

# **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B**



**APRIL 14, 2024, 11AM**

Jesus asked, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Luke 24:38-43

**ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

**Third 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**

**Opening Hymn**                      **Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness**                      **H 492**

**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.**

**Hymn of Praise**                      **Sing praise to our Creator**                      **H 295**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 3, verses 12-19.**

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem*

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"**

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.

6 **Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**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 The First Letter of John, Chapter 3, Verses 1-7.**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word**

**H 440**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of

Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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**

Holy One, as the risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures and gave them power through the Holy Spirit to walk boldly in this world, open your people today to the healing, wisdom, and faith given in your Word.

Author of life, as Christ Jesus overcame death and showed his wounded hands and feet to the terrified apostles, reveal to your church, and to people of prayer in every faith, the wounds of our neighbors, and the fears of individuals and families. **Guide us toward healing.**

Prince of peace, we beg for peace in our hearts, peace in our families, peace throughout communities, and peace among nations. We pray for an end to war, devastation, violence, and discord around the world and especially in Ukraine, in Haiti, in Sudan, and in the Holy Land. We pray for those in Gaza who have lost everything and are now facing starvation. We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. **Help us to imagine and work toward your reign of peace.**

Light in our darkness, let your brightness burn in places shrouded in violence. Reveal the pains that are hidden in secret. Unveil the needs of our own hearts so that we may know the power of vulnerability. Your Son was raised to life even from the grave. **Show us again that life comes from death.**

Healer of every ill, we pray for all who are in need. We pray for rescue workers and medical teams, for those whose bones are weary from their life-giving work, and for all who have asked for our prayers, especially those on our prayer list. We pray today especially for Brad Volland and for Tom Kramer, and for Enid and Albert Barnett. We pray

for those people and concerns that reside in our hearts, spoken aloud or in silence (A time of silence is kept.)

Creator of the universe, as we give thanks for your miraculous creation, open our eyes to the wonders of your earth and the extravagance of your cosmos. **Teach us to walk with You and with one another in beauty, and to tend the earth as creatively and as compassionately as you care for us.**

Lord of life, we pray for those who have died. As they eternally dwell in your abiding love, may they rejoice in your presence and go from strength to strength. **May we also be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.**

**God of light, we praise you for the gift of life. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to live in your light, and seek the holy community of 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**

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings** **BCP 830 #51/431**

**Offertory**

## **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** **I come with joy to meet my Lord** **H 304**

**Post-Communion Prayer** **BCP 365**

## **The Blessing**

May there always be infinite acres of sky above us.  
May there always be the story of the earth beneath us.  
May there always be the song of the air between us.  
And may the love that shook creation from God's hand,  
Shake us alive,  
That we may walk in God's way,  
Now and always.

**Closing Hymn**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing**

**H 182**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

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### **Resources:**

The Blessing is by Roddy Hamilton, from [A Heart for Creation](#).

Prayers of the People: [Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year B, Vol 1, Worship Companion](#), Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.  
[The Book of Common Prayer](#)

## 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>

**April 14, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.**

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

**Please welcome Deputy Trey Clifton as our organist today.** Trey is an accomplished organist and pianist who is filling in for Brad, who is ill with Covid. Thank you, Trey!

**Happy Birthday! Brad Volland (April 16)**

**Happy Anniversary! Jim and BJ Anderson (April 19)**

**Bible Study, Wed, April 17, 10am-12pm.** Parish House, reading the lectionary for the Fourth Sunday in Easter.

[https://lectionarypage.net/YearB\\_RCL/Easter/BEaster4\\_RCL.html](https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEaster4_RCL.html)

**Village Harvest Wed, April 17, 3pm,-5PM.** Call Andrea (540) 847-9002 to volunteer. Pack bags 1-3PM, Deliver food to clients' cars 3-5PM. **Help needed on Tuesday morning to help unload food to the Parish House.**

**Vestry, Thurs, April 18, 2pm.**

**Confirmation Class Thurs, April 25, 7:30-8:15PM on Zoom.**

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

**Portland Guitar Duo concert Fri, April 19, 7pm. Reception 6:15pm.**

<https://news.churchsp.org/portlandguitarduo2024/>. If you need posters and/or cards please Catherine know.

**Team up to Clean up! Saturday, April 20, 9am-12pm** in celebration of Earth Day, April 22. We have a team to pick up trash in Port Royal!

**Thanks to Caroline County for sponsoring this event. Let Johnny Davis know** [cookiejfd@gmail.com](mailto:cookiejfd@gmail.com) if you'd like to join in.



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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**

**The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector**

**The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus**

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**Christ Centered, Biblically Based, Spirit Filled, Caring**

**Prayer List**

**Brad Volland, Tom Kramer, The Pannels, Terri Harrison, Linda Upshaw,  
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**

**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

Steven Lee

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Reg Merkl

Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V