

The Third Sunday In Lent
March 23, 2025

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

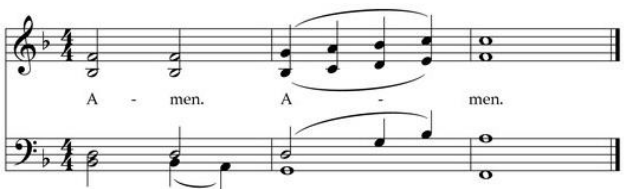
Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)
During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

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

Postlude: Prince Eugene’s March Anonymous

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We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.

- OFFICIANT – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao
- LAY READERS – Hank Schepker & Angela Park
- ACOLYTE – Marji Rawlings
- ALTAR GUILD – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod, Valerie Riviere
- GREETER – Tricia Kohlbeck
- MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER – Roy McLeod
- COFFEE HOUR – Linda Harris & Beverly Whitley
- NURSERY – Jenny Karluk
- USHER – Heath Gates
- 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, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey and Kay Hansell.

When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:
Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Davis Spain, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Don Akers, Polly Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Tammy Smiley, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Lawrence Mitchell, Wyatt Nickle, Doug Reed, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Kim McFadden, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Frank Morton, Joelle Cosby and Liz Plourde.

### 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:

David Martin	3/25	Michael Noble	3/27
Phil DiStanislao	3/26	Chris Stevenson	3/27
Tom Gates	3/26	Don Hodgins	3/28
Susie Baptiste	3/27	Peggy Schoolar	3/29

### Happy Anniversary to the following:

Claire & Patrick Stauffer 3/25

### Announcements

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children’s Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ The **Communication Committee** will meet **today** following the worship service in the front classroom.
- ❖ **Tuesday Bible Study** will meet **Tuesday, March 25, at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;> Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Morning Prayer: Wednesday, March 26, at 8:45 AM.**
- ❖ **Men’s Bible Study – Wednesday, March 26, 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.
- ❖ **Lenten Dinner & Program – Wednesday, March 26, at 5:30 PM. Pizza and salad provided.**
- ❖ **First Fridays: Friday, April 4, at 5:30 PM. Host needed!**
- ❖ **Easter Memorials/Honorariums:** In preparation for Easter, the Altar Guild is accepting memorial and honor requests. Please contribute \$15 to Manakin Episcopal Church. Place it in the envelope with your request form and include those you wish to honor or remember on the form. Request forms and envelopes are on the table under the bulletin board in Denny Hall. Please submit your request and check by **Sunday, April 6.** The funds we receive will be used to purchase flowers for Easter.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, April 12, at 8 AM.** The program will be on the Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation Activities available to the community. Our speaker will be Ms. Brooke Mays, Marketing Specialist with the Department. Please plan to attend this very informative presentation, bring a friend, and of course enjoy a great breakfast!
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club: Tuesday, April 15, at 5 PM** in the Parlor. We will be discussing The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi, a novel set in 1950s India. We welcome newcomers!

## 2025 Lent Services and Programs

- ❖ **Greeters Needed:** Please consider joining the Greeter team. Greeters are needed for the weekly services as well as for special services and events. Please contact Penny Sawyer at [pennyhsawyer@gmail.com](mailto:pennyhsawyer@gmail.com), 804-651-7858, or Christine Charbonneau at [cpcharbo@gmail.com](mailto:cpcharbo@gmail.com), 804-306-1351.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as fruit cups, applesauce cups, Go Go squeeze applesauce, snack crackers packets 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 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 at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items and current needs are Hamburger Helper, canned turnip greens, canned mixed greens, coffee 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](mailto: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!

**Morning Prayer during Lent** – Wednesday mornings at **8:45 AM**

### **Wednesday Dinner Programs for Families: 5:30 PM**

Our family program will include watching portions of “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” each week with a brief discussion on the theological references. Dinner and program will conclude by 7:15 PM.

**March 26** – Pizza & salad provided

**April 2** – Potluck – please bring something to share

**April 9** – Chick Fil A – dinner provided



## Plastic Bag Recycle Program

Once again Manakin will join The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags through October. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic and to receive another bench for our Prayer Garden. **So far we have collected 220 pounds!** 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 Jean Hillsman at [jnhillsman56@gmail.com](mailto:jnhillsman56@gmail.com) and she will keep a record for us. Or, if you prefer, please bring your plastic donations to the church and place them in **the bin at the Denny Hall entrance**. Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## The Collect

### Traditional

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Contemporary

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

## The Psalm

### Psalm 63:1-8

#### *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

### The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**Processional Hymn #574 – Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel**



The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, the second and third systems contain three lines each, and the fourth system contains two lines. The lyrics are: 1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of God, be with us in the flame; a new-born peo - ple shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee. with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God. pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry. may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.



Sequence Hymn #635 – If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Communion Hymn #332 – O God Unseen

1 O God, un - seen yet ev - er near, thy pres - ence may we feel;  
2 Here may thy faith - ful peo - ple know the bless - ings of thy love,  
3 We come, o - be - dient to thy word, to feast on heaven - ly food:  
4 Thus may we all thy word o - bey, for we, O God, are thine;

and thus in - spired with ho - ly fear, be - fore thine al - tar kneel.  
the streams that through the des - ert flow, the man - na from a - bove.  
our meat the Bo - dy of the Lord, our drink his pre - cious Blood.  
and go re - joic - ing on our way, re - newed with strength di - vine.

## Communion Hymn #344 – Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing



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.

## Recessional Hymn #685 – Rock Of Ages



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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