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The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany • Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Prelude *Aria*

Handel

The Word of God

Processional Hymn #655 *O Jesus I have promised*

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,
be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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

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

Gloria *(sung in unison)*

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;
5. you are scat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Reader A Reading from Micah (6:1-8)

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sung by the Choir

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Reader A Reading from 1 Corinthians (1:18-31)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the

presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn#656 *Blest are the pure in heart (vv. 1-2 only)*

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn#656 *Blest are the pure in heart (vv. 3-4 only)*

3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

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Sermon The Rev. Jamal Scarlett, USN

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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.

- Reader Oh Lord our Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ, and for your boundless love and compassion for all your children.
- People That we may live as your beloved children, offering one another mutual respect, love and forgiveness.*
- 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;
- People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*
- Reader We pray for 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.

- Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*
- Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *This train is bound for glory*

Chrystal

This train is bound for glory, this train. This train is bound for glory, everybody on it tell the story. This train has plenty of room, brothers and sisters let's board soon. This train belongs to Jesus, his word gives us comfort and peace.

The Doxology

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.

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.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

The Sanctus & Benedictus (*sung in unison*)

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The people stand or kneel.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven 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._____

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Celebrant 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,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant 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 forever. AMEN

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

*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

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

In the Episcopal tradition, all are welcomed to the 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.

All baptized Christians may receive communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing. We have returned to Communion in Both Kinds (both bread and wine). Because of ongoing health concerns, the Celebrant will instinct (dip) the edge of the bread in the Common Cup for you, then drop the bread gently into your outstretched hands. If you prefer to receive only bread, simply cross one arm across your chest as you hold out your hand for bread.

Communion Anthem *Now are ye light in the Lord**Healey*

Now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of the light. For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

Communion Anthem *Verily, verily I say unto you**Tallis*

Verily, verily I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have not life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Sequence Hymn#383 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woc - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

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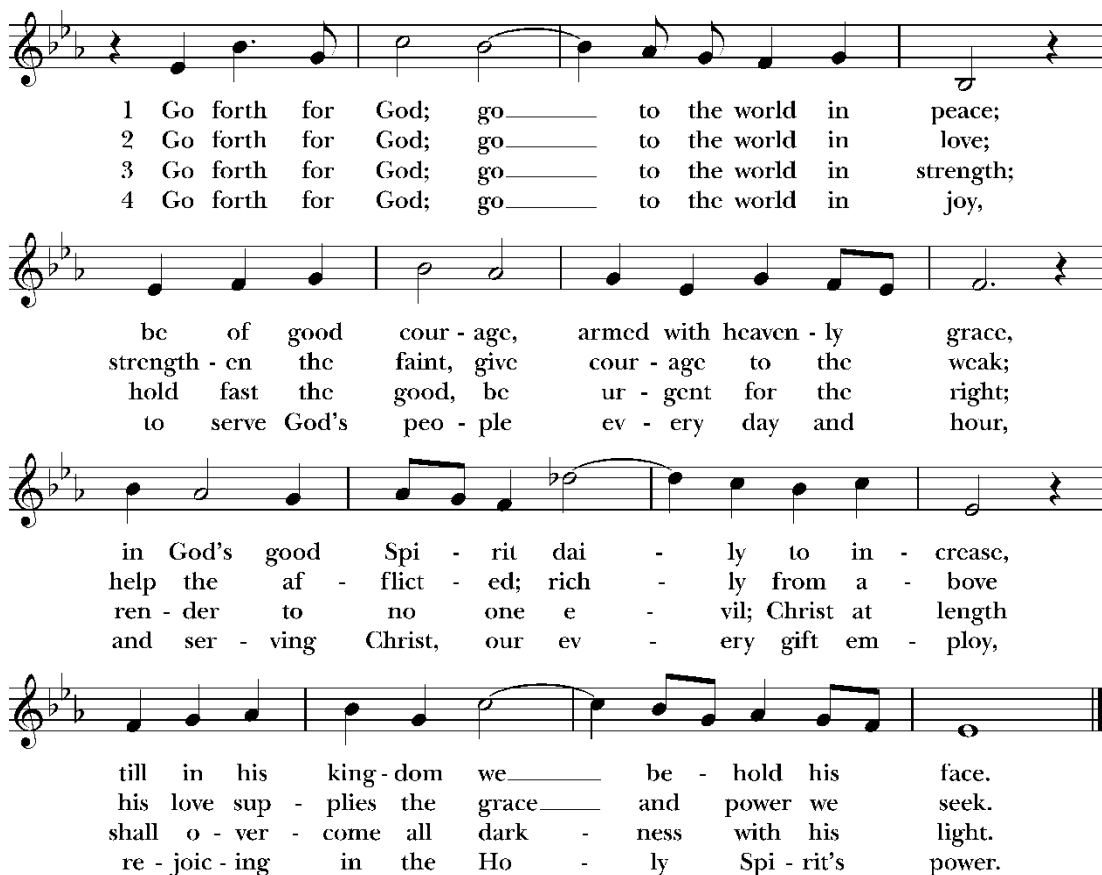
Celebrant Let us pray.
(in unison)

