

**THE TRANSFIGURATION,
RITE II
AUG. 6, 2023, 11AM**



"Transfiguration" – Fra Angelico (1442)

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**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Feast of the Transfiguration

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.

Bell Ringing

Prelude

Opening Hymn O wondrous type! H 137

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 When morning gilds the skies H 427

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

Eternal God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory, as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. **Amen.**

A Reading from Exodus, Chapter 34, Verses 29 through 35.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

1 The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 **The LORD is great in Zion; ***

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice,**

you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

**6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**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 The Second Letter of Peter, Chapter 1, verses 13
through 21.**

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church.

We pray for your church around the world, that you would once more reveal your glory as we wait in humility and with joy to see your full light. *(Silence)*

We pray for the nations of the earth and for their leaders, that they may learn the ways of your peace. We pray for an end to violence in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities, in our nation, and in the world. Until your reign of peace is realized on this earth, we pray for all who serve in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list, that they may serve with honor and return home safely when their work is done. *(Silence)*

We pray that your presence and power may be revealed throughout this land. May all the people of our nation give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. *(Silence)*

We pray for all who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. May we use our public and private wealth so that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor. *(Silence)*

We pray for all who suffer, especially those on our prayer list, and for the lonely, disconsolate, the dying, and those who mourn, that they may know the redeeming light of your presence. *(Silence)*

May we watch with expectation for the rising of the Morning Star, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we may behold with all the saints your majestic glory. As we pass through the changes and chances of this life and the shadows of this world, empower us to act as a transfigured people as we press toward the glory and light of your world to come. **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 3, EOW

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise

are yours at all times and in all places,

our true and loving God;

through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:

this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of
hope, justice, and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light H 490

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

May God's goodness be yours: and well, and seven times well, may you spend your lives: May you be an island of rest in the restless sea; may you be a stalwart hill on the shifting shore, may you be a shining star in the darkest darkness; may you be a strong staff to the weak and the weary; may the light of Christ Jesus fill every heart for you; may the Light of Christ Jesus fill you for every heart.

Closing Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

H 7

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Resources:

Today's Collect is from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Prayers of the People:

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

The Book of Common Prayer

Intercessions for the Christian People, Gail Ramshaw, ed.

Eucharistic Prayer: Enriching our Worship

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>

All are welcome at Coffee Hour immediately following this service.

The rose on the altar today is in honor of the birth of Colton Roger Key, born Thursday, July 20, to Morgan and Lamar Key, and the second grandson of Eunice Key.

Birthdays - Mike Newman 08/07, Keith Upshaw 08/09, Suzanne Wall 08/09, Bridgette Long 08/10, Samantha Pugh 8/10

Many thanks to all who helped remove the fallen branches of the sycamore tree on Mon. July 31, and to Johnny and Cookie Davis who led the work and to Tommy Hicks, who provided the tractor.

Aug. 6, Worship, On YouTube,

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

The Vestry will meet Tuesday, August 8, at 10AM in the Parish House.

Catherine will be preaching and celebrating the Eucharist at Chancellor's Village on Tuesday. Please pray for our members who live there—Tom & Barbara Segar, Barbara & Boyd Wisdom.

Bible Study, Aug 9, 10am-12pm. Parish House. 11th^h Pentecost
http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp14_RCL.html

Next Sunday, August 12th, Annette Steele, Principal of the Victoria Primary School in Jamaica, will be with us during the 11AM worship service. We have provided school supplies for the Primary School twice now. We will have lunch to honor Annette following worship.

Following lunch, all are invited to come to the Davis residence from 2-5 PM for a time of renewal, recreation, and refreshments. During our time together, we will consider our baptisms and renew our baptismal vows, and those who would like to experience what baptism by John the Baptist might have been like will have that opportunity. Thank you to Cookie and Johnny Davis for hosting this party.

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The Vestry

Cookie Davis, Larry Saylor (2024)
Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)
Linda Upshaw (2026)
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Prayer List

Cookie Davis, 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

Sherie Franssen (Matt Hood's aunt), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), 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), T. C. Collins, Wayne Cohen (cousin of Andrea Pogue), Jimmy and Nancy Davis (Johnny Davi's 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	Scott Estes	Cliff Lance
Steven Lee	Greg Merkl	Grace Grimaldi
Alexis Rye	Michael Hobbs	Alex Long V