

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEB. 25, 11AM



“Take up your cross” (2023) – Gary Bunt (1957-)

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Mark 8:34

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Second 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

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham praise

H 401

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

**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.**

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lessons

A reading from The Book of Genesis, Chapter 17, verses 1-7, 15-16.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.**

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

**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 Romans, Chapter 4, verses 13-25.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he

believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Take up your cross

H 675

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment.

Lord Jesus Christ, may your holy Church be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the day of your coming. May our divisions cease. We pray that all may be one as we show forth your glory in all that we do for the honor of your Name. May we take up our crosses and preach your gospel in word and in deed wherever we may be. **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, may your wisdom and comfort flow through the world, bringing the peace that passes all understanding, so that a spirit of respect, forbearance and compassion may come to pass among nations and all people. We pray that all wars may come to an end. We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially those on our prayer list, that they may serve with compassion and honor and return home safely when their work is done. We pray for those in positions of public trust, and all journalists, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. We ask for the grace to pray for our enemies and for those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, that your grace may amend our lives. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of creation, we pray for the earth, which sustains us and gives us all we need for life. Remembering that the earth is your beloved creation, may we care for it tenderly and with respect, and work to repair the damage we have done to all which you have made. **Lord, have mercy.**

Healing God, we pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer. We pray for refugees, prisoners and all who are in danger, especially those harmed by armed conflict. We pray for all who have taken up their crosses and find themselves in danger for the sake of

your Name. We pray for the release of hostages and for an end to the needless deaths of civilians in Gaza who have nowhere to turn for safety or for food, or for shelter. Relieve and protect them and bring them your peace. **Lord, have mercy.**

God of love, we pray for all who have sought our prayers; for our families, friends and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety and all illness, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray for your healing mercies to cover those on our prayer list, especially Jimmy Davis, brother of Johnny Davis, the Pogues, Barbara Wisdom, Joy Newlin, Beryl Harrison and the Faibisys. **Lord, have mercy.**

Eternal God, we pray for all who have died in the communion of your church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We pray for all who mourn, especially Barbara Segar and Helmut Linne von Berg and their families, that they may find your presence and your comfort with them. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept our prayers, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

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		
Communion Hymn	My faith looks up to thee	H 691
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365

Blessing

Closing Hymn

How firm a foundation

H 636

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Resources:

Prayers of the People: The Book of Common Prayer and Revised Common Lectionary Prayers.

Today's bulletin cover is a painting called Take up your Cross, by Gary Bunt. Gary Bunt, born in 1957, is a self-taught British artist who was a farm laborer early in his career. He started painting professionally in his forties when he discovered that he had cancer. Two prominent characters in his paintings are an old man and his faithful dog in the English countryside. Gary says that the old man is a representation of himself in the old age that he thought that he would never have.

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! Barbara Wisdom, Mary Ann Betchy (02/28), Morgan Key (02/29), Gloria Jewell (03/01)

Today, Feb. 25 – “God's Garden” for ages 5-9 . 10:00am. The children will talk more about prayer (The Lord's Prayer) and will be making pretzels.

Feb 25, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

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.

Tomorrow, Mon., Feb. 26th, Bingo Night 6-7:30PM at Port Royal Fire Department, sponsored by the Caroline County Public Schools. Thank you to all who have contributed snacks for this event.

“The Creeds—a Guide to Deeper Faith”, Wed., Feb. 28, 7pm. How they came to be, what they mean to the Church, and how they may help us grow in faith as Christians. The discussion this week is about the creeds and God. Zoom <https://bit.ly/3UEBLu9> Meeting ID: 833 7014 5820 Passcode: 528834

Bible Study, Weds, Feb. 28, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for the Third Sunday in Lent
https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent3_RCL.html

Sacred Ground, Thurs., Feb 29, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome..
bit.ly/3ONv6tM. Meeting ID: 828 0444 2092, Passcode: 181934

St. Peter's Lenten page –news.churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2024/
“Lent 101” including Lenten Practices, Events, Liturgical Calendar, the lectionary, special topics, Holy Week and beyond.

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The Vestry

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Andrea Pogue (2027), Johnny Davis (2027)**

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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

Joy Newlin, 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