



# **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, May 03, 2026**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**10:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

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THE PSALTER

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, BCP pp. 622, 623

*In te, Domine, speravit*

Chant by John Davy, 1763-1824



- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be | put to | shame; \*  
de|liver • me | in your | righteousness.
- 2 In|cline 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 | secret•ly | set for me, \*  
for | you are • my | tower • of | strength.

*Second half*

- 5 Into your hands I com|mend 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 | perse•cute | me.
- 16 Make your face to | shine up•on your | servant, \*  
and in your | loving-|kindness | save me.

*Gloria Patri*

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, \*  
and | to the | Holy | Spirit:  
As it was in the be|ginning, is | now, \*  
And | will be • for | ever. • A|men.

THE EPISTLE 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.*

GRADUAL

Awake and sing the song – *St. Ethelwald*

HYMN 181

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 14:1-14**

Priest           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.”

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.”

Celebrant       The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

**The Reverend Ted Renaud**

*Moment of Silence*

THE NICENE CREED

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*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may  
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal  
your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the  
ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another  
and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,  
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others  
and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant  
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he  
loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or  
spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and  
bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Al Montemurro,  
that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share  
with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

THE PEACE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

William Henry Harris, 1883-1973

Most glorious Lord of Life

Most glorious Lord of Lyfe, that, on this day,  
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin;  
And, having harrowd hell, didst bring away  
Captivity thence captive, us to win:

This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin,  
And grant that we, for whom Thou diddest die,  
Being with Thy deare blood clene washt from sin,  
May live for ever in felicity!

And that Thy love we weighing worthily,  
May likewise love Thee for the same againe;  
And for Thy sake, that all lyke deare didst buy,  
With love may one another entertayn!

So let us love, deare love, like as we ought;  
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

*Words: "Easter" (Amoretti LXVIII)*

*Edmund Spencer, c. 1552-1599*

DOXOLOGY Praise God, from who all blessings flow – *Lasst uns erfreuen music, Hymn 400*

**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, alleluia!**

**Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy, Lord – Mathias, *arr. Don Brownlee*

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Diaz and Femi Ayorinde
Shepherd	Neil Hogg
Acolytes	Olivia Diaz, Elise Arnold, Avianna Gonzalez, Ana Diaz
Duty Driver	Rhett Strawderman
Ushers	Angela Edgemon and Ed McGovern
Altar Guild	Sunderland Team
Docent	Alexia Gordon
Digital Ministry	Marc Abrams, Chris Brown, Walker Hofmann, Sage Hofmann, Doug Smith, and Fiona Hofmann

## *✿ PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS ✿*

- **For the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Craig Floyd, Wren Norwood, Becky Wagner, Bill Hosp, Jim Murphy, Alexander Clumpkens, Everett Wanko, Maggie Calio, David Leon, Shannon Chandler, The Rev. Dennis Adams and his wife, Barbara, and Cricket Blanton.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Anna Brownlee, Carl Bryant, Rick Church, Susan Hayward-Costa
- 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 Church, Goochland; Christ Church, Charlottesville; St. John's, McLean;, and St. Mary's, Fleeton.

## *✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿*

*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of my father, Robert Cockroft.*

*Carolyn Cockroft*

## *✿ 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 8:45-10:30AM**
- **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](mailto: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 **TODAY**.

- **Bistro L' Hermitage gift card--Raffle tickets Drawing TODAY during Coffee hours.**
- **The Martha Guild Wine Tasting Tickets will be available during Coffee Hours. Event will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 5 - 7 pm at the home of Terry & Marc Abrams.**
- **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-2<sup>nd</sup> graders
- **6:00 pm:** EYC (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders)

## ❧ *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS* ❧

- **STAY TUNED! Pohick Church Sportswear is coming soon . . .**
- **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.
- **Shrine Mont Parish Family Weekend Registration is now open.** 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.
- **SHRINE MONT 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 nomadicmapper@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* ❧

**Ministry of Music**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG at Pohick Church**  
*The Book of Common Prayer, 1662*  
*King James Version Bible*

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 7 p.m.**  
**Choral Evensong for Ascension**  
*Pohick Choir*

*A 50 minute Anglican service of Evening Prayer sung by the choir  
with hymns sung by the choir & congregation*

- **MAY 16:** 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 are available during Coffee Hours. Come join the fun!
- **MAY 17: Deanery Picnic! 1:00pm, Grist Mill Park, Mt. Vernon Mem Hwy, Alexandria. Log on to pohick.org for details**
- **MAY 20: Eucharist at the Fairfax, 1:30 pm**
- **“HONORING OUR HEROES”** The Pohick Church Chapter of the Brotherhood of St Andrew plans to conduct a Memorial Day 2026 observance, Sunday 24 May 0930-1000 at the Bell Tower. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to remember and honor our Veterans killed in combat or who died because of combat injuries.
- To provide a visible sign that our congregation honors our fallen Veterans, **the Brotherhood will make available enamel poppy lapel pins after Sunday services during coffee hour.** A donation of \$5 is suggested to support the observance and all remaining funds donated to the clergy for use in Veterans Ministry.
- **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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 ❧*

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)

Come shop for lovely Mother's Day gifts!

SPECIAL NEW GIFTS—are framed sketches of our very own Pohick church—we have a limited number for sale!

**GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP NOW ONLINE!**

[www.pohick.org](http://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 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)**

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

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Sunday, May 3, The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

Tuesday, May 5, 6-6:30 p.m. St. Francis Choir

Thursday, May 7, *Music Room*

- 5:30-6:15 p.m. Pohick Youth Choir, *RSCM White*
- 6:15-7:15 p.m. Pohick Handbells
- 7:30-9 p.m. Pohick Choir, *Evensong Final Rehearsal, Church*

Sunday, May 10, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

## ❧ **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 (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	(youth rep 25/26)
Olivia Diaz	(youth rep 26/27)
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.**

## **Pohick Episcopal Church**

*The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci, Priest-In-Charge*

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