

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEB. 26, 2023



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**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

First Sunday in Lent, Year A

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.

Prelude "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
Johann Cruger/Bussarow

Opening Hymn Lord, who throughout these forty days H 142

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Celebrant

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all you heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie

S 91

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from The Book of Genesis, Chapter 2, verses 15-17; Chapter 3, verses :1-7.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You

shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach
them.

**8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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 Letter to the Romans, Chapter 5, verses 12-19.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made

sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Trust and Obey

LEVAS 205

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

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of
God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Hughes

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and in the world.

We pray with gratitude for all that you have made, and ask that we may never take your creation for granted. We give thanks for the rich earth that brings forth our food, for the air we breathe, for the water we drink and for the beauty of your creation that surrounds us. May we care for it as you care for us. *(Silence)*

We pray for all who are hungry—whether hungry for power and glory or hungry for a simple meal. Show the mighty that you can satisfy their deepest need and feed the poor from the abundance of your good creation. We pray for all who have died and whose lives have been forever changed by the earthquakes in Turkey and in Syria. Give us wisdom as we seek ways to help with this crisis. *(Silence)*

We pray for the church in times of trial—whether tested by tempestuous change or tempted by safety of the status quo. Give us peace when anger and fear threaten to divide us, and challenge us when we are too comfortable in this world. *(Silence)*

We pray for leaders in high places—whether determined to help those who suffer or distant from the cries of the oppressed. Open their eyes to see your saving power at work. Open their ears to hear your prophets' call for justice. We pray for a speedy end to the war in Ukraine. Until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list, that they may serve honorably and return home safely when their work is done. *(Silence)*

As angels came and waited on Jesus in the wilderness, may your angels come to all those in any sorrow or sickness, or anxiety, or trouble, especially those on our prayer list, and bring your healing mercies, compassion, and peace to each of them. We pray especially for Susan Linne von Berg, for Alice Hughes, for Johnny Davis, for and for Milijana Grayson, and for all who love and care for each of them. *(Silence)*

We pray for all who have died, especially Ruby Barnes, sister of Laura Carey. Receive her, and all who have died, into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *(Silence)*

Fill us with your strength to resist the seductions of our foolish desires and the tempter's vain delights, that we may walk in obedience and righteousness, rejoicing in you with an upright heart. **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 Chorale: Christ, the Flower Jacques Boyvin

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

Sanctus **S 114**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The bread is broken.

Lamb of God **LEVAS 270**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution of the Sacraments

Communion Hymn Let us break bread together LEVAS 152

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
And bring us to everlasting life;
And may the souls of the faithful,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Closing Hymn God will take care of you LEVAS 183

Dismissal

Resources for The Prayers of the People

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

Let us break bread together on our knees, today's communion hymn, is probably the most well-known of the African American spirituals.

*"A recently published article in the *Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*, written by *United Methodist Hymnal* editor, Dr. Carlton Young, reveals the probable roots and major variants of this spiritual. Dr. Young suggests that this 'spiritual was formed in the West African Gullah/Geechee slave culture that developed in the coastal areas of South-Eastern colonial America, including St Helena Island, Beaufort, and Charleston, South Carolina . . .'*

Some scholars believe that the phrase 'face to the rising sun,' may come from the worship practices of Islamic West Africans. Others speculate that the sun was a symbolic West African source of spiritual light."

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-let-us-break-bread-together>

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 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- Barbara Wisdom 02/28, Mary Ann Betchy 02/28, Morgan Key, 02/29, Gloria Jewell 03/01, Karen Richardson 03/04

Lent is the season to prepare for the journey through Holy Week and the joys of the Easter season to come. The Confession of Sin and the Absolution are both part of the Penitential Order and occur at the beginning of the service. The Kyrie, near the beginning of the service, emphasizes the merciful nature of God's love for us.

Get your copy of Living Well through Lent, 2023, a publication by Living Compass—for daily personal reflections.

Feb 26, Worship, On Zoom,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0J0OGdMV3NMRlhmWUVVCz09> Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545, Passcode: 889278

Feb. 27 Monday Morning meditation 6:30am

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

St. Peter's Lenten page – <https://churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2023>

The basics of Lent, Eight Lenten Practices, Events, the lectionary, special topics, Holy Week and beyond. **Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent** -- from ashen gray to glorious purple, charcoal shadow to dazzling silver, deep crimson to the rainbow of petals in a springtime garden, journey through Lent in color with this Christian education addition..

Coming soon:

Psalms Study, every Monday night from 7-8PM on Zoom, beginning Monday, March 6.

Stations of the Cross—Meditate on the last hours of Jesus' life by walking the Stations of the Cross. Mary Peterman's moving watercolors and the text for each station are on a series of fourteen banners which you will find placed outside the church for quiet meditation either in solitude or in small groups.

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The Vestry
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Prayer List

Alice Hughes, Larry Saylor, Jim Heimbach, Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Laura Carey, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Mike and Marilyn Newman, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom

Milijana Grayson, Nika Corwin (friend of Marcia Kole), **Dominic Paterino, Nathaniel Schakenberg, Claire Cole Curcio** (friend of Catherine Hicks), **Otis Felts** (friend of Johnny Davis), **The Glasgows** (friends of the Felicianos), **Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs. Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's mother), **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, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Jonathan Coleman** (Cleo Coleman's son), **Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear** (BJ's grandson), **Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith** (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), **Orville Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's brother), **Gloria Jewell, 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), **Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Scott Crabtree** (Eunice Key's brother), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin), **Mary Lawrence Hicks, Rodney C. Johnson** (Hicks' friend), **Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother)

Passed into eternal life: Ruby Barnes, sister of Laura Carey

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons	Scott Estes	Cliff Lance
Steven Lee	Greg Merkl	Grace Grimaldi
Alexis Rye	Michael Hobbs	Alex Long V