



POHICK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 1774 home church of George Washington and George Mason.
In Christ: Embracing our history, welcoming in the present, transforming for the future.

Sunday, April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALTER (said seated)

PSALM 23 King James Version

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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 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.***

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Reverend Ted Renaud

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We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift, and leave us your contact information!

❧SERVING TODAY❧

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Calvin Pilgrim and Femi Ayorinde
Acolyte	Caroline Billingsley
Ushers	Hal Yarwood and Don Cooke

❧PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS❧

- **For the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Craig Floyd, Wren Norwood, Andrea Godwin-Stremmer, Cathie McCall, Alisa Romero, Jennifer Sassin, Becky Wagner, Tanya Reams, Joe Coleman, Andy, Kelly, Nissa D'Andrea, Ray Rios, Mickie Krause, Anne Derbes, Bill Hosp, D'Andrea Wooten, Brett Ward, Ann Carter, Lydia Cepeda, Terry Abrams, Tom Mayberry, Jim Murphy, Barb Rader, Margo Singleton, Mary Reilly, Boatner Howell, Susanne Roberts, Donna Crawford, Pat DeYoung, Barry Brown, Lara Gore, Larry Mobley, Alexander Clumpkens, Everett Wanko, Maggie Calio, Anne Sayer, Jan Hover, Cheryl Maddock, Christina Cole, Rob Grant, Sally Hogg, Anne & Tony Marsico, Jim Bartholomew, Rob Lamb, Vera Robinson, Melissa Cohen, Patty Mitchell, Carmen Ramon, Linda Egan, Nolan Brown, Rita Smith, Jeffrey Black, Trevor Daw, Naomi Daw, Edwardene Pitcock, Prudy Van Winkle, The Rev. Dennis Adams & his wife, Barbara, Matt Gurrola, Stephanie W., David Leon, The Boyle family, Shannon Chandler, and Ed Kirkley.
- ***We will be updating the Prayer list on May 1. Please email adminassistant@pohick.org to keep the name on the list.***
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Brenna Berger, Jonathan Cooke, Amy Bontrager, Michael Crawford, and Joseph Hicks.
- We pray for the soul of Al Montemurro, who died April 13. He was the father of Grace Boyle.
- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, Summer Lancet, Colt Drew, Andrew Choi, The Hicks Family, Marty Wilson, and Nicholas Amorando.
- We pray for the victims of violence and of natural disasters worldwide. We pray for a Peaceful resolution of all global conflicts, and we ask your protection for all innocent people.
- We pray for all Christians who face persecution for their faith.
- In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond; Good Shepherd, Burke; and Beckford Parish (Emmanuel, Woodstock & St. Andrew's, Mt. Jackson).

❧ *ALTAR FLOWERS* ❧

*Today's Altar Flowers are to the glory of God and in celebration of the anniversary of
Rick & Pamela Nelson*

❧ *TODAY'S EVENTS* ❧

- **7:45 am to 11:45 am:** The Nursery will be open and an attendant will be on site.
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop** is open today from 11:30am – 12:30 pm.
- **9:15 am: New Member/Inquirers Class-** Rev. Daniel and Rev. Ted will be offering an 8-week class for anyone interested in becoming a member of Pohick Church. The series will focus on scripture, church history, Anglican theology, and Liturgy. Classes will be on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Vestry House. The class is open to prospective new members and to anyone who would like a refresher on the history and beliefs of Episcopal/Anglican Christians. If you are interested in joining Pohick Church, please reach out to Rev. Daniel via email at dcenci@pohick.org.
- During the Sunday School hour in addition to the inquirers class, we will be offering a **lectionary-based Bible study in the Parish Hall Annex**. Marleen McCabe will be leading the bible study this Sunday and Next Sunday.
- **Bistro L' Hermitage gift card--Raffle tickets on sale TODAY during Coffee hours. Drawing will be on May 3.** For more info, contact susanmayberry59@gmail.com
- **The Martha Guild Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 5 - 7 pm at the home of Terry & Marc Abrams. Alcoholic & Non-Alcoholic wine, great food, great fellowship! Tickets will be available starting April 26 during Coffee Hours. Come join the fun!**
- **9:15 am-10:15 am:** Church School: Preschool through fourth grade. Parents, please pick up your children at the door of the classrooms.
- **9:15 am in the Nursery: Grace Space** (18–36-month-olds with parent or grandparent)
- **10:20 am Classroom D: Children's Chapel**, parents can drop off preschool–2nd graders
- **6:00 pm:** EYC (5th – 12th graders)

