

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

April 28, 2024

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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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Please save your conversations until you exit the church to be respectful of those listening to the Postlude.

Postlude: Toccata in e minor Pachelbel

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Birdie and Jeff Lighthiser in honor of Graham Lighthiser in celebration for his heart day and in gratitude for his donor family.

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

LAY READERS – Craig Akers & Nancy Nagel

ALTAR GUILD – Leslie Eckmann, Lea Emory, Sharon LaLiberte, Lynn Novak

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen

COFFEE HOUR – in Denny Hall

NURSERY TEAM – Jenny Karluk & Marrica Hazelwood

USHER – Bill Hall

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, Elizabeth Felicetti, Grady Hebert, Peggy Loeper, Dennis McArdle, Hersch Goldberg-Polin, Susan & Dave Woods, Katie McFadden, Davis Spain, Glenn Webster, 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.



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.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Dennis LaLiberte	4/28	Paul Winslow	4/30
Steve Settlage	4/29	Rosanna Smith	4/30
Virginia Gates	4/29	Terry Brydon	5/4

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Caroline & Chris Hott 4/29

Announcements

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children’s Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **No Bible Study Tuesday, April 30.** We will resume on **May 7.**
- ❖ **Men’s Bible Study – Wednesday, May 1, 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.
- ❖ **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 When Crickets Cry by Charles Martin. Please join us for a great discussion. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!
- ❖ **Camp Chanco Benefit:** The first ever "**Big Day of Giving**" benefiting **Chanco on the James**, on **May 8, 7 AM—10 PM**, our diocesan summer camp and year-round retreat center. Many in our community have benefitted from Chanco's spirit of teaching friendship, love, and faith to youth and adults at summer camp or special retreats and meetings. On May 8, we are called individually to participate in Chanco's Big Day. Please hold that day as a time to pray about our collective faith journeys and consider helping Chanco through a commitment of your own. (Chanco.org for more information)
- ❖ **Eagle Scout Project:** On **Saturday, May 12**, Monroe Harrison will begin working on his Eagle Scout project at Manakin. He will be working to build a prayer and meditation garden near the playground. His hope is to work from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday leveling the ground, laying out the outline and planting the plants. He plans to finish the project by spreading mulch around the plants and laying covering for the paths on **Friday, May 24**, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided for all volunteers on both days.

- ❖ **Men of the Church:** The May meeting will be on **Saturday, May 18**, with a cruise on 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, there will be lunch at Joe's Inn. Seating for the boat tour and lunch is limited, so advanced sign-up is mandatory. Contact Don Marsh at Don1818@aol.com as soon as possible if you wish to take the tour and have lunch at Joe's Inn afterwards.
- ❖ **Books For The V.A. Medical Center:** Manakin is collecting books, new or used, to be taken to the V.A. Medical Hospital for veterans who are hospitalized or in recovery. **Books will be received in the front Denny Hall classroom #7 through April.** For more information or questions, please contact Peter Plourd at 540-974-2189.
- ❖ **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. Betsy.moore5@icloud.com 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!

CREATION CARE PROJECT PLASTIC BAG RECYCLE PROGRAM

Starting in May, Manakin Church will join with The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags through October. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic and to receive a bench for our Prayer Garden. This is easy to do and we can reach our goal if you all help us!

What can be recycled?

Grocery bags
 Bread bags
 Bubble wrap
 Dry cleaning bags
 Newspaper sleeves
 Ice bags
 Shipping envelopes
 Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags
 Cereal bags
 Case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper)
 Produce bags



Once you have collected a good amount, simply take a picture of it, weigh it on your scales and take it to your local grocery store that is participating such as Kroger or Publix and place it in the recycle bin. Send your pictures and weight amount to Becky Sido (becky.Sido@gmail.com) and she will keep a record for us. Or, if you prefer, please bring your plastic donations to the church and Gini+ will donate them along with her items. Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain a beautiful new bench.

5th Sunday Of Easter

The Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Response

Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Processional Hymn #47 – On This Day The First Of Days

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
 2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
 3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
 5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
 2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
 3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
 4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
 5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
 dwell within my heart alone;
 thou dost give thyself to me:
 help me give myself to thee.

The Sequence Hymn #304 – I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Communion Hymn #439 – What Wondrous Love

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The Communion Hymn #448 – O Love, How Deep

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

The Closing Hymn #344 – Lord, Dismiss Us

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.