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.

Blessing

Celebrant (Sentence of dismissal)
People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #347 *Go forth for God*



1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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Dismissal

Postlude *Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich (Hail this brightest day of days)*, BWV 605

J.S. Bach

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Those Who Serve

Celebrant	The Very Reverend Dr. Lynn Ronaldi, <i>Rector</i>
Assisting Priest	The Reverend Celal Kamran, <i>Assistant to the Rector</i>
Preacher	The Reverend Jamal Scarlett, USN
Minister of Music	Danny Catalanatto
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Femi Ayorinde and Angela Edgemon
Shepherd	Neil Hogg
Acolytes	Daniel Sweetser, Barbara Schavland, Kyle Johnson, Charles Keeney
Ushers	Pehr Pehrsson and Edwardene Pitcock
Altar Guild	Marsico Team
Docent	Fred Crawford
Digital Ministry	Marc Abrams, Chris Brown, Adelaide Hoffman, Sage Hoffman, Erin Kamran, Cristy Larkin, Doug Smith, and John Wooten

For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girtten, Joan Parsons, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, D'Andrea Wooten, Jehl Palvado, Skip Schultz, John Hishta, Harry Petrie, Caleb Caesar, Robert Scott, Janet Morgan, John Slater, Haydee Sparks, Patricia DeYoung, Chuck Tonkin, John Delaune, Bill Hosp, Jim Murphy, Otis Elam, Brian Johnson, Patricia Scott, the Uribe, Edgemon, Billingsley, and Nelson families, Katherine Alley Borden, Bruce Baird, Wren Norwood, Victoria Albert, Rebecca Fry, Susan McHargue, Kathy Aagesen, and Joan Egan, Carol Schiering, Barry Bell, Raife Homer, Rodger Jones, Anne Arnhart, and William Poad, Jr., Bill Wells, the Blakeman and Homar families, Jenny Tatum, and Chris Kelly.

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Rachel Mayberry, Randy Brooks, and Victoria Castleberry.

We pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Ukraine, and for the safety of our deployed troops. We pray for all who are displaced, fearful, hungry, and wounded. We pray for all who have perished.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Katie Weber, and Kyle Gibson.

We pray for Christians and others around the world, especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Christ Church, Luray; and St. Mary's, Arlington.



Announcements

- **Welcome newcomers!** Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. The wearing of masks is optional. We encourage all to be vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, we trust you to wear a mask and practice distancing. Nursery Care is available from 7:45 am to 11:45 am.
- **Stewardship Pledges.** If you have not sent in your pledge card, there are extras in the pews and in the office. Please complete a card and either drop it in the offering or send it to the Pohick office. Thank you to all who have given so generously already!
- We regret that the **pledge envelopes for 2023** have yet to be delivered despite being re-ordered in May of last year. Church Budget Envelope hopes to have them mailed within two weeks, as they have experienced both supply and labor shortages. We will of course let you know as soon as they arrive. In the meantime, you can please use the green envelopes in your pew, or Mike Morgan can mail some to your home.
- **Christian Formation** (online at www.pohick.org)

Children's Christian Education:

- **Children's Chapel is seeking musicians** to share their talents with the children on Sundays from 1030 am to 11 am, 1-2 times a month. Contact Susan Pehrsson, Children's Christian Education Director, at 703-282-6574.
- **Children's Chapel** for preschoolers through 2nd grade is held in classroom D. Parents should drop off their children between 10:20 and 10:30 am. The children will join their parents in church during the Peace.

