

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST YEAR B  
JUNE 30, 2024, 11AM**



Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.  
Psalm 30:6

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

## **The Sixth 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**

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Ave Maria</b>	<b>Franz Schubert</b>
	Helmut Linne von Berg, Violin	

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>Great is thy faithfulness</b>	<b>LEVAS 189</b>
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### **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.**

<b>Song of Praise</b>	<b>A Scottish Blessing</b>	<b>David Blackburn</b>
	<i>(Sung to Holy Manna)</i>	

**Be a light before to lead me; be a guiding star above;  
Jesus, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.  
There's no bird that soars the mountain, there's no deer upon the hill,  
There's no creature of the forest, but shall sing thy praises still.**

**Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe through all my days;  
Jesus may I always know thee, may I always know thy praise.  
There's no life that swims the ocean; there's no creature of the sea,  
there's no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for thee.  
As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars,**

**at the ending of life's journey may thy heavenly peace be ours.  
Let all creatures in God's kingdom, let all life upon the shore  
sing praise to God, the world's creator, sing praises now and  
evermore.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, companion in life and death, your love is steadfast and never ends. Our weeping may linger with the night, but you give joy in the morning. Touch us with your healing grace, that restored to wholeness, we may live out our calling as your resurrection people.

**Amen.**

**A Reading from the Book of Lamentations, Chapter 3, verses 21-33.**

This I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,  
to put one's mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),  
to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not reject for ever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine***

1 I will exalt you, O LORD,

because you have lifted me up \*

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \***

**and you restored me to health.**

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*

you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \***

**give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*

his favor for a lifetime.

**6 Weeping may spend the night, \***

**but joy comes in the morning.**

7 While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed. \*

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**8 Then you hid your face, \***

**and I was filled with fear.**

9 I cried to you, O LORD; \*

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \***

**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \*

O LORD, be my helper."

**12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \***

**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

**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 8, verses 7-15.**

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**H 178**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and

had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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**

God of infinite love, in the gift of this day, in the gift of this time we share, in the gift of endings and beginnings, in the gift of time and eternity intertwined, let us be grateful. Let us be attentive. Let us be open to your presence in our midst. (*Silence*)

On this day of celebration and ending, we give thanks for the many years that we have shared together. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service. We pray for our church as it searches for a new rector. Bless those who seek and those who will find. We thank you for making all things new.

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.**

We pray for an end to the discord in our hearts, for an end to the divisions in our nation, and for an end to wars everywhere, so that your reign of peace and love may at last begin here on earth as it is in heaven. We pray especially today for the people of the Middle East, for all of those who have suffered trauma, and for the children who are starving. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us; O Lord be our helper.**

We thank you for the earth and for the seasons in their turn, for the songs of the white throated sparrows and wood thrushes as they go and come in their cycles of migration, for the radiant rising and setting of the sun, for the moon, its waxing and waning and waxing again, and for the turning of the stars in the dark night sky. May the turning of the earth teach us to turn to you and to keep before us your promise of new beginnings, as the seasons end and then open into what is to come. May we deeply love and care for this earth, and for all its creatures, for all of creation belongs to you, and is full of your glory. **O Lord our God, we join with all creation in giving you thanks forever.**

We pray for all on our prayer list, for those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit, for those suffering from anxiety, depression, or addiction, for those who are in prison, and for those who are alone. Comfort them, preserve them from temptation, and give them patience in their afflictions. In your mercy, bring their nights of sorrow and weeping to an end, so that your joy may come to them, fresh and new every

morning. **You bring us up, O Lord, from the dead; you restore our lives as we are going down to the grave.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Ralyn Fed Samuels, and Margie Gray, who have passed through death into their joyful resurrections. Be with all who mourn, that they may know the consolation of your love. **Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.**

The rhythm of life is yours, O God, the changing of the seasons, the busyness of the day and the night's stillness, youth's energy and age's measured pace. For daylight followed by hours of darkness, for the time of letting to, for the overlapping of the seen and the unseen, for heaven and earth, flesh and angels, body and spirit, rest and dying and new life are all part of your rhythm, O God. Thanks be to you. **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** **God is always with us** **Nancy Long**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Prayer of Preparation for the Eucharist**

As if this were the only time, and this the only place, and we the only people, Jesus Christ will meet us. As if this were the only time and this the only place, and we the only people, let us worship God.

Let us pray.

Heaven is here, and earth, and the space is thin between them. Distance may divide, but Christ's promise unites those of us still bounded by time, and those who are now blessed by eternity. Let heaven be glad.

All: **Let the whole earth cry glory.**

Heaven is here, and earth, and the church above and below is one. Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and all the Marys, Francis and Claire, Mother Teresa; Jonathan Daniels and Martin Luther King, Jr; the saints



from far back and those who left us not long ago. And only sight prevents us from seeing them, for they are one with us on the other side. Let heaven be glad.

