



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.

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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*The Order of Worship is from The Book of Common Prayer
The Hymns and Service Music are in The Hymnal 1982
Music of George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759*

The congregation enters in silence before the service

VOLUNTARY Sinfonia George Frideric Handel
Andante – Larghetto
from Overture to the Oratorio “Esther”, HWV 50a

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II	The Book of Common Prayer , pp. 355-366
THE WORD OF GOD	BCP, p. 355

PROCESSIONAL God moves in a mysterious way – *London New* HYMN 677

OPENING ACCLAMATION **Book of Common Prayer** **p. 355**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY **p. 355**
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS **HYMN 421**
Sung by all
 All glory be to God on high – *Allein Gott in der Höh*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us Pray.

THE COLLECT **Proper 12, p. 231**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT **Genesis 29:15-28**

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with

me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 128, BCP p. 783

Beati omnes

Simplified Anglican Chant

Jerome Webster Meachen, 1930-2015

Sung by all in unison



- 1 Happy are they all who fear the | Lord, *
 and who follow in his | ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your | labor; *
 happiness and prosperity shall be | yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your | house, *
 your children like olive shoots round about your | table.
- 4 The man who fears the | Lord *
 shall thus indeed be | blessed.



- 5 **The Lord bless you from | Zion, ***
 and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your | life.
- 6 **May you live to see your children's | children; ***
 may peace be upon | Israel.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the | Son, *
 and to the Holy | Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is | now, *
 and will be forever. A|men.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

GRADUAL The Christ who died but rose again – *St. Magnus* HYMN 447

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
*People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Ted Renaud

Moment of Silence

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Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader We pray for especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop;
 Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; and Daniel and Ted, our ministers; and all
 bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader We pray for Donald, our president, Abigail, our governor, and Jeffrey, our county
 chairman, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those listed
 on our prayer list;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader **We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays this week:** Glenn, John, Chris, Ana,
 Paul, Wiley, Clint, Amanda, Don, Emerson, Doris and Jeff.

Reader We pray for our members who serve our country and their families, particularly those
 overseas; especially Ryan, Gabby, Summer, Andrew, and the Hicks family.

Reader In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for The Episcopal Church and the Anglican
 Communion and all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders.

Reader 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.

Reader We pray for all Christians who face persecution for their faith.
Silence, as the People may add their own petitions.

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE		
THE HOLY COMMUNION		BCP, p. 361
OFFERTORY	If God be for us (<i>Messiah</i>)	George Frideric Handel

If God be for us, who can be against us?
 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
 It is God that justifieth: Who is he that condemmeth?
 It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again;
 who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

Libretto: Charles Jennens

Romans 8:31,33, 34

DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from who all blessings flow – <i>Old 100th</i>	<i>Hymn 380, stanza 3</i>
	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. Amen.	

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THE INVITATION		

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion (see back page). Please follow the direction of the ushers to Communion Stations.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION	Andante	George Frideric Handel
	<i>(Organ Concerto, Op. 4, No 4, HWV 292)</i>	

COMMUNION	"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee – <i>St. Flavian</i>	HYMN 615
	<i>Sung by all</i>	

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		p. 365
THE BLESSING		

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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
Minister of Music	Ronald Butts Boehmer
Singers	Pohick Choir, Gloria Jackson, <i>soprano</i>
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Rick Nelson and John Pasour
Shepherd	Kathy Kirkland
Acolytes	Kaitlyn Wright, Kaelee Campbell, Ari Greathouse, Alek Greathouse
Duty Driver	Olivia Diaz
Ushers	Dan Derbes and Patrick Riley
Altar Guild	Sunderland Team
Docent	Dick Hamly
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, Nissa D'Andrea, Bill Hosp, D'Andrea Wooten, Jim Murphy, Donna Crawford, Pat DeYoung, Alexander Clumpkens, Everett Wanko, Maggie Calio, Anne Sayer, Jim Bartholomew, Edwardene Pitcock, John Leon, Shannon Chandler, The Rev. Dennis Adams and his wife, Barbara, the Boyle Family, Cricket Blanton, Jim Waltermann, Linda Liddle Blackington, Odin Knudsen, Jenny Tatum, Carolyn Cockroft, Russ Dickerson, Patricia Franke, Rhett Aiken, Anna Thompson, the Royal Family, and the Ruark Family.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Glenn Spencer, John Wooten, Chris Brown, Ana Diaz, Paul Leon, Wiley Prior, Clint Herbert, Amanda Ljuba, Don Cooke, Emerson Wright, Doris Hood and Jeff Parker.

- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, Summer Lancet, The Hicks Family, 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.
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❧ *TODAY'S EVENTS* ❧

- **Golden Dove Gift shop: Open 11:30am-12:30pm** (*Gift shop is closed the month of August*)
- **9:15am ADULT FORUM, Annex Room:** *Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Mothers for Troubling Times: A five-week journey into Desert Spirituality.* Facilitator: Dr. Marleen McCabe
- **9:15am-10am:** For parents with children under 36 months of age who wish to attend our summer adult forums and are in need of the Nursery: please contact the office in advance so we can arrange for the nursery to be open earlier, and an attendant to be on site.
- **9:15am-10:15 am: Summer Children's Sunday School:** For parents who wish to attend our summer adult forums, Pohick Church will be offering a summer Sunday School program for children. **This will be a combined class of children ages 4-12 and will meet in Classroom A.** All children are welcome to attend!
- **10am-12pm: The Nursery** will be open and an attendant will be on site.
- **10:20 am: Children's Bible Storytelling** is for preschoolers through 2nd grade. It will be held in classroom D. Parents should drop off their children at 10:20 am. The children will join their parents in church after the Peace.
- **EYC today at 6:00pm**

❧ *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS* ❧

- As we celebrate the **80th Annual Pohick Country Fair**, we're seeking volunteers to help make this milestone event our best yet.
 - This year's Fair will feature the Virginia 250 Mobile Museum and is expected to draw one of our largest crowds yet, making your help more important than ever.
 - Volunteer opportunities are available for children's games, Country Store, baked goods, Funnel Cakes, parking, setup and breakdown, cashiers, ticket sales, pony rides, car show, hospitality, docent tours, security and safety, visitor assistance, and general floaters.
 - Whether you can serve for a couple of hours or all day, your time and talents will help welcome visitors from across Northern Virginia.
 - Interested in volunteering? Please contact Rick Church, Chairman of the 80th Annual Pohick Country Fair, at rickandkristi@comcast.net.
 - Together, let's make this historic 80th Fair a celebration our entire community will remember!

- **LCAC Back to School Drive:** Here is how it works: Review the sign-up list at <https://lortonaction.org> select the item(s) you plan to purchase. Either drop the items off at the LCAC table in the Common Room **before 10:30 on Sunday August 9th**, bring the items to LCAC, 9520 Richmond Highway, **on August 9th**, between **11 am and 1 pm**, **OR** Order items online and have them shipped to LCAC at 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA 22079, attn: Christen Scott. ***All items need to arrive or be dropped off by August 9th***. If you have any questions, please email Christen@LortonAction.org.
- New participants are welcome to join the various groups in the Ministry of Music at Pohick Church. We offer choirs and ensembles for all ages. You may pre-register now at music@pohick.org – Registration online for 2026-2027 is August 1st to September 1st. Rehearsals resume after Labor Day.
- **If you haven't bought your "Pohick Church Merch" yet**, shirts and magnets are available for purchase in the Parish Office during the week and anytime online at pohick.org, click on Golden Dove Gift shop.

❧ UPCOMING EVENTS ❧

- "Sermons that Shaped America".** Join us Wednesdays in July at 7:00pm at the historic church of George Washington and George Mason as we hear a selection of these important sermons that shaped America.
(Previous sermons are available online at pohick.org, select live stream tab)
- July 29th** John Witherspoon "The Dominion of Providence over the Passions of Men" 1776
- **JULY 25-AUGUST 1:** Honduras Mission Trip
 - **SEPT 7:** Parish office closed for Labor Day
 - **SEPT 18-20:** Apple Butter weekend
 - **OCT 03:** Pohick's 80th Annual Country Fair

❧ VISIT THE GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP ❧

Visit the Shop TODAY as we are closed in August!

SALE ITEMS-Beautiful handmade gemstone pendants & our very own Pohick cookbooks.
Framed Pohick sketches, new olive wood items, blessing & friendship bracelets, summer outfits & purses for the ladies, and more are in the 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

Proceeds go toward helping those in need; THANKS for your purchases and support!
Shop online too! www.pohick.org Homepage, click on "Golden Dove"

❧MINISTRIES❧

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Susan Pehrsson, Director of Christian Education, 703-282-6574 or spehrsson@pohick.org

YOUTH MINISTRY: EYC: (Ages 5th-12th graders) The Rev. Ted Renaud, trenaud@pohick.org and the Rev. Daniel Cenci, dcenci@pohick.org

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: The Rev. Ted Renaud, trenaud@pohick.org

Ministry of Music at Pohick Church

Today

Sunday, July 26, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Pohick Choir, Gloria Jackson, soprano

If God be for us (*Messiah*) – George Frideric Handel

We thank the singers who have sung during the summer at Pohick Church.

❧FOR YOUR INFORMATION❧

- **Coffee N Compline** will resume August 5. (*on-line Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Fellowship, reflection and worship. Call the Parish Office at 703 339-6572 for the Microsoft Teams link, 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.*

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