

Easter Day

April 5, 2026 — 9 a.m.



Welcome!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. You may receive from the common cup by drinking directly from the cup or handing the host to the Chalice (the person giving you the cup). They will then dip the host in the wine and place it in your hand. You may also choose to just consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. Gluten Free wafers are available, just ask at the chancel rail. If you're unable to come forward but wish to receive, ask an Usher and we'll bring communion to you.

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

Children's worship bulletins and bags are located in the vestibules.

PRELUDE*Processional***William Mathias****PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (*stand as able*)**1982 Hymnal #207***Jesus Christ is Risen Today***OPENING ACCLAMATION***Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*****GLORIA****Taize**


Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, glo - ry in__ the high - est.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia. *repeat*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**BCP 357***Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* ***And also with you.****Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD**THE FIRST LESSON** (*seated*)**Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how

he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal #178 v1-2

Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

THE GOSPEL LESSON (*remain standing*)

Matthew 28:1-10

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Children are invited to come forward during the hymn, gathering with Priest Lisa on the steps of the chancel, for a special children's message.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & HOMILY

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

NICENE CREED (*stand as able*)

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LEM Let us stand and affirm our faith by saying together the words of the Nicene Creed.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven*

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(remain standing or kneel as able)*

Adapted from the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania

Leader With joy and gladness, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church throughout the world, that it may be a sign of new life to the weary and the lost, we pray to the Lord. ***Lord, show us your light.***

For all the leaders of the Church, that they may lead us in paths of peace and renewal, we pray to the Lord. ***Lord, show us your light.***

For the nations of the world and those who lead them, that they may strive for justice and a new birth of freedom, we pray to the Lord. ***Lord, show us your light.***

For the peace of the world, that those who use violence and those who condone it may have a change of heart, mind, and soul, we pray to the Lord. ***Lord, show us your light.***

For all whose labor eases our lives, that they may know themselves to be the hands of God, and may see God's holy angels at work among them, we pray to the Lord. ***Lord, show us your light.***

For the sick, the disabled, and all who suffer, especially those on our hearts, that they may see new growth from branches long barren we pray to the Lord. ***Lord, show us your light.***

For all people this Easter Sunday, that they may know and share the joy of the empty cross and tomb, we pray to the Lord. ***Lord, show us your light.***

For those who have died, that they may have light and peace, and rest with all the saints, we pray to the Lord. ***Lord, show us your light.***

With saint and angels, we proclaim: ***Alleluia! Christ is risen, and his light fills the world.***

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(seated)*

OFFERTORY *Pastoral Dance on Simple Gifts*

Andrew Clarke

JOYFUL RESPONSE *Children ring bells during the singing*

3 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise

6 him all crea-tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

9 lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heaven-ly host. Praise

12 Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

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

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

EOW 60

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho-ly ho - ly ho-ly Lord,

God of pow-er and night. hea-ven and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san na in the high-est. —

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san na, Ho - san - na

in — the high - est, the high - est! —

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is

my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(together)*

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And now, as our savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(Silence is kept)*

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Come Share The Lord
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Rejoice #17

Rejoice #45

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*kneeling*)

EOW 70

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal #175

Hail thee Festival Day

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

POSTLUDE

Come Away to the Skies

Wilbur Held

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LEMs Dave Messersmith, David Bishop, Billie Ray Jeffries

Ushers Ron Kindley, Don Heath, Andrew Mackey

Altar Guild Margaret McFarland, Anna Radcliff

Acolyte Master Connie Heath

Organist Deborah Carr

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Staff pray for people on our prayer list by name weekly.

We pray for healing in the lives of Ruth Purinton, Mary Scalisi, Charlotte Weber, Diana Youngclaus, John Hutson, Bill Saunders, Don Klovstad, Jane Price, Carol Conway, Stocky Hobart, Shirley Nunn, Niecsa Chisum, Kaye Locke, Leslie Stay, Inmates and Staff at Hampton City Annex, Bob Ridle, Regina Cicchetti, Mike Fox, George Edmonson, Dave Forrest, Paige, Bobby Phillips, Mary Jane Long, Cathy Curtis, David, Donald Crandol, Bishop Haynes, Canon Hoffman, Bishop Curry, David Copley, Warren Petri, Steve, Bob Cumming, Linda Seely, Grace Taylor, Marianne, Josh, Glenn Irwin, Dee Kloskin, Gail Conway, Cindy Jannone, baby Autumn Gwendolyn, Anne-Henley, Max Scharnhorst, Devin, Lewis, Sally, Meg Hoffman, Jay Horne, Claire.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Dan Clark (4/5), Andy Andrews, (4/7), Julia Templeman (4/7), Lucy Parisher (4/9), Parkie Rice (4/10), and Bill Forinash (4/11).

