

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER,
YEAR B
APRIL 7, 2024, 11AM**



“Hands of Proof” by Hyatt Moore (2013)

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**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

Second 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	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!	Choir
Opening Hymn	He is risen, he is risen!	H 180

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
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Hymn of Praise	That Easter day with joy was bright	H 193
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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Light of the world, shine upon us and disperse the clouds of our selfishness, that we may reflect the power of the resurrection in our life together. **Amen**

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 4, verses 32-35.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

**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 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive

ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

He lives!

LEVAS 42

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Living God, giver of life, hear us as we pray.

We pray for the church, especially this church, St Peter's. Let your church be a wondrous and living sign of the woundedness and healing of Christ, as we share the gift of forgiveness and the gospel of reconciliation. **Pour out your blessing, O Lord, and send us your Spirit of peace.**

We pray for the earth. Help us to see the scars of death that war and greed have inflicted upon your good creation. May we seek the blessing of life for all your creation and work to heal the earth. **Pour out your blessing, O Lord, and send us your Spirit of peace.**

We pray for all nations and for all leaders. We pray for an end to the war in Gaza and in Ukraine, and for all who suffer from war and violence. Show us how good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity. Anoint us with your wisdom so that we may seek the ways of life. Until your reign of peace is made perfect on this earth, protect those serving the armed forces of this land. May they serve with honor and return home safely when their work is done. **Pour out your blessing, O Lord, and send us your Spirit of peace.**

We pray for this community. Give us a vision for the common good. Help us to seek the fullness of life for all as a testimony to Christ's resurrection. **Pour out your blessing, O Lord, and send us your Spirit of peace.**

We pray for loved ones; for all on our prayer list who are sick, or in trouble, or in anxiety or anguish. May they each receive your peace and your healing. Be near to those who walk in darkness and lead us all into Christ's light, so that our fellowship may be true and our joy may be

complete. **Pour out your blessing, O Lord, and send us your Spirit of peace.**

By the blessing of your Spirit, help us to live as we pray so that the world may come to know the gift of life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and absolution of sin **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 **I want to walk as a child of the light**

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 **We walk by faith** **H 209**

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn **What a fellowship** **LEVAS 196**

Dismissal

Postlude

Resources:

Today's Collect: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Prayers of the People: Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Vol I Worship Companion, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

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>

Please stay for Coffee Hour immediately after the service.

Happy Anniversary! John and Toni Faibisy (April 10).

April 7, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

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

Team up to Clean up! Saturday, April 20, 9am-12pm in celebration of Earth Day, April 22. The St Peter's Team will be picking up trash in Port Royal, followed by a cookout sponsored by Caroline County. **Let Johnny Davis** cookiejfd@gmail.com **know if you can help by Sunday, April 7.**

April 9, ECW planning lunch at Hornes, 11:30am. RSVP to Elizabeth Heimbach - eheimbach@aol.com

Bible Study, Weds April 10, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for the Third Sunday of Easter.

https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEaster3_RCL.html

Confirmation Class April 11, 7:30-8:15PM on Zoom

<https://bit.ly/42YG3i8> Meeting ID: 893 1712 7905 Passcode: 505603

Portland Guitar Duo concert April 19, 7pm. Help with the advertising.

<https://news.churchsp.org/portlandguitarduo2024/>

Foti and James are the Portland Guitar Duo. Foti shared some of the details of the concert – “This time we will do a program of 19th century music on copies of period instruments. It will be mostly transcriptions of piano music of the period along with a few duets and solos written for guitar/guitars. We will also talk about the guitar history of that particular time. As performers and researchers we are very interested in music of other media that we can play on guitar, and piano music of that period has a very rich repertoire to draw from.”

The bulletin cover art was created by California artist Hyatt Moore in 2013. This is a large print - 73"x 100" and was painted for a Stations of the Cross event with each artist creating a station. The creative process is described here: <https://www.hyattmoore.com/egallery/2013/03/26/hands-of-proof-view-from-above-in-print/>

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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

**Tom Kramer, The Pannells, Terri Harrison, Linda Upshaw, Stanley and
Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey,
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**

**Karen Lawhorn, Joy Newlin, Michelle Hinton (Hicks friend), Harald
Jenewein, 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, (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 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

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V