- **Church School** classes are from 9:25 to 10:20. Parents of preschool through fourth grade are asked to pick up their children at the door of the classrooms. There are four Church School classes this year:
 - Godly Play for preschool to 1st grade
 - Godly Play for 2nd to 4th grade;
 - Weaving God's Promises for 5th to 8th grade;
 - and Faith and Justice for our High School students.

EYC:

- **EYC will meet tonight at 6:00 pm in the Parish House.**
- All youth grades 5-12 are invited to our annual **EYC Super Bowl party** at the Rectory at 6 pm February 12. Join us for food, fellowship and football!
- **Confirmation Class:** All youth who would like to be confirmed this summer are invited to confirmation class starting February 19 in classroom A at 9:15. We will study what it means to be a Christian, Episcopalian, and a child of God. This is a 10-week course intended to dive into the Christian faith in preparation of confirmation this summer. Please contact Rev. Celal to enroll your youth.

Adult Christian Education:

- **Adult Inquirers Class** for newcomers and those wanting to refresh their faith begins Sunday, Feb. 5 during the Sunday School hour in the Parish Hall Annex. The class will explore Salvation history, from creation to the present. We study Scripture, the development of Christianity, Spirituality, Church History, Anglican Theology and Episcopal traditions. The class culminates in May.
- **Community of the Widowed** meets Tuesdays at 10:30 am in Classroom C. Contact Marleen McCabe for information.
- **The Kiki Coderre Prayer Group meets** on the first and third Mondays of the month. Contact Carolyn Cockroft for information.
- **Being Community** offers an ongoing bible study, led by Amy Bontrager. Contact Amy at Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com for the website registration link.
- **Education for Ministry (EFM)** will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7-9 pm. Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan: 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net, for information or to register.

Music Ministry:

- **Seeking volunteers for members of Choir Camp Working Committee.** You do not have to be part of the music program to be on the committee. Contact Dan Catalanotto, our music minister, for more information at 301-661-9294.
- **Cherubs Music** is our new early childhood music class for ages 4 to 7. This interactive music theory class is for parent and child together. The children learn their treble clef notes by name both on the staff and keyboard and basic rhythms using games, singing, movement and fun!
- **Try-it classes going on now, call the office to sign-up for a try-it class.** Contact Dan Catalanotto, our music minister, for more information at 301-661-9294.
- Does your child like to sing? They may be interested in our **Children's Choir or our Try-it class.** Contact Dan Catalanotto, our music minister, for more information at 301-661-9294.
- **New Teen Choral Ensemble.** Conducted by Sarah Markovits in Parish House Music Room. **Begins immediately after Church today at 11:45 am.**
- **Weekly rehearsals in the Parish House Music Room:**
 1. Cherubs Choir Tuesdays 4:30 pm
 2. Chime Choir Tuesdays 5:20 pm
 3. Junior Choir Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:30 pm
 4. Cherubs Choir Thursdays 4:30 pm
 5. Bell Choir Thursdays 6:15 – 7:15 pm
 6. Choir of Pohick Thursdays 7:30 pm – 9 pm
 7. Teen Choral Ensemble Sundays 11:45 am

Mark your calendars for upcoming events!

- **The Ann Mason Guild will hold their annual chili cook off and bingo night** on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 6-9 pm. Tickets will be available during coffee hours on Jan. 29, and sold at the door on the 4th. Cost: \$10 per person (w/o chili entry) and \$5 per person (w/chili entry). Children 10 and under are free. Hotdogs will be available. Contact: wendy.remaly@gmail.com or angelaedgemon@gmail.com.
- **Playdate for Parents and young children** (0-10 years old), Sat. Feb 4, 9:30-10:30 am, in Parish House classroom.
- **St. Valentine's Event for families of children and youth:** Create a bud vase with a flower to give to a special someone, and stay for an ice cream treat, Feb 12, Coffee Hour after 10:30am service.

