

The 4th Sunday Of Easter

April 26, 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

Voluntary: Prelude on St. Columba	Dale Wood
Processional Hymn #391 – Before The Lord’s Eternal Throne	Winchester New
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The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Sentence	
Anthem: The Lord Is My Shepherd	Howard Goodall
Presentation of Offerings	
The Doxology – Hymn #618	
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.	
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.	
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The Amen

Danish



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The Dismissal	
Postlude: Prelude in G	Bach

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Mary Kay & David Gates for the blessing of their family birthdays, sister, Gini+ on April 24, son, Matthew on April 25, grandnephew, George on April 27, grandson, Hunter on April 28 and granddaughter, Virginia on April 29.

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** – David Martin & Betsy Moore
- ACOLYTE** – Monroe Harrison
- ALTAR GUILD** – Jean Hillsman, Lea Emory, Sharon LaLiberte, Lynn Novak, Missy Rakes, Becky Vestal
- GREETER** – Sue Daniels
- CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER** – David Martin
- COFFEE HOUR** – in Denny Hall
- NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk
- USHER** – David Charbonneau
- VIDEO STREAMING** – Gunnar Kohlbeck

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, 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, Carrie Dewees and Christy.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Lou Suthard	4/26	Virginia Gates	4/29
Dennis LaLiberte	4/28	Paul Winslow	4/30
Steve Settlage	4/29	Rosanna Smith	4/30

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Caroline & Chris Hott	4/29	Cathy & Trey Harrington	5/2
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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.
- ❖ **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).**
- ❖ **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!

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- ❖ **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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Traditional

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

- 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: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Processional Hymn #391 – Before The Lord's Eternal Throne

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Sequence Hymn #645 – The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

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

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

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

Communion Hymn #708 – Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead us

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Communion Hymn #654 – Day By Day

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

Closing Hymn #210 – The Day Of Resurrection

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

The musical score for the first system consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes a 'Descant' label. The lyrics are arranged in three parts: a three-part setting of 'Now let the heavens be joyful...' and a three-part setting of 'The day of resurrection...'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

The musical score for the second system continues the vocal and piano parts from the first system. It features the same three-part vocal setting and piano accompaniment. The lyrics describe the resurrection and the triumph of Christ. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic and harmonic structure as the first system.

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