

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST YEAR B
JUNE 9, 2024, 11AM**



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Mark 3: 32-35

**ST PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

**The Third Sunday After Pentecost
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	Prelude in C Major	JS Bach
Opening Hymn	There's a wideness in God's mercy	H 470

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise	Sing praise to God	H 408
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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of judgment and mercy, when we hide ourselves in shame, you seek us out in love. Grant us the fullness of your forgiveness, that as one people, united by your grace, we may stand with Christ against the powers of evil **Amen.**

A Reading from The Book of Genesis, Chapter 3, verses 8-15.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**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 Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter
4, verse 13, through Chapter 5:1.**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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**

We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love for the whole universe. We offer these prayers of love on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures.

Be with us, God of glory, as we continue through this time of transition and change here at St Peter's. May we give thanks, knowing that you renew us day by day, and that even as the old is passing away, you are making this church and all things new. **Lord, have mercy.**

God of might, we pray for your mercy for those who are suffering as we witness the horrors that injustices, violence and war bring to the earth. Forgive this nation for its promotion of and participation in violence around the world. May we use our resources to promote your peace throughout this earth. Until your reign of peace becomes a reality on this earth, we pray for those serving in the military, especially those on our prayer list, that they may carry out their duties with honor and return home safe in mind, body and spirit when their work is done. **Lord, have mercy.**

God of infinite mercy, we pray for the outsiders in this world; for refugees, for illegal immigrants, for the estranged, for the homeless, for the poor, for the addicted, for the mentally ill, for those in prison, for orphans, for the lonely and for all who are outcast, remembering that you care for the least of these, just as you care for us. **Lord, have mercy.**

God of plenteous redemption, we pray for all on our prayer list, asking for an end to their suffering and sickness. Give us all the faith to believe that even as our outer nature is wasting away, your grace restores each of us according to your will. **Lord, have mercy.**

God of infinite love, we pray for those who have died, especially Angela Sales, family member of the Pogues. May she rest in peace. Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage here on earth, and who walk by faith, the grace and the power to do your will in all that we undertake. **Lord, have mercy.**

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Alone to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Pachelbel

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer We Give Thanks

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You brought forth all of creation and filled it with life, from the shining stars at the farthest reaches of the universe, to the abundance of the earth itself; its dark rich sustaining and life giving soil replenished by rain, and the springs and creeks, streams and rivers that water the earth.

You made us in your image from the dust of the earth to dwell within your miraculous creation, but we wandered far away from your endless gifts of abundance into the dry and barren waste lands of our own making.

So you sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child, born in a stable, who revealed your goodness and lovingkindness to all who would listen.

Breathing in and living out your love, Jesus spread the good news of your kingdom throughout the land of Galilee with stories about seeds, soil, birds, trees, sheep and lilies of the field. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, cast out demons, and offered living water for all to drink. He prayed alone in the wilderness and walked alongside the sea as he revealed the everlasting richness and abundance of your kingdom come to earth.

He suffered and died on a cross fashioned from a tree and was buried in a garden tomb. On the third day, you raised him in glory from death into resurrected life.

And even now, you continue to send your Spirit to bring new life and breath to the world, to clothe us with power from on high, to restore us and all of creation to you.

And so we join the angels and all the company of heaven as we celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and then died to open the way for all of creation to return to you, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this, and find me present in your midst.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
The new promise of God's unfailing and eternal love.
Do this, and find me present in your midst.

Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we offer You this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Holy Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, share the good news of Jesus, and live in hope as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God Distribution of the Sacraments

**Communion Hymn In your mercy, Lord you called me
Post-Communion Prayer**

**H 706
BCP 365**

The Blessing

May the blessing of light be upon you,
Light on the outside,
Light on the inside.

With God's sunlight shining on you,
May your heart glow with warmth,
Like a turf fire
that welcomes friends and strangers alike.

May the light of the Lord shine from your eyes,
Like a candle in the window,
Welcoming the weary traveler.

And the blessing of God the Creator, Jesus, the Light of the World, and the fiery power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

God of grace and God of glory

H 594

Dismissal

Postlude

Resources:

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers: Opening collect and opening and closing collects for the Prayers of the People.

Note from Catherine: Today's Eucharistic Prayer is loosely modeled on an African Eucharistic Prayer. I wrote this Eucharistic Prayer with emphasis on creation for this congregation, and Bishop Shannon Johnston approved it for our use.

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 – Tucker Fisher (June 10), Chester Duke (June 12)
Happy Anniversary – Mike and Marlyn Newman (June 12), Chris and Becky Fisher (June 18)**

June 9 , Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

Monday, June 10, 10AM. Altar Guild Meeting in the church. Please plan to attend to learn more about caring for the altar, a vital ministry of the church. Learn about where things are stored, how to set up the altar, and how to care for the altar after worship.

Tuesday, June 11th, 10am-Noon. The Fredericksburg Clericus meets at St Peter's.

Bible Study, Wed. June 12, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.
https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp6_RCL.html

Wednesday, June 12—Shred it will take place 1:30pm. Donations needed to cover the cost of the truck . This is the 12th Anniversary and over those years has earned \$2,875 for the church after expenses for the truck. **Thanks to Andrea Pogue who originated it and has organized it each year.** Shred-it's goal is to safely dispose of records no longer needed. It may be old Tax returns, bank statements, investment records, any expired document etc.

Thursday, June 13, 2PM in the church—training for those who are worship Leaders in the church, and who will be helping to lead worship at St Peter's in the absence of a priest. People who have been lectors for at least six months are welcome to attend.

Catherine will be at Chancellor's Village to celebrate the Eucharist on Tuesday, June 18th, and Tuesday, June 25. The service is at 1PM.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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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

Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist

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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, Vivian McDonald,
Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach**

**Rose, Debbie, Nichole, Tony, Kathy (friends of Marcia Kole), Rallin Fed
Samuels (Andrea's uncle), Terry Allen, Bobby Norman, Joy Newlin,
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), 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 Coleman's daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother),
Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ
Anderson'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: Angela Sales (Pogue family)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons
Steven Lee
Alexis Rye

Scott Estes
Greg Merkl
Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance
Grace Grimaldi
Alex Long V