



May 3, 2026
Fifth 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 LEM (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.

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 loving memory of
William J. and Elizabeth Bamber Boyer, Frank and Alice Boyer, M.J.
and Elizabeth Bamber and F.B. Landon by Bill Boyer.*

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

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

PRELUDE*Intermezzo V and VI* **Hermann Schroeder****PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (*stand as able*)**1982 Hymnal #518***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON (*seated*)

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out

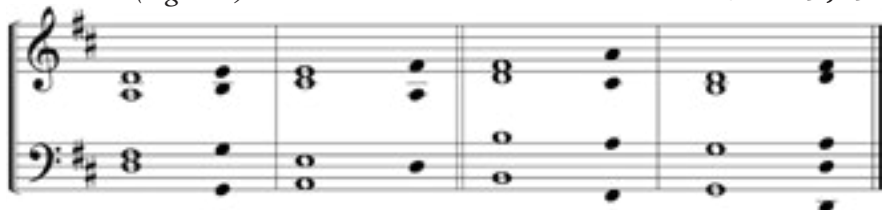
in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM *(together)*

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16



- ¹ *In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to / shame; *
deliver me in your / righteousness.*
- ² *Incline your ear to / me; *
make haste to de / liver me.*
- ³ *Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my / stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and / guide me.*
- ⁴ *Take me out of the net that they have secretly / set for me, *
for you are my tower of / strength.*
- ⁵ *Into your hands I commend my / spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of / truth.*
- ¹⁵ *My times are in your / hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who / persecute me.*
- ¹⁶ *Make your face to shine upon your / servant, *
and in your loving-kindness / save me.”*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal #243

When Stephen, Full of Power and Grace

THE GOSPEL LESSON (*remain standing*)

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 5

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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. *Awake my Soul*

Michael Burkhardt

11 a.m. *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Bradley Norris

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:

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*)

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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*)

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*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 #341

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “*Deo Gracias*” **Charles Callahan**

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

LEMs

9 a.m. Al Banwell, Linda Serwatka

11 a.m. Bob Harper, Doug Perry

Ushers

9 a.m. Carter Barrett, Dave Messersmith

11 a.m. H Shaw, Bill Martin

Altar Guild

9 a.m. Kay Perry, Susan Edmonson

11 a.m. Debbie Woodward, Ellen Griffith

Acolyte Master

9 a.m. Connie Heath

11 a.m. Billie Ray Jeffries

Crucifer 11 a.m. James Klotz

Organist Deborah Carr

Special Music 11 a.m. St. John’s Choir

Flower Delivery Nancy Beach

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 Riddle, 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 Al Banwell (5/3), Leslie Stay (5/5), and Greta Harrison (5/9).

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

CALENDAR

May 3 — 9

Sunday

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

Monday

- 1 p.m. Prayer Circle
- 8 p.m. AA

Tuesday

- 10:30 a.m. St. Anne's Guild

Wednesday

- 10 a.m. Heritage
- 4 p.m. Worship & Liturgy
- 6 p.m. Handbells
- 7 p.m. Choir

Thursday

- 8 p.m. AA

Friday

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

Saturday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chanco's Big Day of Giving: On May 6, we are invited to come together in support of Chanco on the James on their Big Day of Giving. As our diocesan summer camp and retreat center, Chanco is a place where faith is deepened, friendships are formed, and lives are transformed. Please consider making a donation beginning now through May 6 at <https://chanco.org/bdog> Let's help make sure that legacy continues for generations to come. Join us on May 6 and be part of something truly meaningful.

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, May 11, at 4:00 p.m. on the Parish House stage. For that meeting we will read *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood through Chapter 8. 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: September 6, November 15, 22, & 29, and December 6.

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.

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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*