

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,
YEAR B
MAY 5, 2024, 11AM**



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**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 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 respect and honor with gratitude the land itself, the legacy of the ancestors, and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe

Bell Ringing

Prelude	Largo from Xerxes	G. F. Handel
Opening Hymn	Not here for high and holy things	H 9

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise	O praise ye the Lord	H 432
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Reading from Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

Glory be 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 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

**For the beauty of the earth
(sung to hymn tune Dix)**

H 416

The Holy Gospel our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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 (following Form IV in The Book of Common Prayer)

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

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.

(Silence)

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the way of justice and peace. Replace the violence in our hearts with your abiding love, and bring peace to our war-torn world. We pray for an end to revenge and oppression. May we honor one another and serve the common good.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give wisdom and discernment to this parish as it seeks a new priest, and bless us in this time of pruning and transition.

(Silence)

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of those about to be confirmed or received, Zeke Fisher, Chester and Hamilton Duke, and Jean Devitt, ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of your presence.

(Silence)

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 today for all on our prayer list and especially for Nathaniel Schnakenburg, Tom Kramer, Barbara Wisdom, Dot Wright's family, and for Russell Alexander Duke, Jr, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Hasten, O God, the coming of your reign on this earth; and grant that we your servants who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

“Priere”

Alexandre Guilmant

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Sanctus

S 125

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution of the Sacraments

Communion Hymn Seek ye first

H 711

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

O love of God, how strong and true

H 455

Dismissal

Postlude

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.

May 5, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepisopalchurchpo677/streams>

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>

No Coffee Hour today.

Today's loose offering goes to the discretionary fund. This fund allows St Peter's to help people pay rent, electric bills, and other necessary expenses. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to this fund.

This Sunday is Rogation Sunday and is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labors of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin *rogare*, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. It is good to be reminded of our dependence upon those who grow our food and our collective responsibility for the environment.

Our hymns today reflect the themes of Rogation Sunday.

Bible Study, Wed. May 8, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for the Seventh Sunday in Easter.

https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEaster7_RCL.html

Ascension is this Thursday, May 9. Thy Kingdom Come", May 9-19.

For the past 8 years, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has been bringing the world together in prayer from Ascension to Pentecost. Link—bit.ly/3QqUiHl. Pray for 5 people, check out the prayer journal, and be ready to pray from Ascension to Pentecost.

The ECM will meet Sat. May 11, 8am for church maintenance prior to the Bishop's visit on Sunday, May 19.

Save this date!!

Sunday, May 19th, Pentecost with The Rt Rev Gayle Harris, the Assisting Bishop of this Diocese. Zeke Fisher, and Chester and Hamilton Duke will be confirmed. Jean Devitt will be received. Reception with lunch will follow, and The Little Falls Blue Grass Band will be performing.

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The Vestry

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

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Prayer List

Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Tom Kramer, The Pannells, Terri Harrison, Stanley and Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Barbara Segar, The Faibisys, The Felicianos, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach

Russell A. Duke, Jr (Dave Duke's father), Bobby Norman (Robin Monroe's son), Joy Newlin, Karen Lawhorn, Michelle Hinton (Hicks friend), Harald Jenewein, Lola Delbridge, Lois Christie, Ralph and Diane Powell, Enid and Albert Barnett (Pogue relatives), Kristina Childs, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Beryl Harrison, Jesse Clarke's family, Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, (family of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sister-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 Glasgow Family (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

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V