The Fourth Sunday Of Easter April 21, 2024

10:00 AM – Holy Baptism

Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833) During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

The Word of God

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Jan Akers, soprano		
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Please save your conversations until you exit the church to be respect	ful of those
listening to the Postlude.	

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Postlude: Finale Jubilante						Healey Willan
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The flowers on the altar are giv LJ Swain in thanksgiving for the DiStanislao.		2 0	-			•
We welcome all family and frier	nds and inv	vite you	to join u	ıs in Denn	y Hall for a	reception.
<u>OFFICIANT</u> – The Rev. Gini D <u>LAY READERS</u> – David Denso <u>ACOLYTE</u> – Libby Hott		Moore				

ALTAR GUILD – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod, Valerie Riviere

COFFEE HOUR – in Denny Hall MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen NURSERY TEAM – Jenny Karluk & Marrica Hazelwood **USHER** – Michael Walker **VIDEO** STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

When you pray, please remember the following church members:

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy & Tom Dawson, Lee & Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Sally & Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Birdie Lighthiser, Rita Gulliksen, Connie Aasen and Roy McLeod.

When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:

Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Eddie Oliver, Tom Walker, Elizabeth Felicetti, Grady Hebert, Peggy Loeper, Dennis McArdle, Hersch Goldberg-Polin, Susan & Dave Woods, Katie McFadden, Davis Spain, Glenn Webster, Norma Easter, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Wendy (Marsh) Rush, Jan, Jenna, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Don Akers, Polly Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Jacob, David, Connie Rosenbaum, Tammy Smiley, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura and Chip.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Gini DiStanislao	4/24	Lou Suthard	4/26
Matthew Gates	4/25		

Announcements

- Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM: The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- Tuesday Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 23, at 9:30 AM. Join Zoom meeting: <u>https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;</u> Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- Men's Bible Study Wednesday, April 24, at 9:15 AM: Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and lively conversation. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This study will be for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- The Church office will be closed Friday, April 26. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Gini+.
- Confirmation & Inquirer's Class Sunday, April 28, at 9 AM in Denny Hall.
- First Fridays Friday, May 2, at 5:30 PM. Hosted by Tricia & Gunnar Kohlbeck. Bring a friend, your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Everyone is invited to attend. This will be our last First Fridays gathering until the Fall.
- Sit & Stitch: Monday, May 6, at 5:30 PM. Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

- Manakin Book Club: Tuesday, May 7, at 5 PM at Manakin. We are reading <u>When Crickets Cry</u> by Charles Martin. Please join us for a great discussion. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!
- Men of the Church: The May meeting will be a little different. On Saturday, May 18, we will cruise down the James River with Riverfront Canal Cruises. The boat captain and guide for the one-hour tour will be our own Mr. Coleman Brydon. After the tour, we will have lunch at Joe's Inn, Bon Air. Seating for the boat tour is limited. More specific information will be posted later. Please mark your calendar for this great event!
- Choir Practice: The Chancel Choir (adults) rehearsals Thursday, at 7:30 PM. If you would like to join the choir, call Rita Gulliksen (804) 272-0505.
- Backpacks Of Love: We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as individual bags of chips and Pop Tarts and proteins (pop-top cans of beefaroni/ravioli are especially welcome). Please place these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. Join us on the first Friday of the month. You can meet us at Manakin at 9 AM or at the site at 9:30 AM, 3035 Lower Hill Road, Powhatan. If you have any questions, contact Penny Sawyer at 804-794-5609.
- Food Donations: We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are in the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items and current needs are 4 lb. bags of sugar, cooking oil, pop tarts and corned beef hash. If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Betsy an email if you can assist with this. <u>Betsy.moore5@icloud.com</u> Thank you for all your help.
- Powhatan Animal Shelter gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult & puppy), laundry items (detergent/softener/dryer sheets/bleach), towels, blankets, toys (such as "Kongs"), treats, medium collars, harnesses, leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note "Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund" to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

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Receiving Holy Communion

The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again. (BCP p. 859) We are eager to share this remembrance with you. God welcomes you to receive His body and blood for forgiveness of our sins, and to be strengthened in our relationship with Christ and one another.

- + At the appropriate time, people in your pew will come forward to the altar railing. We will begin on the left side facing the altar with the first pew. Please proceed forward on the right side of the aisle, returning on the left side.
- + Please fill the altar railing in from the right side to the left.
- + Once you have arrived at the altar, you may stand or kneel to receive. Both hands, with one hand supporting the other are put forth.
- The sacramental bread (wafer) will be placed in your hands with words such as "The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." A response is not necessary, but some may say "Amen".
- **†** The chalice will be offered to those who have consumed the bread. Please help the Chalicist by placing your hand on the base of the cup to take a sip of the wine.
- + If you wish to intinct the bread, please hold it up and the Chalicist will pass you and a bowl for intinction will be offered. Please do not intinct in the common chalice from which others drink.
- + After you have received, it is customary to wait until the person next to you has received before returning to your seat. You do not need to wait for all at the railing to receive before returning.
- + When you return to your seat, you may kneel or sit in prayer and reflection of the wonderful gift that you have just received. Please join in singing of the communion hymns.

If for any reason you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. At the altar railing cross your arms over your chest signifying that you are there to receive a blessing only.

