

The 3rd Sunday Of Easter

April 19, 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.

The Word of God

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The Great Thanksgiving

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Presentation of Offerings	
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Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,	
Alleluia, Alleluia.	
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Danish



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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Liz and Greg Lee in memory of their parents, Dot & T.D. Watkins and Vicki & Garnett Lee.

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** – Chuck Catlett & Terry Brydon
- ACOLYTE** – Liam Harris
- ALTAR GUILD** – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod, Valerie Riviere
- GREETER** – Tricia Kohlbeck
- CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER** – Beth Norton
- COFFEE HOUR** – in Denny Hall
- NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk
- USHER** – Bill Hall
- VIDEO STREAMING** – Katie Harrison

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, 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, 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, Anya Steger and Christy.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Chris Briere	4/19	Patrick Stauffer	4/20
Nancy Dawson	4/20	Gini DiStanislao	4/24
Melissa Drake	4/20	Matthew Gates	4/25
Sarah Mahoney	4/20		

Announcements

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **Manakin 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. Please join us!
- ❖ **First Fridays Fellowship: Friday, May 1 from 5:30—7 PM** in Denny Hall. **Host(s) Needed!** Please bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ❖ **Sit, Stitch and Craft Night: Monday, May 4, at 5 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.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast: Saturday, May 9, at 8 AM.** The speaker will be our own Dr. Don Marsh. Don will discuss "Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Providers," discussing what questions to ask and what information you should take with you to appointments. Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, this informative presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **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).**

3rd 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 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.**

The Collect

Contemporary

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Psalm

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us

went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Processional Hymn #417 – This Is The Feast Of Victory

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
 5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

Sequence Hymn #180 – He Is Risen

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dian - t brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joi - ce: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Communion Hymn #343 – Shepherd Of Souls

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Communion Hymn #174 – At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing


1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.


praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Closing Hymn #296 – We Know That Christ Is Raised




We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. — Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. —
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: —



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.