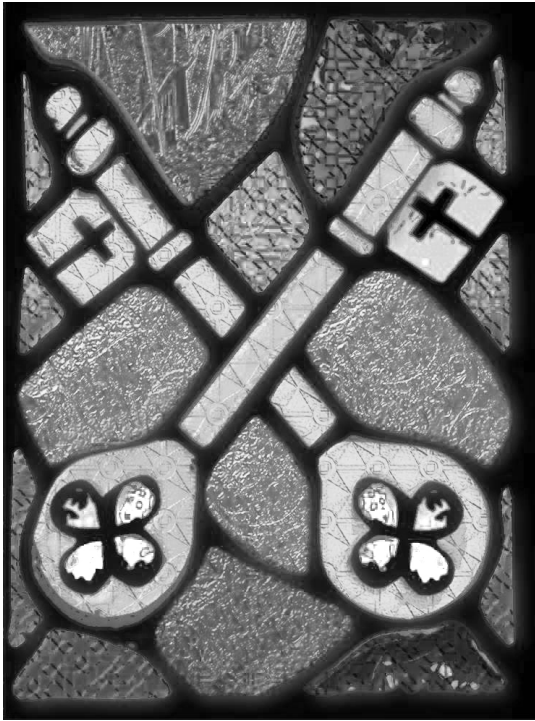


**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
AUGUST 27, 2023, 11AM**



"Keys to the Kingdom" - Hermoleon

Jesus asked his disciples, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the
living God." Matthew 16:16

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Thirteenth 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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Come, we that love the Lord

LEVAS 12

Opening Sentence

This is the day the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray (*Silence is 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory be 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.

Venite To God with gladness sing (sung to Darwall's 148th)

To God with gladness sing, your Rock and Savior bless;

Into his temple bring your songs of thankfulness!
O God of might, to you we sing
Enthroned as King on heaven's height!
God cradles in his hand the heights and depths of earth;
God made the sea and land, God brought the world to birth!
O God most high, we are your sheep;
On us you keep your shepherd's eye!
Your heavenly Father praise, acclaim his only Son,
Your voice in homage raise to him who makes all one!
O Dove of peace, on us descend
That strife may end and joy increase!

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come, let us praise the Lord.**

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.**
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 51, verse 1-6.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle H A Song of Hosea Hosea 6:1-3

**Come, let us return to our God,*
who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds,*
after two days revive us,
On the third day, restore us, *
that in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord,*
whose justice dawns like morning light,
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower,*
like spring rains that water the earth.**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 12, verses 1-8.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle N: A Song of God's Love *1 John 4:7-11*

Beloved, let us love one another,*

for love is of God.

**Whoever does not love does not know God,*
for God is Love.**

**In this the love of God was revealed among us,*
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us*
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much,*
we ought also to love one another.**

**For if we love one another, God abides in us,*
And God's love will be perfected in us.**

A Reading from The Gospel according to Matthew, Chap., Vv 13-20.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

In my life, Lord, be glorified

LEVAS 216

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Hughes

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended

into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

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Offertory

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving help among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect for Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Called to be God's partners in the care of the planet

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. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocations and ministries we may truly and devoutly serve you. We pray especially today for Andrea and Ken Pogue, and for Laura Carey, on the mission trip to Jamaica. We pray through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

For those who influence public opinion

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart

of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For our Country

Lord God Almighty, grant that we and all the people of this nation may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace, respecting the dignity of all, and seeking the common good. Until your reign of peace comes on this earth, we pray for those who serve in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list, that they may fulfill their duties with honor and return home safely in mind, body and spirit.

Amen.

For Education

Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom: Through your Holy Spirit, enlighten those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those who are sick

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you let the little children come to you: we commend to your loving care Ollie Anderson, granddaughter of Linda Upshaw, as she goes into surgery this week. Guard her from all danger, guide the hands of the surgeons and all who care for her, and strengthen her parents and grandparents and fill their hearts with confidence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Loving God, we come again to you in faith as we pray for Nathaniel Schnakenburg, who is still in need of a kidney. May he and his family be comforted by your presence as they wait once again for a donor, and give them courage and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health; Comfort and relieve those who suffer, especially John Kirwin, son of Jean Devitt, for those who suffer ongoing pain, for Helmut and Susan Linne von Berg, for Thom Guthrie and for Bill Wick, and for all on our prayer list. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those in their care may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those who have died

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your

loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, our rock, even when we find ourselves in a place of exile, or in a position of despair, we trust in your power: to return and restore us, to enliven and empower us, to soothe and to save us. You can turn a desert into Eden, sorrow into joy, and silence into singing. The heavens may vanish above and the earth dissolve underneath, but your salvation is forever. We wait for you, O God, attentive and hopeful, for with you deliverance is always possible. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

A General Thanksgiving (*Read in Unison*)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Closing Hymn Glorious things of thee are spoken H 522

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Postlude

Resources

Today's canticles are from [Enriching our Worship](#).

Today's prayers are from [The Book of Common Prayer](#) and [The Book of Occasional Services](#), and in [Feasting on the Word Worship Companion](#), [Liturgies for Year A](#), and [Feasting Vol 2](#), Kimberly Bracken Long, 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—Fred and Crystal Pannell (8/29), Ann Upshaw, Da'von Townsell (8/30), Denise Gregory (9/02)

Aug. 27, Worship, On YouTube,

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

Bible Study, Weds, Aug 30, 10am-12pm. Parish House. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

https://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp17_RCL.html

Coffee Hour will take place next week after the 11AM service. Bring a snack or dish to share and enjoy the company of one another.

Thank you to all who contributed to the fund to help the people of Maui. The \$2000 we have sent will help Episcopalians there to continue to go about the island handing out badly needed supplies to those who have been displaced by the wildfires through their organization, A Cup of Cold Water. Thank you.

The Jamaican Mission team reported as of Friday Aug. 25 that all school supplies were packed and ready for Saturday.

The Season of Creation-- September 1-October 4th. Christians all over the world will come together to remember that we are to care for earth as God has asked us to do—to bless it, to love it, to take care of it, and as the early church fathers said, to raise it to its full cosmological potential. Jesus brings us abundant life—we can participate in that abundance by our healing care for the earth and for one another.

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John Ryan Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), **Ollie Powers Anderson** (Linda Upshaws' granddaughter), **Sherie Franssen** (Matt Hood's aunt), **Max and Rita Jensen** (Duke friends), **Ralph Powell** (Hicks friend), **Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge**, (friends of the Pogues), **Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother), **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), **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), **G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw** (Brad's cousin), **Joan Pemberton** (Brad's aunt), **Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin)

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