

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCT. 22, 2023, 11AM**



**Sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
Proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.**

**Declare his glory among the nations
And his wonders among all peoples.'**

Psalm 96:1-3

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Twenty-First 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	Just a closer walk	St Peter's Choir
Opening Hymn	All people that on earth do dwell	H 377

The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God forever 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	Earth and all stars	H 412
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 Reading from The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 45, verses 1-7.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know
me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

**2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

**4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

**6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

**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 First Letter to the Thessalonians, Chapter 1
verses 1 through 10.**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

H 706

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the

emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Loving God, you are steadfast, forever enfolding us in your love even when we cannot accept ourselves. May your Spirit empower us to imitate you: by receiving those who feel judged and rejected, by walking alongside those who despair, by encouraging those who tend to the broken, by affirming those who labor in love.

We lift into your tender care those whose bodies, minds, or spirits have been weakened or crushed. We pray for all on our prayer list who are suffering, especially Jesse Clarke's family, Larry Saylor's family, Cy and Linda Murphy, for John Hess, for the Linne von Bergs, Faibisys and the Wisdoms; for Jim Heimbach, and for Daryl Potter. **Lord, open our hearts to your healing mercy.**

We lift up to you the earth, for from the dust of the earth you formed us, and to dust we shall return. As war scars the earth itself, we pray for your kingdom to come on earth as it is on heaven, so that your creation may be restored and its brokenness healed. **Lord, open our hearts to your peaceful mercy.**

We lift up to your compassionate grace those whose burdens, guilt, or fears seem too massive to bear. We lift before your expansive mercy those whose hatred, rage, or vengeance cannot be contained. We pray for the end of all wars and for your peace that passes all understanding to fill the hearts of all on this earth. Until your reign of peace becomes a reality, we pray for the safety of all who serve the armed forces of this land, especially those on our prayer list. **Lord, open our hearts to your forgiving mercy.**

We lift up to your healing grace the people of the Middle East. Pour your power upon all your children, Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, and occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and war replaced with peace and justice for all. **Lord, open our hearts to your generous mercy.**

We lift up to you all who have died, especially Billy Long, brother-in-law of Larry Saylor. Grant them peace. Deal graciously we pray, for all who mourn, that casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Lord, open our hearts to your life giving mercy.**

Receive all these cares, loving God. Fill us with your songs of love and direct us as we sing your songs of hope and peace to all with ears to hear. Fill us with the light of Christ, through the work of your Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

All my hope

St Peter's Choir

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 3 from 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.**

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	Seek ye first	H 711
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

When in our music God is glorified

H 420

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Resources:

Prayers of the People:

Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 2, Gail Bracken Long, ed.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East, by Reverend Said

Eucharistic Prayer – Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching our Worship

Blessing: Cheyenne Prayer

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 –Allison D'Aguilar (10/23), Sydney Davis (10/26)

Every Sunday, 10:30AM, God's Garden in the Parish House ages 5-9 for Sunday School activities and fun.

Oct. 22, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Bible Study, Weds, Oct. 25, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for 22th Sunday after Pentecost

https://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp25_RCL.html

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'.

Estimate of Giving Cards are due Nov. 19. Stewardship is ... **"Using the gifts that God gives us to do the work God calls us to do."** We give back as we are given by God. Fill out your commitment card, help St Peter's to do God's work in the coming year, and put your leaf on the Rooted in Love Tree at the front of the church.

James of Jerusalem's Feast Day is on Oct. 23. James was so respected by all, including even unbelieving Jews, that he was nicknamed "the Just". He is referred to by Paul as "the Lord's brother" and the equal of the other disciples. James did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God until after Jesus' resurrection, when Jesus miraculously appeared to him. James soon rose to distinction in the Church and became the Bishop of Jerusalem, even staying in Jerusalem ministering to his people during a period of intense Christian persecution. He is known for his role in accepting the Gentiles.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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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

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

Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family, Cy 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)

Passed into eternal life: Billy Long (Larry Saylor's brother in law)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Greg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V