We give thanksgivings for the anniversaries of Nancy & Vestal Lewis (4/5), Trena & David Stalfort (4/7), and Elizabeth & Jimmy Parisher (4/10).

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

In this Easter season, we rejoice in the Resurrection and the promise of new life for all.

You are warmly invited to:

- Join us on Sundays at 9 & 11 for Holy Eucharist and fellowship
- Be in touch with Lisa, our priest, for conversation and connection - call or email the office to schedule an appointment.
- Enter more fully into parish life through upcoming gatherings and celebrations

Upcoming Special Events at St. John's Church

- Oyster Roast - April 11
- Bellissima Concert - April 12, 4 p.m.
- Music Camp - July 20-24, 9 a.m. - 12 noon
- Summer Music Concerts - June, July, & August
- Kick Off Sunday - September 13, 9 & 11 a.m.
- Phantom of the Organ - October 24, 5 p.m.
- All Souls Evensong - November 1, 4 p.m.

Want to be notified of additional events? Call or email the office to get signed up for the ePistle, our weekly parish newsletter!

Music Camp

Register for Camp on our website:

stjohnshampton.org/ministries/music-academy/music-camp

St. John's Academy of Music

St. John's Academy of music offers private instructions for musicians of all ages! To learn more or register, visit

stjohnshampton.org/ministries/music-academy

With Grateful Thanks

We give immense thanks to all who helped make St. John's Church's celebration of Holy Week and Easter so meaningful and beautiful. From Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter morning, countless hands and hearts offered their time and gifts. We are grateful to those who served at the altar, prepared the church, arranged music, sang in the choir, played instruments, set up and cleaned up, helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, supported our staff, and worked in ways seen and unseen. Your generosity and faithfulness make it possible for us to worship with joy and reverence as we proclaim the resurrection together.

CALENDAR

April 5—11

Sunday

- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10 a.m. Children's CF
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 8 p.m. AA

Monday - Office Closed

8 p.m. AA

Tuesday - Office Closed

Wednesday

4:30 p.m. Endowment

Thursday

8 p.m. AA

Friday

8:15 a.m. Women's Al-Anon

Saturday

3 p.m. Oyster Roast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Concert Series: Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m. *Bellissima*, Hampton Roads premiere women's choral ensemble under the direction of Deborah Carr, presents *Hope is a Song*. This delightful program offers compelling texts and beautiful music about hope for love, peace and eternity. Donation offering at the door. Reception to follow in the church Parish Hall.

St. Anne's Guild: The next St. Anne's Guild meeting will be May 5; there is no April meeting.

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m. on the Parish House stage. For that meeting we will read *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt through page 201 (the end of Chapter 14). New members are welcome! For

further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-287-7440 or at edmonson4@cox.net.

The Men of St. John's Annual Oyster Roast: Join us April 11 from 3 to 6 pm in the Parish Hall and parking lot for a community gathering with roasted and raw oysters, clam chowder, hush puppies, baked beans and hot dogs!. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for a great time of fellowship and food. Recommended donation of \$20 per person/family to offset costs.

Altar Flowers: THANK YOU to all who sponsor our Altar Flowers! Upcoming available dates for Altar flowers are: July 26, September 6, November 15, 22, & 29, and December 6. Thanks again to our WONDERFUL and GENEROUS Altar Flower sponsors!

The Nursery is Open! The Nursery, available for children up to age 5, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday mornings.

St. John's Church

2026 Easter Egg Hunt Information

Sunday, April 5

Do I need a basket? Children are encouraged to bring their own easter basket to collect eggs, there will be a limited supply available for those that need them. Please remember to return the borrowed baskets.

Start: 5 min after 9:00 service ends, but not before 10:00

How many eggs are there? There are roughly 750 eggs, there is no limit on the number of eggs a child can collect.

What are the Boundaries? See map below.

End: Once your child(ren) have finished collecting eggs, please empty the eggs and return them to the tote on the table under the tent. We will reuse the eggs next year.

What if it rains? We'll move the egg hunt into the Parish Hall, meet at the bottom of the stairs next to the nursery.

