

The 4th Sunday In Lent

March 15, 2026

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)

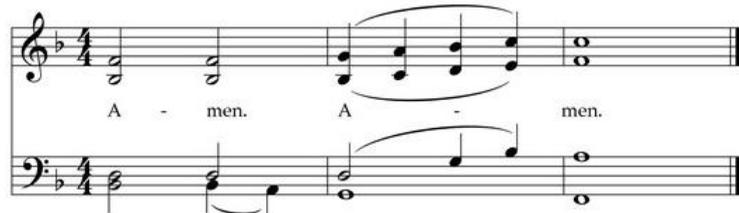
During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

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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 & Betsy Moore
- ACOLYTE** – Cameron Goodwyn
- ALTAR GUILD** – Stephany Breed, Janet Denson, Jean Hillsman, Lisa McCue, Alexis Rawlings, Kathy Watkins
- GREETER** – Sue Daniels
- CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER** – John Kochensparger
- COFFEE HOUR** – in Denny Hall
- NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk
- USHER** – Heath Gates
- VIDEO STREAMING** – Brent Deekens

When you pray, please remember the following church members:
 Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Rhett duPont, Trey Harrington, Carol Timmons, Katie Cole, Bob Phillipson, Leah & David Thomas and Dennis LaLiberte.

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

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Joelle Cosby, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmee Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges, Elaine Jones, Jim Dawson, Terry Royal, Phillip, Dale Custer, Becky Sido, Jan Sierk, Kjerstin Johnson, Bobby Perkins, Charlie Chitwood, Tom Green, Jerry Lowe, Sue Bland and Emmet Nelson.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Jack Norton	3/15	Ann Heaton Noble	3/16
Rory Horgan	3/15	Whit Barta	3/17
John Goode	3/16	David Thomas	3/19
Carolyn Hodgins	3/16		

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Tricia & Gunnar Kohlbeck	3/15	Carolyn & Don Hodgins	3/19
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Announcements

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children’s Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Youth Group: Today at noon.** We will be having our favorite donuts, playing some games and making Easter gifts and cards to send to our parishioners who are unable to attend church on Sundays.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;>
Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Men’s Bible Study: Wednesdays 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 is for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- ❖ **Lenten Dinner and Program: Wednesday, March 18, at 5:30 PM.** Potluck supper.
- ❖ **Easter Lilies:** The Altar Guild appreciates your donations to their flower fund so that they may purchase Easter lilies. The price per plant is \$15. Please make your check payable to Manakin Episcopal Church and write “Easter Lily” in the memo section. Please place your check in the envelope with your order form. Order forms and envelopes are on the table under the bulletin board in Denny Hall. If you are unable to come to church, you may call the church office to place your order. **The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 22.**

- ❖ **Family Forum: Sunday, March 22, at 9 AM in the Nave of the Church.** Gunnar Kohlbeck will be present to share how our sound system works with those who have hearing aids. He will show you how to set up your phone to connect to the system for a better listening experience during our services.
- ❖ **Youth Event: Sunday, March 22 from 4 PM – 6 PM.** Convocation (a group of local churches in our diocese) Youth Meet-Up - Pizza and Peeps! We are excited to be the host site for the first convocation youth meet up this year for our 6th-12th graders! This is run by the Diocesan Youth Board Members (9th-12th graders) and they have some really fun things planned for the evening! Please come and represent Manakin Episcopal Church!
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club** will meet **IN PERSON** in the church parlor on **Tuesday, March 24, at 5 PM** to discuss The Wedding People by Alison Espach. According to online information, this is "a 2024 novel about a woman, Phoebe, who arrives at a Newport, RI wedding alone and is mistaken for a guest, leading to an unexpected and transformative weekend where she connects with the bride and confronts her own grief and life choices." All readers are welcome! Contact Terry Hood with any questions. 804-418-9372 or thhood@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!
- ❖ **Red Cross Blood Drive at Manakin:** The Vestry has endorsed sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at Manakin. Before this can be scheduled, we need to assess the interest amongst the congregation. This will not occur for at least six months. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Denny Hall. Please sign up if you are interested in donating. Thanks.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to donate lots of food to our local **Powhatan Food Bank**. Thank you to the Souper Bowl dinner friends for their donations of over 80 cans of soup! The volunteers at the Food Bank were overjoyed. We need volunteers to pick up the food donations from the bins inside Denny Hall and bring them once a week to the Food Bank. Their hours to receive food are: Monday-Friday 10 AM to 12 noon, Wednesdays 5 PM to 7 PM or Saturday 10 AM to 12 noon. Please text or call Mary Kay Gates if you can assist 434-390-2919. Current food needs: **Cream of Mushroom Soup, canned greens (mixed, collards, turnip, Spinach), Corned Beef Hash, Manwich/Sloppy Joe Sauce, ketchup and taco seasoning (packets only).**
- ❖ **Lunch Packing Ministry for Area Shelters: Saturday, April 25, from 9 AM to 9:45 AM in Denny Hall.**
- ❖ **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 1st & 3rd 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.

- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult (“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!
- ❖ **Plastic Bag Recycle Program:** We have joined The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags now through November 2026 or until our goal is met. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic! Drop off at church can be in the bin located in room number 5 in Denny Hall. Any questions? Please contact Jean Hillsman at jmhillsman56@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench for an organization in need. **What can be recycled?** Grocery bags, shipping envelopes, bread bags, Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper), newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags. **No plastic bottles please.**

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Each Wednesday during Lent we will offer Morning Prayer in the Nave at 8:45 AM.



Last year we had such great success with watching C. S. Lewis’ The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe that we decided to continue with that momentum. This year our movie will be a continuance with The Chronicles of Narnia – Prince Caspian (Rated PG). We will watch segments of this movie each week and discuss the Christian themes. This is a great movie for all ages!

March 18 – Lenten Supper and Movie - Dinner will be provided

March 25 – Lenten Supper and Movie - Potluck – bring and dish to share



March 29—Palm Sunday
 8 AM—Holy Eucharist II
 10 AM—Liturgy of the Palms starting at the Bell Shelter

April 2—7 PM—Maundy Thursday

April 3—12 PM—Stations of the Cross
 5 PM—Good Friday Liturgy (**Please note time change**)

April 5—Easter
 8 AM—Holy Eucharist II
 10 AM—Holy Eucharist II

The 4th Sunday In Lent

The Collect

Contemporary

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Traditional

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1. The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
4. 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.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. 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: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying,

“I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Processional Hymn #143 – The Glory Of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
 *5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Sequence Hymn #533 – How Wondrous And Great

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
 their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
 thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
 till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Communion Hymn #339 – Deck Thyself, My Soul

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

continued

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he
be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.
give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Communion Hymn #440 – Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

1 Bless-ed Je-sus, at thy word we are gath-ered all to
2 All our know-ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep-est dark-ness
3 Gra-cious Lord, thy-self im-part! Light of Light, from God pro-

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud-ed, till thy Spi-rit breaks our night
ceed-ing, o-pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach-ings
with the beams of truth un-cloud-ed; thou a-lone to
help us by thy Spi-rit's plead-ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho-ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole-ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with-in us.
Church up-rai-es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais-es.

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

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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