especially the war in Ukraine, and an end to terrorism. We pray for all victims of gun violence. Until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray for those who serve in the armed forces of this land, especially those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that we may hold our goods and money lightly and use all that we have for the sake of your kingdom come on this earth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the jobless. We pray that employees and employers may act honestly in their workplaces and treat one another with dignity. We pray that the wealthy and those with no material want will use their bounty for God's glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are dispirited and broken-hearted, who find no hope or meaning or purpose in life, and for those who are suffering physically and who long for your healing and your peace: John Whitfield, Roger Key, Lydia O'Neil, and all on our prayer list. We give thanks that Toni Faibisy is returning home today after months of hospitalization and then rehab. Show us how we may best pray for and care for one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, especially for Nancy Nan Schaefer, sister of Linda Kramer. Lord, grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in their dwelling place with you, eternal in the heavens.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in

all things, for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

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

The eyes of all wait upon you

WLP 820

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

May the good Lord show you
how to be frugal, till all are fed;
how to weep, till all can laugh;
how to be meek, till all can stand in pride;
how to mourn, till all are comforted;
how to be restless, till all live in peace;
how to claim less, till all find justice.
Then you will be blessed indeed
and the earth itself will be blessed
through you.

Closing Hymn

Let us with a gladsome mind

H 389

Dismissal

Today's Collect: [Season of Creation Liturgical Guide](#), Dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts, **Affirmation:** [Daily Prayer for all Seasons](#), **Resources for Prayers of the People:** [The Book of Common Prayer](#), [Season of Creation Liturgical Guide and Intercessions for the Christian People](#), Gail Ramshaw, ed.

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>

Happy Birthday Catherine Hicks, Tom Segar (Sept 20), James Upshaw, Trenton Schnakenberg (Sept 21), Robert Bryan (Sept 24).

-Sunday worship Sept 18 — On Zoom at 11AM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0J0OGdMV3NMRIhmWUVCZz09> Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545 Passcode: 889278

-Sept. 18, Compline 6 pm -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87871679302?pwd=NVc2UGx3N3M2bDRaRTRRVePhT3FIQT09> Meeting ID: 878 7167 9302 Passcode: 729195

-Sept. 19, Monday Morning meditation 6:30am

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

-Sept. 19, Climate Change—"Measure your Carbon Footprint" , 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87815309573?pwd=cGVlUTdQZ0R5V1FLZUVuQ1RpUHRZZz09> Meeting ID: 878 1530 9573 Passcode: 276113

-Bible Study, Wed. Sept 21, 10am-12pm. Parish House.

-Village Harvest, Wed. Sept 21, 3pm,-5PM.

-Thurs., Sept 22, 7pm – Sacred Ground Group. All are welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904459075?pwd=YlVYcTVBL09NK3d2bHZjZWdWalhsdz09> Meeting ID: 869 0445 9075 Passcode: 715981

COMING UP: Mon., Sept 26, Caroline County Public Schools Kick Ball at the Heimbachs and St Peter's, 5:30-7PM.

-Sunday, Oct. 2-- Coffee hour, installation of pavilion plaque in memory of John Sellers, followed by Gospel on the River at 3PM.

-Monday, Oct. 3, 11:30AM—ECW Fall Meeting at Horne's.

Friday, Oct. 14, 7pm – Beau Soir chamber group (flute, viola, harp) at St Peter's Website - <https://www.beausoir.org> . Their music <https://www.beausoir.org/listen>. Our 9th concert since 2013!

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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The Vestry

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

Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar

Becky Fisher, Senior Warden, Cookie Davis, Junior Warden

Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist

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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)

Passed into eternal life: Nancy Nan Schaefer (Linda Kramer's sister)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Joseph George

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Greg Merkl

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V