The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Response

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; *

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; * thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

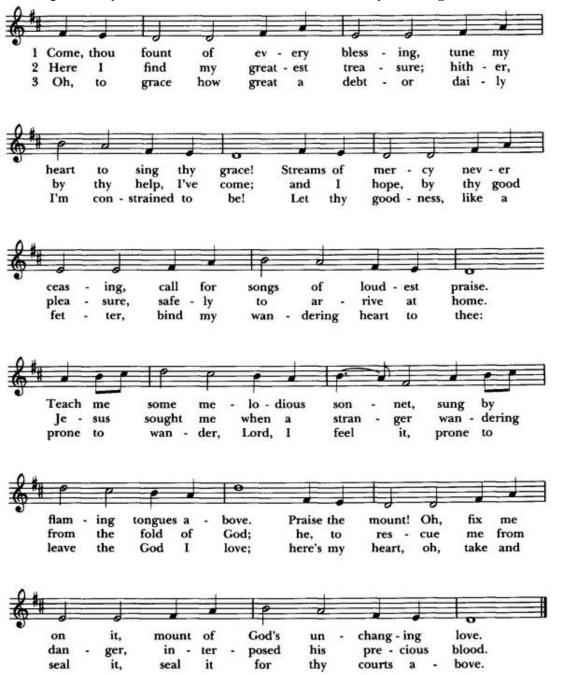
The Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

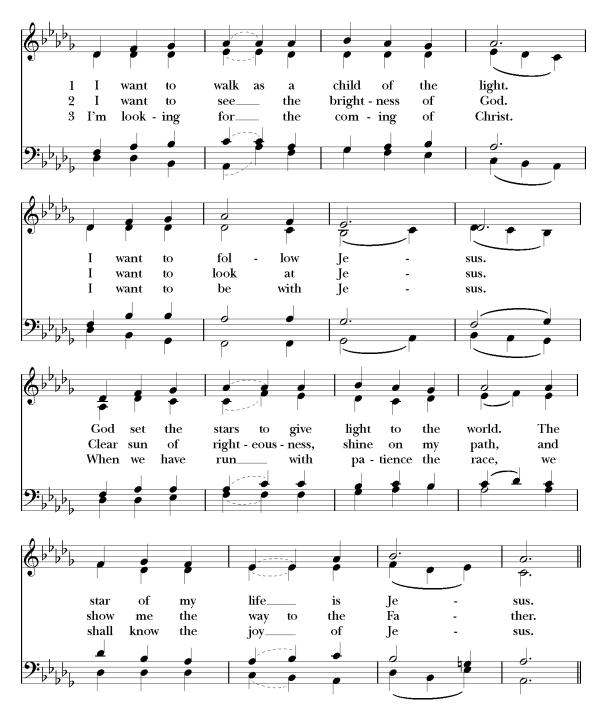
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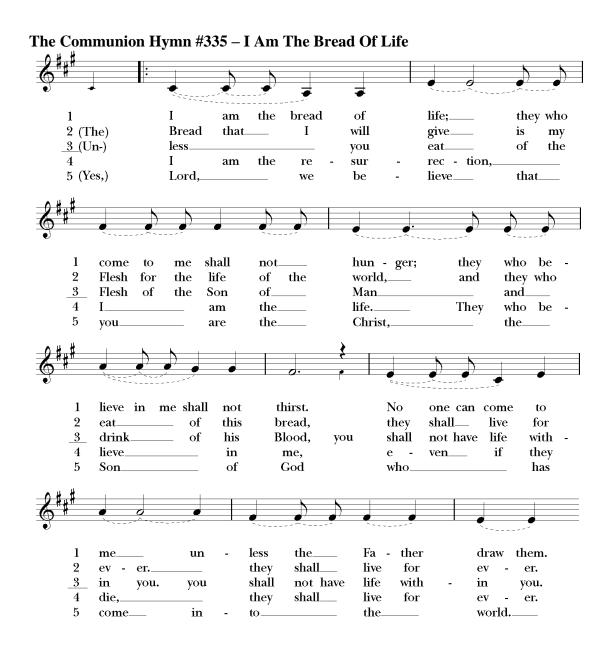
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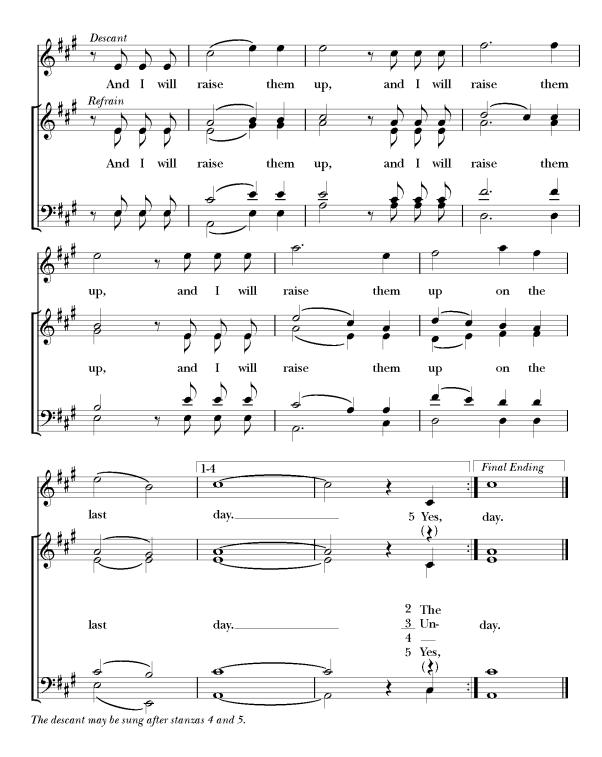


The Communion Hymn #490 – I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light









The Closing Hymn #296 – We Know That Christ Is Raised

