

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
OCT. 15, 2023, 11AM**



Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet
prepared from the foundation of the world.

(From Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching our Worship)

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Twentieth 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 Oh, let the Son of God enfold you LEVAS 118

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise We have come into his house LEVAS 245

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 25, verses 1-9.

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**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 Philippians, Chapter 4, verses 1
through 9.**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and
crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the
Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these
women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the
gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers,
whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the

peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Here, O my Lord

H 318

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

As wars rage in Ukraine and in Israel, and innocent people continue to suffer and die, we pray for the death of all evil that brings forth violence, and for the birth of forgiveness and reconciliation among all people. For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

As we, the Church, pray and worship, proclaim the gospel, and gather around the banquet table prepared for us since the foundation of the world, make us people of justice, peace, and love. May we be of the same mind in our Lord, Christ Jesus. For our bishops, Mark and Gayle, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Until your reign of peace becomes a reality on this earth, we pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list, that they may be surrounded by your protection, guided by your wisdom, and return home safely when their work is done. For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Fill us with your light, give us the strength to understand and the eyes to see, teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives to all that live. May we rejoice in the Lord as we live surrounded by the beauty of creation. For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray today for all of those on our prayer list, especially The Reverend Deacon Linda Murphy and her husband Si, Helmut and Susan Linne von Berg, John and Toni Faibisy, Daryl Potter, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom, and the family of Johnny Davis. Bring them comfort in their suffering, and healing for their pain and distress. For the aged and infirm, for the widows and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray today for all people suffering from the cruelties of war, and the indignities of poverty. For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, especially for those attempting to provide medical care in Gaza, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We give thanks that you will destroy the shroud of death that is cast over all people, and that you will swallow up death forever, wiping away the tears from all faces. For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be people of generosity, that we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the Lord always, in the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord, our God. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

The Holy Communion (Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching our Worship)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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 and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The Breaking of the Bread **BCP 364**

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn **This is the hour of banquet** **H 316**

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Let us know peace.

For as long as the moon shall rise,

For as long as the rivers shall flow,

For as long as the sun shall shine,

For as long as the grass shall grow,

Let us know peace.

And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us and remain with us always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

O day of peace that dimly shines

H 597

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Resources

The Prayers of the People: The Book of Common Prayer,
Sioux Prayer

The Blessing: Cheyenne Prayer

Today's sequence hymn, *Here, O my Lord*, and the communion hymn, *This is the hour of banquet and of song*, are both parts of a ten verse hymn written in the 1800's by Horatius Bonar, a member of the Free Church of Scotland.

Today's collect originally appeared in the Gregorian Sacramentary of Charles the Great (10th and 11th centuries) among a group of prayers for morning or evening.

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 – John Wall (Oct. 19), Tom Kramer (Oct. 20), Cindy Fields, Hamilton Duke (Oct. 22)

Every Sunday, 10:30AM, God's Garden in the Parish House—ages 5-9 for Sunday School activities and fun, led by Elizabeth Heimbach and Jan Saylor.

Oct. 15, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Bible Study, Weds, Oct. 18, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for 21th Pentecost

https://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp24_RCL.html

Village Harvest Wed, Oct.18, 3pm,-5PM. Please email Andrea to volunteer at wakepogue.public@gmail.com, or (540) 847-9002. Pack bags 1-3PM, Deliver food to clients' cars 3-5PM.

Oct 18 is the Feast Day of St. Luke Luke wrote about a quarter of the New Testament (Luke and Acts). He was a Gentile, a physician, and one of Paul's fellow missionaries in the early spread of Christianity throughout the Roman world.

Episcopal Church Men (ECM) is working with the County Department of Social Services to provide families in the area with Thanksgiving gift cards. If you'd like to donate, write a check to St Peter's with ECM in the memo line, by **Sunday, November 5.**

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5. Please email Catherine by **Monday, Oct. 30** with the names of those who have died in the past year that you would like to have remembered on All Saints' Sunday.

Estimate of Giving Cards are due Nov. 19 for the stewardship campaign, Rooted in Love. Give in gratitude for the ways that God has blessed you as part of this community, and in support for the ministries of this church. You also have the option of submitting your estimate online. <https://news.churchsp.org/eog2024>

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Prayer List

Linda Upshaw, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, The Pannells, The Linne von Bergs, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, The Segars, The Faibisys, The Felicianos, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach

Si and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Karen Stoddard, Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, Otis Felts (family and friends of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Ruth and Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge, (Pogue friend), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg, Nathaniel Schnakenberg, (Fisher family), Albert Barnett, Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), Herb Collins, Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth Wallace, Bethune Andrews, Orville Watson, The Glasgows (Feliciano family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Gloria Jewell, The Hill family (Lydia O'Neil's family), G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat, Joan Pemberton (Brad's family), 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