

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY, YEAR B
JAN. 21, 2024, 11AM**



Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God,
and saying,
"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has
come near;
repent and believe in the good news."
Mark 1:14-15

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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	There's a wideness in God's mercy	Choir
Opening Hymn	How wondrous and great	H 532

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	Sing praise to God who reigns above	H 408
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from The Prophet Jonah, Chapter 3, verses 1-5, 10.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:6-14

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 **He alone is my rock and my salvation, ***
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 **Put your trust in him always, O people, ***
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 **On the scales they are lighter than a breath, ***
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 **God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, ***
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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 Corinthians, Chapter 7, verses 29-31.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Jesus calls us, o’er the tumult

H 550

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need.

(Silence)

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for St Peter's. Thank you for calling us as your disciples in this time, and for your continued guidance in our mission and our ministry as we follow your call and do your will to help your kingdom draw near on this earth as it is in heaven. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and all the nations, in the way of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for an end to the violence and divisions in our country, and for an end to all war, especially the wars in Ukraine, Sudan, and in Gaza. Protect those serving in our armed forces, especially those on our prayer list, and grant them your wisdom as they carry out their duties. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation, a living miracle of the interconnectedness of all life. May we come to know our proper place as those who care for all you have made, and to protect and use its resources in service to the earth itself, and to all people, to your honor and glory. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Bless those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for John Hess, having open heart surgery tomorrow; for Harvey Yarus, Boyd Wisdom, the Segars, Cleo Coleman, Lois Christie, Lola Delbridge, and for all on our prayer list. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have been called into the eternal joy of your presence, especially Susan Linne von Berg and Gordon Flesher. Grant that they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. Deal graciously with all who mourn. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by

their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come, especially our friend Helmut Linne von Berg. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Congregational Meeting

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

They cast their nets in Galilee

Choir

The Holy Communion

Eucharist Prayer 3, Enriching our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider 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:

Sanctus

S 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. 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:

Presider and People

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

Now the silence

H 333

The Blessing

May the light of God illumine the heart of your soul.

May the flame of Christ Kindle you to love.

May the fire of the Spirit free you to live.

And may the blessing of God Almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus

LEVAS 136

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Resources:

Prayers of the People:

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, The Book of Common 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>

Jan.21, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Happy Birthday – Anna Haug (01/21), Tyler Collins (01/26)

Thank you for your time and attention to our congregational meeting, which is being held today.

Bible Study, Weds, Jan. 24, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for Epiphany for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi4_RCL.html

The "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" is from Jan 18-25, between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul. The chosen theme is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself' (Luke 10:27). Go and do likewise! The materials for 2024 were prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso located in West Africa. The country has endured a proliferation of terrorist attacks, lawlessness and human trafficking. This has left over three thousand dead and almost two million internally displaced persons in the country. Christian churches have been expressly targeted by armed attacks. Churches are working to help displaced persons. Reflection and awareness-raising meetings have been organized to promote better understanding and to develop strategies for a return to lasting peace. Event link -

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

This week--

Tues, Jan. 23, 4PM—"A Case for Love" movie at the Paragon theatre, Fredericksburg. Bishop Curry, inspired the film's theme of Love.

Watch the trailer - <https://vimeo.com/790684403> **Get tickets -**

<https://www.fathomevents.com/events/a-case-for-love/> \$12.75 or

\$9.50 seniors. Let Catherine know if you plan to attend. **See Curry's**

pronouncements on love <https://news.churchsp.org/the-way-of-love-in-summary/>

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The Vestry

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Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

Linda Upshaw (2026)

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Prayer List

Cleo Coleman, Linda Upshaw, Stanley and Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, The Pannells, Helmut Linne von Berg, 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

Lola Delbridge, Lois Christie, Ralph and Diane Powell, Enid and Albert Barnett (Pogue relatives), Pinkie Mayfield (Laura Carey's friend), Kristina Childs, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Joe Parker, Dot Wright, Beryl Harrison, Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family, 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 Smith, 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), Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), , Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth and Morris Wallace, Orville Watson, Tiffany Feliciano and family, 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), 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: Susan Linne von Berg, Gordon Flesher

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V