

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEB 18, 2024, 11AM



Christ in the Wilderness - Driven by the Spirit
Stanley Spencer (1940)

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. – Mark 1:12-13

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent, 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.

Bell Ringing

Prelude	Eternal Father, strong to save	Choir
A Penitential Order: Rite Two		BCP 351
The Decalogue: Contemporary		BCP 350
Kyrie		S 96

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from The Book of Genesis, Chapter 9, verses 8-17.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**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 First Letter of Peter, Chapter 3, verses 18-22.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days

H 142

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Hughes

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Steadfast God, thank you for sheltering us in the storms of life. Thank you for sending your angels, seen and unseen, to minister to us in times that test us. Because of your great love and care for us, we trust you in our brightest joys and deepest needs.

Hear our prayers, we ask, for the deep needs of the world. We pray for an end to war and violence everywhere, especially in Gaza and in Ukraine. We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list, that they might serve with honor and come home safely when their duties have ended. In places of violence and warfare, give us the courage to lay down our weapons of death and to promote life and well-being instead. In places of drought and fire, bring rains that make the earth colorful and verdant again. In places where the waters overflow, allow the watery chaos to recede. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, in life and in death we belong to you. So in the midst of life, we entrust ourselves to your care. We are bold to ask for help when we are confused, lost, or afraid. We are eager to ask for healing for our bodies and minds, whether wounded, ill, or recovering. We are unceasing in our prayers for those we love who are far from us physically, emotionally or spiritually. We pray for all on our prayer list, especially for Linda Upshaw, and for Barbara Wisdom, who will have knee surgery this week. We pray for those who are in Hospice care, especially The Rev. Deacon Linda Murphy and Katherine Holland. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, your compassions never fail and your mercies are new every morning: We give you thanks for giving our brother Boyd the removal of cancer from his body and hope of health renewed. Continue in him, we pray, the good work you have begun; that he may always think and do those things that please you. **Lord, we give you thanks.**

In the midst of death and grief, even though we are weary, we return again and again, praying for comfort, for an easing of the pain that comes from loss, and for the light of your presence to pierce the present darkness. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

As the heavens were torn open at Jesus' baptism, and the curtain in the temple was torn at his crucifixion, so now tear open anything that divides us from you or hides your presence in our lives or in the church. We desire to hear your voice of love, to receive the Holy Spirit, and to see you clearly. Lead us to serve others faithfully as disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Choir

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

S 130

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Jesus, Lamb of God

S 164

Communion of the People of God

Hymn

For the bread which you have broken

H 341

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Closing Hymn

O love of God

H 455

The Blessing

**The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life;
and may the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
And the blessing of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and
remain with you always.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Resources:

The Prayers of the People: Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Vol 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

Today's blessing is from the Sarum Primer, a collection of prayers and worship resources developed in Salisbury, England in the 13th century. The collection was used throughout Britain until the Reformation.

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>

Many thanks to Elizabeth Heimbach and to Cookie Davis for serving as wardens in 2023. The Vestry has elected Johnny Davis as Senior Warden and Larry Saylor as Junior Warden for 2024.

Lenten worship begins with The Penitential Order. The Penitential Order is used as an entrance rite during Lent to emphasize the penitential aspect of the season.

Today, Feb. 18 – "God's Garden" for ages 5-9 . 10:00am. The children will be learning The Lord's Prayer.

Feb 18, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Today, 2PM Susan Linne von Berg's memorial service at St Peter's.

Bible Study, Wed, Feb. 21, 10am-12pm. Parish House, find the readings online at

https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent2_RCL.html

Outreach – Last Sunday, we collected 41 cans of food and 33 cards plus \$75 for the Souper Bowl and Village Harvest. In addition, \$270 was collected for the discretionary fund. **Many thanks!**

Village Harvest Wed, Feb 21, 3pm,-5PM. Call Andrea (540) 847-9002 to volunteer. Pack bags 1-3PM, Deliver food to clients' cars 3-5PM. **Help needed on Tuesday morning to help unload food to the Parish House.**

"The Creeds—a Guide to Deeper Faith", beginning Wed., Feb. 21, 7pm. How they came to be, what they mean to the Church, and how they may help us grow in faith as Christians. Zoom <https://bit.ly/3UEBLu9>
Meeting ID: 833 7014 5820 Passcode: 528834

Mon., Feb. 26th, Bingo Night 6-7:30PM at Port Royal Fire Department
Please bring snacks - granola bars, individually wrapped bags of trail mix, or small bottles of water and place them in the back pew.

St. Peter's Lenten page news.churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2024

Central hub for Lenten articles and activities at St. Peter's.

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The Vestry

**Larry Saylor (2025) .Elizabeth Heimbach, (2025), Linda Upshaw (2026),
Andrea Pogue (2027), Johnny Davis (2027)**

**Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar
Senior Warden, Johnny Davis**

Junior Warden, Larry Saylor

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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, Barbara Segar, The Faibisys, The Felicianos,
Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach**

**Michelle Hinton (Hicks friend), Harald Jenewein, Katherine Holland,
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),
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 (family 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), 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), 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

Steven Lee

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Reg Merkl

Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V