

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Easter**  
**April 12, 2026**  
**10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

*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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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.	
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*Healing prayers will be offered at the altar railing following the service.*

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Lisa and Jim McCue in thanksgiving for the birth of their new grandson, James Clifton Fernandes.*

*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** – Jeff Lighthiser & Katie Harrison
- ACOLYTE** – Libby Hott
- ALTAR GUILD** – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod, Valerie Riviere
- GREETER** – Valerie Riviere
- MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER** – Liz Lee
- NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk
- USHER** – Hank Schepker
- VIDEO STREAMING TEAM** – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, 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 and Sue Bland.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

Judy Martin	4/13	Liz Lee	4/16
Beth Medvedev	4/13	Peter Martin	4/16
Alexis Rawlings	4/13	Scott Eckmann	4/17
Richard Sherman	4/13	Judy Mills	4/17
Colin Goodpasture	4/15		

**Happy Anniversary to the following:**

Donna & Bill Deekens	4/16	Cricket & Matthew Stainback	4/16
Lucy & John Goode	4/16	Linda & Chuck Catlett	4/17
Janet & David Denson	4/16	Ann & Will Quiring	4/17
Betsy & Mike Chester	4/16	Susie & Kevin Baptiste	4/17

**Announcements**

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Vestry Meeting: Today** following fellowship time.
- ❖ **Youth Group: Today at Noon.** We will have lunch, games, Bible games and more fun activities so come join us!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Ladies Night Out: Tuesday, April 14, at 5:30 PM** at The Granite Grill in the old Stony Point Shopping Center on Huguenot Rd. Contact Beverly Whitley if you plan to attend.

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Lunch Packing Ministry: Saturday, April 25, 9 AM to 10 AM** in Denny Hall. We will be packing lunches for four homeless shelters. If you would like more information, please contact me at [marykatherinegates@gmail.com](mailto:marykatherinegates@gmail.com)
- ❖ **Altar Guild Meeting: Saturday, April 25, at 10:30 AM.** We will have fellowship and refreshments as well as discussing our procedures and suggestions from team members.
- ❖ The Burial Service for Kerry Dean, husband of The Rev. Becki Dean will take place **Saturday, April 25, at 2 PM** at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.
- ❖ **Family Forum: Sunday, April 26, at 9 AM.** "Each of us has a body, uniquely created and wonderfully made, and God made us to move." Join us on April 26 as author Wendy LeBolt talks about her book, *Made to Move, Knowing and Loving God Through our Bodies*, and how we can experience God with our whole body; our heart, soul, mind and all of its senses. This forum is for all ages, as we all have a body that was made to move no matter how young or old!
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club** will meet **Tuesday, April 28, at 5 PM.** We will be discussing The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert. It's a historical fiction novel which follows the personal and professional life of Alma Whittaker, a 19th century botanist born into a wealthy Philadelphia family. We will be meeting in the church parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com). Please join us!
- ❖ **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.** We need volunteers to pick up 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).**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Easter

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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.**

### The Collect

#### Contemporary

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### Traditional

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 16

#### *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### **The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **The Gospel: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the

Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

# Hymn #178 Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

# Sequence Hymn #206 – Alleluia! O Sons And Daughters

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!  
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,  
 4 “My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;  
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,  
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,

1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,  
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,  
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,  
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,

1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 and said, “My peace be on all here.” Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples’ word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be.” Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 “Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Communion Hymn #193 – That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

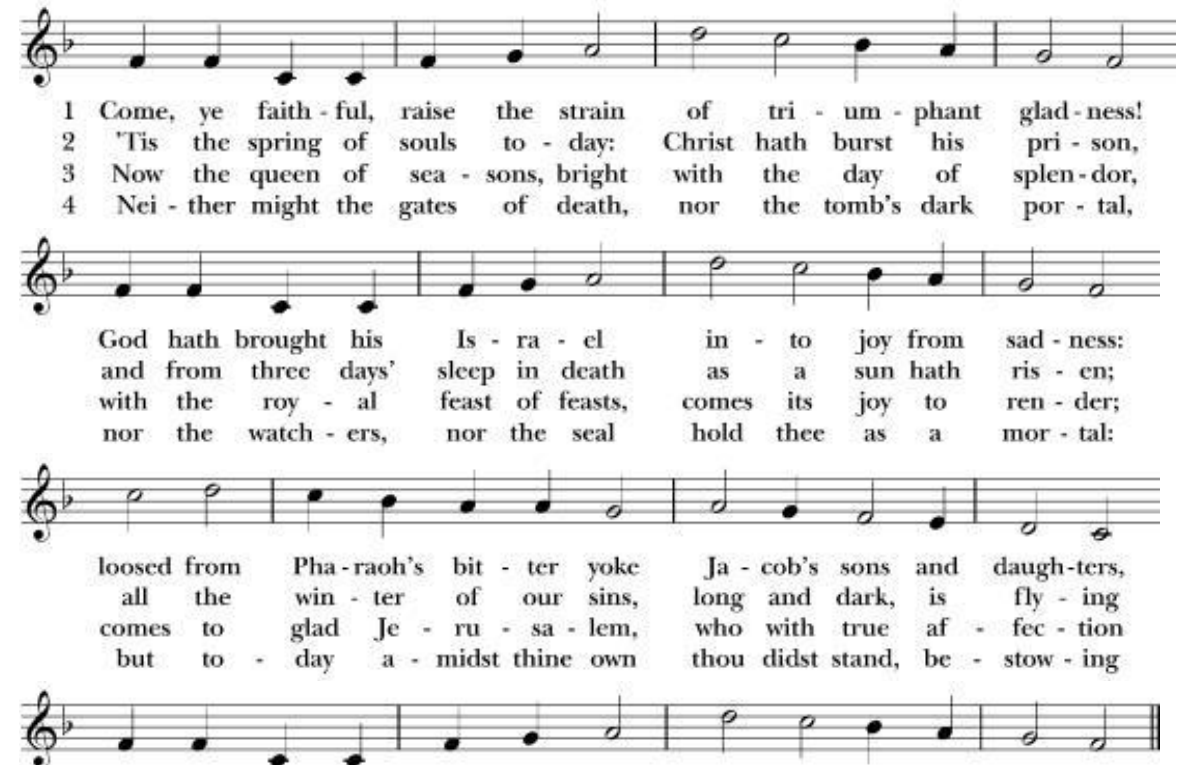


1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Communion Hymn #200 – Come, Ye Faithful Raise The Strain



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

# Closing Hymn #208 – Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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