All: **Let the whole earth cry glory.**

Heaven is here, and earth, and God who made them is present. The Lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us; the spirit of God, the Dove, makes her resting place among us. God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction. Let heaven be glad.

All: **Let the whole earth cry glory.**

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Eucharist**

Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, and Zacchaeus, he was always the guest. At the meal table of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him, those who want to follow him must first be fed by him, those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Holy Creator, that you allow us to live surrounded by the evidence of your divinity at St Peter's: Your sun pours in through the tall clear windows, light and shadows playing across these holy walls and their holy words like the joys and sorrows that come and go in our lives. We thank you for the ever-shifting beauty of the Rappahannock

River, for the shade of the sycamores, for the flowers that bloom in their season, for the smell of newly cut grass, for the crunch of autumn leaves. We thank you for the laughter and the tears that we have shared together.

As Jesus was, we are called to times of service, but also to solitude, to vast stores of unused quiet to be with You, to immensities of rivers, oceans and skies that enlarge our souls and remind us of eternity, and what passes, but with promise.

And so we come together today to receive your Word and join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise and thanks that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came to live and die as one of us.  
*(Silence)*

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

**Amen.**

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, and broke it.  
"This is my body broken for you."

Later he took a cup of wine and said,

"This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it all of you, to remember me."

Jesus, firstborn of Mary,

All: **Have mercy upon us.**

Jesus, Savior of the world,

All: **Have mercy upon us.**

Jesus Lord of heaven,  
All: **Grant us peace.**

He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread.  
He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup.  
So take this bread and wine. In them God comes to us so that we may  
come to God.

The Lord's Prayer  
The gifts of God for the People of God.  
Everyone receives.

### **Communion Hymns**

<b>In remembrance of me</b>	<b>LEVAS 149</b>
<b>I come with joy to meet my Lord</b>	<b>H 304</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>O day of peace</b>
	<b>H 597</b>

### **Concluding Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Loving God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal,  
and these people, we give ourselves to you. Lead us out from this  
place to live as changed people because we have shared the Living  
Bread and so cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much  
of us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Lord, may we  
live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and as citizens of the  
commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.  
We shall rest and we shall see.  
We shall see and we shall know.  
We shall know and we shall love.  
We shall love and we shall praise.  
Behold our end which is no end.  
And the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
be with each of one of you now and forever. **Amen.**

<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>There's a sweet, sweet Spirit</b>	<b>LEVAS 120</b>
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**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

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**Resources:**

**The bulletin cover photo** is by Darius Bashar.

Today's Collect is from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers.

**The Prayers of the People** open and close with prayers from John Philip Newell, from Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter. The prayer for the church is based on a prayer from The Book of Common Prayer.

**The Eucharistic Prayer** is based on a Eucharistic Prayer from A Wee Worship Book, The Community on Iona, Scotland.

**The preface of this Eucharistic Prayer** was inspired by words for a Eucharistic prayer used at St Francis Episcopal Church, Emerald Isle, NC, written by Peter Makuck.

**Today's blessing is from North Africa.** From In God's Hands: Common Prayer for the World.

## **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>

**Online Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.**

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

**Immediately after this service, please come have lunch and join in our celebration of the past fourteen years. All are welcome. Catherine and Ben are deeply grateful for all the love and care that has been put into this celebration by so many in this parish, and for all that we have shared together in the past fourteen years.**

**We give thanks for the many years that Elizabeth Heimbach has served on the Vestry—she has served as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Registrar, among many other Vestry responsibilities through the years. Due to their upcoming move to Fredericksburg, Elizabeth has resigned from the Vestry. Welcome to Robin Monroe, who will serve on the Vestry for the rest of Elizabeth's term, which ends in January, 2025.**

**Happy Birthday – Ken Pogue (July 2)**

**Happy Anniversary –The Walls (June 30)**

**No Bible Study, Weds., July 3. Bible Study will resume the following week, Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10AM in the parish house.**

**Thurs., July 4 at St. Peter's - 10am-2pm Historic Port Royal, Reading of the Declaration of Independence, appearances by John and Abigail Adams and Benjamin Franklin, puppet shows, and period music.**

<https://www.facebook.com/historicportroyal.net>

**Here is a web review of Catherine's years at St. Peter's in pictures and words. "Stories to Remember"–**

<https://news.churchsp.org/2024/06/27/stories-to-remember-2010-2024/> . Also a photo gallery of "some favorites" over these years

<https://news.churchsp.org/iframe/2024/2024-06-24/index.html>

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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), 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), 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: Ralyn Fed Samuels (Andrea's uncle), Margie Gray (friend of Cookie)**

**Serving in the Armed Forces**

PJ Koons  
Steven Lee  
Alexis Rye

Scott Estes  
Greg Merkl  
Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance  
Grace Grimaldi  
Alex Long V