❧ *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS* ❧

- **The Ann Mason Guild** thanks you for your purchases at our recent jewelry sale--and for your donations of jewelry for the sale.
- **EYC PLANT SALE:** Various vegetable and herb plants are available for sale in the courtyard (Thank you Terry and Marc Abrams!). All plants are \$5. Please come by during the week to purchase. All proceeds will go to EYC events and mission.
- **Lent Madness Update:** Thanks to all who participated in this year's Lent madness forum. After weeks of discussion, Pohick has selected Peter the Apostle as the Saint who most embodies Pohick Church.
- **Shrine Mont Parish Family Weekend Registration Begins! TODAY** in the Parish Hall. The dates for our Parish Family Weekend are 26 to 28 June. For assured rooms registration is highly encouraged before or on 17 May. After that date rooms may not be available due to limited availability.

RATES: Double (14 years and older) \$197; Single (14 years and older): \$258; Child (age 4-13 years): \$135; Child 3 and younger are free. Questions: call Neil Sunderland @ 703.670.2962, or nomadictmapper@aol.com.

- As we continue through the spring allergy and cold season, we kindly ask everyone to be mindful of our parish family's health. If you are experiencing coughing, sneezing, congestion, or other symptoms, please consider wearing a mask when attending church or joining us from home through our 10:30 a.m. livestream. Your thoughtfulness helps protect others and ensures we can continue to gather safely and comfortably as a parish community.

❧ UPCOMING EVENTS ❧

- **STAY TUNED! Pohick Church Sportswear is coming soon . . .**
- **TODAY: National Kirkin' O' the Tartan.** 4:00 PM, at the Washington National Cathedral
- **MAY 01:** Friday Family Fellowship, 6:00 pm. Here is the sign up link for May 1: <https://forms.gle/iAiBuYU3zU3NPFaT8>
- **MAY 02: Please join us in the Annex for Docent Training from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** on the 2nd of May (no lunch). If you would like to become a docent, training is required in order to give tours to the Public. We will provide briefings which are abbreviated to help you develop your own tour briefs. To docent candidates, Rev Don Binder's slide show and our own notes on the History of Pohick Church will be provided on flash drives for further reading. dickhamly@aol.com
- **MAY 14:** Choral Evensong for Ascension, 7:00 pm
- **MAY 16:** Martha Guild Wine Tasting Event, 5-7pm
- **MAY 17: Deanery Picnic! 1:00pm, Grist Mill Park, 4320 Mt. Vernon Mem Hwy, Alexandria. Log on to pohick.org for details**
- **MAY 20: Eucharist at the Fairfax,** 1:30 pm
- **MAY 25:** Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day
- **MAY 31: Golden Dove Sidewalk Sale & Outdoor Coffee Hour** in the Courtyard, 8:45AM-Noon
- **MAY 31:** Sounds of Pohick, 5:00 pm
- **JUNE 07:** Youth Sunday and Parish Picnic
- **JUNE 13:** America's 250th Colonial Tea at Pohick
- **JUNE 14: Bishop's Visit**
- **JUNE 26-28: Shrine Mont**
- **July 13-17, Pohick Vacation Bible School,** Ages 18 months-5th grade. The theme this year is Snowball Mountain Challenge! Registration open: Log onto pohick.org
- **It's never too early to begin planning for this year's Fair—our 80th! Mark your calendar for Saturday October 3, 2026.** The organizing team is exploring sponsorship opportunities with local businesses at multiple levels. We are compiling a list of merchants within a three to five-mile radius of the parish to invite as potential sponsors. If you have suggestions for businesses we should approach, or if you would like to assist the Fair Committee, please contact Rick Church at rickandkristi@comcast.net

❧ VISIT THE GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP ❧

Hours: 1st & 3rd Sundays-8:45-10:30AM 2nd & 4th Sundays-11:30AM-12:30PM
First Saturdays-1-3PM (during docent tours)

Shop for spring things, baptism, confirmation, graduation, Mother's Day gifts, personalized Pohick items, & more! SPECIAL NEW GIFTS- framed sketches of our very own Pohick church-we have a limited number for sale! THANK YOU for your support; proceeds go toward helping those in need & Parish projects.

GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP NOW ONLINE!
www.pohick.org Homepage, click on "Golden Dove"

❧ **MINISTRIES** ❧

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TODAY: Church School, Grace Space and Children's Chapel

- Susan Pehrsson, Director of Christian Education, 703-282-6574 or spehrsson@pohick.org

YOUTH MINISTRY: TODAY: 6:00 pm (EYC 5th-12th graders)

- The Rev. Ted Renaud, Youth Minister, trenaud@pohick.org

MUSIC MINISTRY: Sunday, April 26, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:45 a.m. Pohick Choir, Music Room & Church
- **10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II**, *Pohick Choir, Choir Chimes*

Tuesday, April 28, 6-6:30 p.m. St. Francis Choir

Thursday, April 30, Music Room

- 5:30-6:15 p.m. Pohick Youth Choir, *RSCM*
- 6:15-7:15 p.m. Pohick Handbells
- 7:30-9 p.m. Pohick Choir

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Sunday, May 3, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:15 a.m. Pohick Handbells, Music Room & Church
- 9:45 a.m. Choir, Music Room & Church
- **10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II**, *Pohick Choir, Pohick Handbells*

Ministry of Music
CHORAL EVENSONG at Pohick Church
The Book of Common Prayer, 1662 - Pohick Choir
Thursday, May 14th, 2026
7 p.m. Choral Evensong for Ascension

❧ **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** ❧

- **Education for Ministry (EfM)** Classes are Mondays at 7pm on Zoom. Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867, dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan 703-973-5038, jjegan3@netscape.net.
- **Coffee N Compline on-line Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.** Fellowship, reflection and worship. Call the Parish Office at 703 339-6572 for the Microsoft Teams link. This same link is used every Wednesday.
- **Our regular Sunday Services are at 8 am (Rite I Eucharist spoken) and 10:30 am (Rite II Eucharist sung).** Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15 am. **YOUTH grades 5-12 (EYC)** 6pm Sundays.
- **Announcements** are on pohick.org /news/weekly-announcements. Email to adminassistant@pohick.org to receive our weekly email.
- **Parish Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9am-3pm, Fridays 9am-noon.

❧ **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION** ❧

In the Episcopal tradition, all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Communion at the Lord's Table; simply come to the altar rail and kneel to receive if you are able, or you may stand. If you are unable to come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

The options for receiving communion are:

- *You may hold out both hands to receive bread and drink from the cup;*
- *To receive by intinction, please leave the bread in your open palm and the Chalice bearer will dip the bread in the chalice for you and place it back in your hand.*
- *To reduce germ exposure in the chalice medical authorities have suggested, and the Diocese recommends, only the Chalice Bearer intinct the bread in the Common Cup.*
- *If you prefer to receive only bread, simply cross one arm across your chest as you hold out your hand for bread.*
 - *You may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.*

Vestry of Pohick Church

<u>Member</u>	<u>Elected Position and Commission Leads</u>
Neil Hogg	Senior Warden
Dave Billingsley	Junior Warden, Building and Grounds
Andrea Gurrola	Treasurer, Resources/ Stewardship / Policy
Tom Mayberry	Register, Pastoral Care / Worship / Education
Dan Derbes	
Molly Diaz	Young Adult/Family Ministry
Rick Church	Communication/Digital Ministry
John Egan	
Christopher Hempel	
Patrick Riley	
Tom Wright	
Barbara Schavland	<i>(youth rep 25/26)</i>
Olivia Diaz	<i>(youth rep 26/27)</i>
Hal Yarwood	Service and Fellowship Outreach

Staff of Pohick Church

Priest-In-Charge:	The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci
Assistant Rector/ Youth Minister:	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Minister of Music:	Ronald Butts Boehmer
Director of Education:	Susan Pehrsson
Finance Admin.:	Julie Ramacciotti
Sexton:	Clint Herbert
Administrative Asst.:	Kara Faunt
Cemetery Warden:	Sandra Caesar
Communications Mgr:	Deborah Hennig
Nursery Supervisor:	Jennifer Tatum

QR Code is set up for one-time giving for visitors or guests.

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