What's in the eggs? The eggs have a wide variety of items:

Candy	Stickers	Tops/Spinners
Fruit Snacks	Temp Tattoos	Jumping Frogs
Hair Clips	Race Cars	Sticky Hands





EASTER ALTAR DECORATIONS



To the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of

Buddy Alligood, Richard Hayes,
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Saunders, Sr.

Given by Peggy Alligood

Bill & Lucy Andrews, Eldon
& Aurelia (Ree) James, Charles
Amory, John Buhl

*Given by William (Andy) &
Sally Andrews*

Our Parents

Given by Martha & Carter Barrett

William & Elizabeth Boyer, Frank
& Alice Boyer, M.J. & Elizabeth
Bamber, and F.B. Landen

Given by William J. Boyer

Mr. & Mrs. Harrol A. Brauer, Jr.,
Hal Brauer

Given by Greg & Cindy Brauer

Warren K. Coleman - Father,
Marie F. Fisher - Mother

Given by Warren Coleman

Bruce Alling Conway, Robert
Moore Alexander, Bob & Janet
Conway, Luther & Betty Alexander

Given by Carol Alexander Conway

our family

Given by Mary Pat & Bob Croft

Robert & Gwen Cumming,
George & Alma Amory, Jim &
Ann Tormy

Given by Wendy Cumming

Jim & Amy Duggan,
Bob & Betty Curtis

Given by Scott & Linda Curtis

Sylvia G. Edgar

Given by Her Family

Marylou & Richard Sawyer,
Annette & Hayes Edmonson

*Given by Charles & Susan
Edmonson*

Evelyn Cundiff Paxton

Given by Billie Paxton Einselen

Dick Fore, Mr & Mrs. Frank
Fortuna Sr, Mr. & Mrs. Ron
Marshalek

Given by Frank Fortuna

Mr. Ronald B. Forbes

*Given by Frank Fortuna & Fletch
Fletcher*

Jerry Friga

Given by Marilyn Friga

Billie Eudean Jeffries (Father),
Linda Lue Jeffries (Mother),
Teresa Lynn Allen (Sister)

Given by Billie Ray Jeffries

Curle, Elaine and

John Allison Jones, Sr.

Given by Bonnie H. Jones

Don & Marge Kelley, Ella &
Sewall McMahon

Given by Brian & Linda McMahon



EASTER ALTAR DECORATIONS



To the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of

William R. Melgaard

Given by Claudia Melgaard

David Sr. & Julie Messersmith,
Martha Messersmith, Carl Alan
Messersmith

Given by Dave Messersmith

Arnold & Clara Anderson, Socar
& Ella Norris, William Garbee

Given by Brad Norris

Loved Ones

Given by Kay Perry

Pamela Shaw

Given by H. Shaw

Frances H. Shuford

Given by The Shuford Family

Baxter E. Simmons, Sr

*Given by Ruth Simmons and Baster
E. Simmons, Jr*

Joyce & John McDonald, Bill
McDonald

Given by Judy Steffens

Carl Ferdinand Burgdorf II,
Siegfried Wallner Jr., Stella Dalton
Wallner

Given by Jon & Kate Wallner

Mom, Dad, and Duane King

Given by Dyana Ward

Ronald L. Weber, Morris & Fay
Huff, Margaret & Ed Johnson,

Frankin C. "Jeff" Jeffery Jr,

Franklin C. "Skip" Jeffery III,

Angela Huggett Walton, James W.
Huggett Sr., Emma Michelle Hall

Given by Charlotte H. Weber

Carl & Flossie Westphal, Gabe &
Polly Swift

*Given by Fred Westphal & Mary
Swift*



EASTER ALTAR DECORATIONS



To the Glory of God and In Honor of

St. John's Sunday School Teachers
Given Anonymously

Carter Darden Barrett, III

Given by Amanda & Darden Barrett

Jason, Sarah, and Gavin Messersmith

Given by Dave Messersmith

Our Grandchildren Christina,
Serena, and Winter Pistell; Hunter
Pistell Schmitz

Given by Louise & Chris Pistell

Virginia Hoover Huggett

Given by Charlotte H. Weber

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ST. JOHN'S VESTRY

2026 — Scott Curtis, *Sr. Warden*; Ellen Griffith; Bettyrene Pope, *Jr. Warden*

2027 — Bob Harper; Andrew Mackey; Anne Rutherford

2028 — Wendy Cumming; Dory Holder; Jon Wallner

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

The Rt. Rev. Susan Bunton Haynes, *Diocesan Bishop*