Black History Month (February):

- Dick Hamly will present “**Who Built Pohick Church**” at 10 am, Sat. Feb. 4, in the Common Room. Hear about the unusual circumstances which resulted in the preservation and availability of this information. Learn the names of many of the enslaved and indentured workers and their roles. Discover the names of the paid artisans and descriptions of their artful works. Learn the contributions of George Washington, George Mason, other gentry, suppliers, merchants, transporters and business men. Dick Hamly will be the featured speaker at the Brotherhood’s George Washington Birthday Breakfast Feb. 20 as well.
- Join us, Saturday February 11 at 4 pm in the church, for a **concert of Ghanaian hymns and songs by the Tema Choir**. This choir located in Northern Virginia performs with the mission to create community, foster unity, and build a better world through music. Following the concert there will be light refreshments in the common room.
- **Movie Night:** Join us Saturday February 25 at 4 pm in the common room, for a viewing of the movie “Till”, based on the life and death of Emmett Till, a martyr in the Civil Rights movement. Following the movie, we will have a discussion on the theme of Civil Rights and Christianity.

Lent:

- Join us for our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** hosted by our youth February 21 from 5-7 pm in the common room. Recommended donation is \$5 per person. All donations will go to EYC mission and activities.
- **Ash Wednesday Services** Feb. 22 at 7:30 am, noon and 7:30 pm.
- **Wednesday Night Lenten** Potluck Suppers, Spiritual Programs for all Ages, and Healing Services begin March 1 at 5:30 pm.
- The President of the House of Deputies, Julia Ayala Harris, has appointed **Emily Elston** to serve as a lay member of the Episcopal Church’s Standing Commission on World Mission for a term ending at the 82nd General Convention in 2027. Emily served as an acolyte, was active in EYC and was a member of the Vestry at Pohick. She is a senior at the College of William and Mary, where she is the Senior Warden of the Episcopal campus ministry (Canterbury) and a docent at Bruton Parish Church. Congratulations, Emily!
- **Volunteers needed for hosting Fellowship Coffee Hours**—Coffee Hour is after both the 8 am and the 10:30 am Church services every Sunday. See the signup sheet in the Common Room for the details. Contact Connie Myers: 703-201-2204 or jetskiing@hotmail.com with any questions.

- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: fuzzyandjane@gmail.com or 703-339-1301.
- Do you shop on Amazon? If so you can add Pohick Church to **Amazon Smile Charitable program** so that a small donation is made to our church from Amazon from your shopping.
- **New Security Cameras Improve Our Security.** You may have noticed security cameras at the main entrance to the Parish House and at the Common Room door. You will find others in the Church and inside the Parish House. We now can see inside the Church during visiting hours and at night. The security cameras at the doors will support new doors that were recently installed.
- **GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP** is open Sundays, 9-10:30AM & first Saturdays, 1-3PM during docent tours. Shop for your Valentines & loved ones; see our clearance corner, olive wood items, Grant's gemstone slides, books for kids, Pohick items, jewelry, home decor & more.
- Pohick Church welcomes the **Down By the Riverside Group of AA, Tuesdays at 8 pm** in the Annex room. Contact the Parish office for information.
- **Docent tours!** Guided Tours by members of the Docent Guild are available each Sunday after the 10:30 am service. Guided Tours are also available on the first Saturday of every month from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please meet the Docent at the Great Font for a tour. Self-guided tours are always available when the church is open, weekdays 9 am to 4 pm.
- **Group and special tours can be scheduled** by contacting Nancy Sage: nbsage@aol.com, or John Egan: 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net. Pohick historical questions? Contact Dick Hamly: 703-928-8184 or dickhamly@aol.com.

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, and receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry.

Please join us for Fellowship Hour after both the 8 am and 10:30 am services in the Parish House.

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