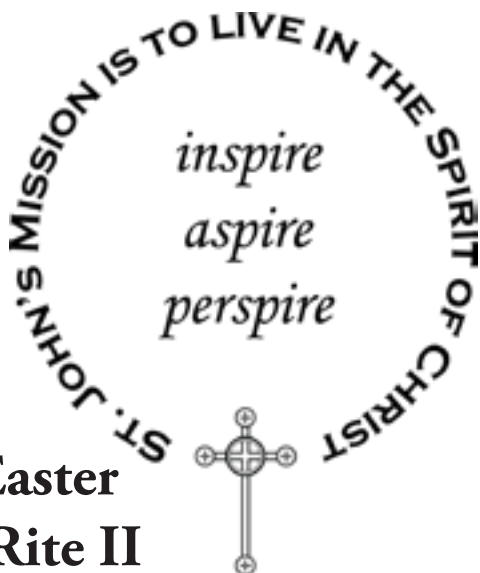




**April 26, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Eucharist — Rite II**  
**9 & 11 a.m.**

## ***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.

If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward. Cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

Nametags are available in the pews. Please participate by wearing one so we can know the names of those people who sit next to us.

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Kate and Jon Wallner on their 35th wedding anniversary by Kate and Jon Wallner.*

**Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.**

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

**PRELUDE**

Prelude on 'Brother James' Air

**Searle Wright****PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (*stand as able*)**1982 Hymnal #205 v1,3-5***Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing***OPENING ACCLAMATION***Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.****COLLECT FOR PURITY****BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA****Mathias, S278**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and



peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



might-y God and Fa-ther.

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ; on-ly Son of the Fa-ther.



Lord God, Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world: have



mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa-ther re-ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord.



You a-lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it.



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. \_\_\_\_\_ A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.***

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON (*seated*)

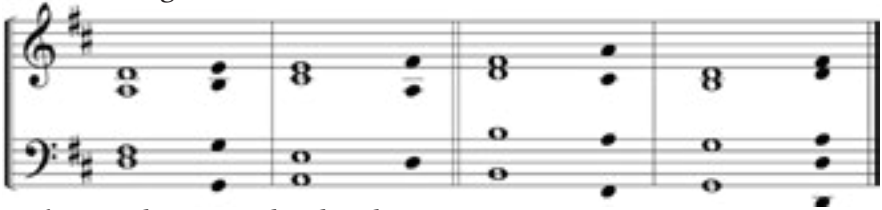
**Acts 2:42-47**

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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



- 1 *The Lord is my / shepherd; \**  
*I shall not be in / want.*
- 2 *He makes me lie down in green / pastures \**  
*and leads me beside still / waters.*
- 3 *He revives my / soul \**  
*and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's sake.*
- 4 *Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*  
*I shall fear no / evil; \**  
*for you are with me;*  
*your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.*
- 5 *You spread a table before me*  
*in the presence of those who / trouble me; \**  
*you have anointed my head with oil,*  
*and my cup is running / over.*
- 6 *Surely your 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 SECOND LESSON

## 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal #708

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

THE GOSPEL LESSON (*remain standing*)

John 10:1-10

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

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

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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

*A brief silence is observed following the sermon.*

NICENE CREED (*stand as able*)

BCP 358

*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—FORM I**

**BCP 383**

*(remain standing or kneel as able)*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,  
 saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,  
 and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the  
 Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*In the Easter season, we set aside our confession in order to celebrate the joy, freedom, and new life of the Resurrection more fully.*

## THE PEACE

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(seated)*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**9 a.m.** *Intermezzo -Sonata in A Minor*

**Joseph Rheinberger**

**11 a.m.** *The Lord is my Shepherd*

**Thomas Matthews**

## DOXOLOGY *(stand as able)*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow***

***Praise Him all creatures here below***

***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:***

***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

## The Great Thanksgiving

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

**BCP 367**

*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 him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was

sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# SANCTUS

Mathias, S128

Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow-er and might. Heaven 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 in the high-est.

*(remain standing or kneel)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All    We remember his death,  
         We proclaim his resurrection,  
         We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*together*)

**BCP 364**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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*)

**BCP 364**

*Celebrant    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

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

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (*kneel or stand as able*)

**BCP 366**

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**EASTER BLESSING** (*stand as able*)

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**

**1982 Hymnal #664**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

**DISMISSAL**

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

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

**POSTLUDE**

*How Firm a foundation*

**Dale Wood**

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

### LEMs

9 a.m. Dave Messersmith, Linda Serwatka

11 a.m. Linda McMahon, Brian McMahon

### Ushers

9 a.m. Darden Barrett, Anne Abraham

11 a.m. Dan Clark, Warren Coleman

### Altar Guild

9 a.m. Cary Frances Mackey

11 a.m. Carol Conway

### Acolyte Master

9 a.m. David Bishop

11 a.m. Wendy Cumming

**Organist** Deborah Carr   **Special Music** 11 a.m. St. John's Choir

**Flower Delivery** Lorrie & Roger Peckham

## 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, Rick Bagley, Inmates and Staff at Hampton City Annex, Bob Ridle, Regina Cicchetti, Mike Fox, George Edmonson, Dave Forrest, Paige, Mary Jane Long, David, Donald Crandol, Jan Crandol, Bishop Haynes, Canon Hoffman, Bishop Curry, David Copley, Warren Petri, Steve, Bob Cumming, Linda Seely, Grace Taylor, Josh, Glenn Irwin, Dee Kloskin, Gail Conway, baby Autumn Gwendolyn, Anne-Henley, Max Scharnhorst, Lewis, Sally, Meg Hoffman, Jay Horne, Claire, Sharon, Melanie, Mike.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Yassy Harrison (4/26), Lisa Erdeljon (4/27), Jeff Templeman (4/27), Natalie Chiasson (4/29), and Val Bowen (4/30).

We give thanksgivings for the anniversaries of Kate & Jon Wallner (4/27), Linda & Scott Curtis, Jr. (4/29), and Mary Croft & Bob Croft (5/2).



## CALENDAR

April 26 — May 2

### Sunday

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

### Monday

4 p.m. Book Club  
8 p.m. AA

### Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Men's Study Group

### Wednesday

10 a.m. Heritage  
6 p.m. Handbells  
7 p.m. Choir

### Thursday

8 p.m. AA

### Friday

9:15 a.m. Women's Al-Anon

### Saturday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Book Club:** The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, April 27, at 4:00 PM on the parish house stage. For that meeting we will finish reading *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. Our next book will be *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-287-7440 or at edmonson4@cox.net.

**St. Anne's Guild:** St. Anne's Guild members will meet on Tuesday, 5 May at 10:30 in the Parish House. Our guest speaker is Dr. Jenn Oliver from the Hampton School District. Jenn will update us on all the great things happening in the district and maybe a few words regarding the recent visit by the Governor. Please bring a dish to share as we join together in fellowship on Cinco De Mayo. All are welcome to attend. As

a reminder, our June meeting will transition from Tuesday, 2 June to Friday, 5 June to perform the annual liter clean up around St John's. Start time is 09:30. Gloves, safety vests, buckets and bags will be provided. Bring hats and sunscreen. Rain make up will be Saturday, 6 June. Please direct your questions to Linda McMahon.

**Music Camp:** Music camp for children ages 6-12 will be happening July 20-24. For more information or to register your child, see our website!

**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.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Music Sunday**

Sunday, May 17, at both services

**Pentecost**

Sunday, May 24, celebrated at both services

**Parish Picnic**

Sunday, May 31, after the second service

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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*