

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JULY 9, 2023, 11AM**



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**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Sixth 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.

The Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Opening Hymn We will extoll you H 404

The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God, for ever 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise God, my King H 414

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from The Prophet Zechariah Chapter 9, verses 9 through 12.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145 verses 8-through 15, *Exaltabo te, Deus*

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

**11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

**15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**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 7, verses 15
through 25a.**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want,
but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I
agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but
sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells
within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot
do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is
what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do
it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies
close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but
I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind,
making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of
death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Just as I am

H 693

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is
like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

The Affirmation (from Daily Prayers for All Seasons)

As children of God, we affirm:

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation,
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful.**

Therefore, we too, seek to be faithful.

**That Jesus came to show us love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope.**

Therefore, we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
and that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way.**

**Therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
Discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Come to prayer, all who labor and are heavy laden, and God will give us rest. Come to praise, as we open our hearts to God's compassion and mercy.

Generous God, we thank you for the revelation of your gift of abundant life and for the rest you give to those who put their trust in you. **For such life and rest, we give our thanks and praise.**

Graceful God, we thank you for entrusting us with the message of grace, that we might speak a reconciling word to our age. **For such mercy, we give our thanks and praise.** We pray for your church around the world, that we may learn how to follow Jesus by giving rest to the weary in lives of service that are gentle and humble of heart. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, we thank you for leading us into the ways of peace and for transforming weapons of war into tools of charity. **For such peacemaking, we give our thanks and praise.** Until your reign of peace is realized on this earth, we pray for those serving in the armed forces of this country, especially those on our prayer list, that they may carry out their duties with honor, and return home safe in mind, body, and spirit when their work is done. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the people of faith who surround us and for all who assist our growth in grace. **For such companions through life, we give our thanks and praise.** We pray for those who have died in your faith, and encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we pray that we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we thank you for the gifts of creation and for the restoring times of rest and recreation. **For such times of harmony, we give our thanks and praise.** We pray for the restoration of the earth and ask for the will to care for it with your tender compassion and mercy. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we thank you for those who tend the sick, accompany the frustrated, visit the lonely, comfort the dying, confront the addicted, or minister to any in need. **For such attention to human anguish, we give our thanks and praise.** We pray for all in need of healing and restoration, especially Nathaniel Schnakenberg, Fred Pannell, John and Toni Faibisy, Helmut and Susan Linne von Berg, Ralph Powell, and Lola Delbride. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, we thank you for sustaining all who are oppressed, all who suffer for reasons of conscience, and all who are passionate for justice. **For such signs of the coming kingdom, we give our thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, we join our voices with all that you have made in blessing you and giving thanks to you, who with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, show compassion and goodness to all.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364
The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn **Seek ye first** **H 711**

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.
And the blessing of God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer--be with us
now and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Lord of all hopefulness** **H 482**
Dismissal

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

Postlude

Resources:

The Affirmation is from Daily Prayers for all Seasons, Church Publishing, 2014.

Prayers of the People, Intercessions for the Christian People, Gail Ramshaw, ed; Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed; and The Book of Common Prayer

Hymn Notes

Today's first two hymns, "We will extoll you, ever blessed Lord," and "God my King, thy might confessing," are both paraphrases of Psalm 145, today's appointed psalm. In singing these two hymns, we continue the tradition of singing the psalms, a practice that dates to Biblical times.

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 flowers are given by John Faibisy in memory of his mother, Marion Faibisy, born on July 4 in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Birthdays – Laura Carey July 13

July 9, Worship, On YouTube,
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

Vestry, Monday, July 10, 2pm at St. Peter's.

Bible Study, July 12, 10am-12pm. Parish House. 7th Pentecost
http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp10_RCL.html

The ECW Gathering at Cookie's house scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, has been postponed.

School Supplies for Caroline County, sponsored by Caroline's Promise, one of our partners in ministry. Please place your donations of notebook paper on the back pew. We are hoping to contribute 200 packages of paper by **next Sunday.**

Thank you to all who have contributed school supplies and monetary support to the Victoria School in Jamaica.

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The Vestry

Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)

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Linda Upshaw (2026)

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**Christ Centered, Biblically Based, Spirit Filled, Caring
Prayer List**

**Laura Carey, Fred and Crystal Pannell, Ken Pogue, Susan and Helmut
Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess,
Charles McGuire, Barbara and Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy,
Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Barbara
and Boyd Wisdom, Jim Heimbach**

**Ralph Powell (Hicks friend), Lola Delbridge, Barbara Deal, Roberta
Rutledge (friend of the Pogues), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz
Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg, (Becky Fisher's mother), Kathleen
Curran (Matt Hood's aunt), T. C. Collins, Wayne Cohen (cousin of
Andrea Pogue), Jimmy and Nancy Davis (Johnny Davis' brother and sister
in law), Herb Collins, Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth Wallace, Bethune
Andrews, Orville Watson (Linneth Feliciano's mother, sisters and
brother), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ed
and Doris Hooker, Milijana Grayson, Nika Corwin (friend of Marcia
Kole), Nathaniel Schnakenberg, Otis Felts (friend of Johnny Davis), The
Glasgows (friends of the Felicianos), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother),
Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Joanne Wilkerson and Julie Davis
(sister and daughter of Johnny Davis), Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill
Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Ruth Smith,
Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Gloria Jewell, The Hill family
(Lydia O'Neil's family), Lorena McElwain, (friend of the Pogues), G. Lee
Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw (Brad's cousin), Joan Pemberton
(Brad's aunt), Albert Barnett (Andrea's uncle), Scott Crabtree (Eunice
Key's brother), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin)**

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Steven Lee

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Greg Merkl

Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V