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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Opening Welcome

Organ Prelude *Toccata in D Minor*

J. S. Bach

The Word of God

Processional *Hymn #8* Morning has broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird._____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass._____
 born of the one light E - den saw play!_____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!_____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass._____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!_____

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Reader A Reading from Ruth (1:1-18)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and

the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!"

Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
 for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
 and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
 and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
 the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
 the Lord cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Hallelujah!

Reader A Reading from Hebrews (9:11-14)

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #439 *What wondrous love is this (vv. 1-2 only)*

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (12:28-34)
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with

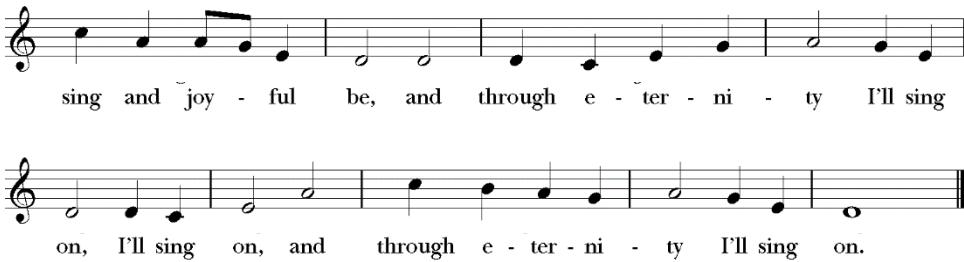
all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Sequence Hymn #439 *What wondrous love is this (v. 3 only)*

Unison

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



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Sermon The Reverend Deacon Michele Causton, *Seminarian*

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.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

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Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. We pray for all those still suffering from the upheaval and violence in Afghanistan, for the thousands of Afghan refugees and those recovering from all natural disasters. We pray for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all healthcare personnel. We pray for all who are able, to receive vaccinations.
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our Bishops; Lynn and Celal our priests, Michele our seminarian and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those we mention by name on our prayer list on page 14.

The people may add their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Sarah-Hart Hodges, Wesley Powell, Susan Schultz, Chloe Foulger, Bill Bland, Tom Bland, Emma Choi, Patrick Fleming, Claire Lewis, Anne Marsico, Anderson Bontrager, Grace Delaune, Susan McHargue, Pehr Pehrsson, Jim Powell, and Dan Derbes.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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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

Stewardship speaker, Amy Bontrager

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 *Blessed are the pure in heart*

Walford Davies (Pohick Choir)

The Doxology *Hymn #380 (v. 3 only)*

Old One Hundredth

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: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

The Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (*sung in unison*)

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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. All baptized Christians may receive Communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.

For now, we continue to partake in Communion in One Kind (bread only). You may come to the rail and kneel to receive if you are able. If not, please stand at the rail, or indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

Communion Hymn #315 *Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

 grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

 with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

 O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

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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

Recessional *Hymn # 20 Now Holy Spirit, ever One*

1 Now Ho - ly Spi - er One with God the
 2 Let mouth and tongue, mind, sense, and strength God's might y
 *3 Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus

Fa - ther and the Son, pour forth in - to our
 ac - tions tell at length; let love in flames of
 Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit

hearts, we pray, the full - ness of your grace to - day.
 liv - ing fire the hearts of all the world in - spire.
 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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Dismissal

Deacon *(Sentence of dismissal)*
 People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude *Fantasia in Five Parts*

J.S. Bach

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Those Who Serve

Celebrant	The Reverend Celal Kamran, <i>Assistant Rector</i>
Assisting	The Reverend Dr. Lynn Ronaldi, <i>Rector</i>
Preaching	Michele Causton, <i>Seminarian</i>
Minister of Music	David Leahey
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Sage
Shepherd	Kathy Kirkland
Acolytes	Sage Hofmann, Adelaide Hofmann, Abigail Sessums, Kyle Johnson
Ushers	Dennis Myers and Beth Altman
Altar Guild	Sunderland Team
Docent	Kerry Coleman-Proksch
Digital Ministry	John Wooten, Marc Abrams, John Sessums, Tom Ronaldi, Chris Brown

For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, Joan Parsons, Lynn Anderholm, Nancy Bireley, Davis Sessums, Suzanne Froman, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, Roy Baumann, Jack Oats, Andy, Chrissy, Jeb Berger, Judy Schmid, D'Andrea Wooten, Carney McCullough, Bill Hosp, Greg Scott, Andrea Nutter, Darryl Sebastian, Lisa Ruf, Anita Stribling, Susan Pehrsson and Alice Jean Scott, Nelson Whittaker, Chuck MacDonald, Janet Hinson, Joan Egan, Jehl Palvado, Carl Steuernagel, Grace Delaune, Mike Morgan, Charlotte Knipling, Sarah, and Terrence Dolan.

The people may add their own petitions

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Sarah-Hart Hodges, Wesley Powell, Susan Schultz, Chloe Foulger, Bill Bland, Tom Bland, Emma Choi, Patrick Fleming, Claire Lewis, Anne Marsico, Anderson Bontrager, Grace Delaune, Susan McHargue, Pehr Pehrsson, Jim Powell, and Dan Derbes.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, and Jesse Grimm.

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

We pray for the Afghan refugees and for those left behind. We pray for victims of natural disasters. We pray for all suffering from COVID-19, and for the protection and strength for all health care workers.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for All Souls, Atlee, Mechanicsville, and Christ Church, Cunningham Parish, Millwood.



Announcements

- **Welcome newcomers!** Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. Following the Diocesan guidelines, masks will be worn during church services and in the Parish House. Weather permitting, Coffee Hour will be held on the patio outside of the Common Room double doors following the 8 am service. We hope you can join us!
- **The Fall worship schedule** has begun with services at **8 am and 10:30 am, with Sunday School and fellowship at 9:15 am.** **Compline continues** Wednesday nights via Zoom. Link is emailed.
- **Baptisms** are Sunday, November 7, at 10:30 am as we celebrate All Saints. A reception will be held in the Common Room following the service.
- **Christian Education Classes (online at www.pohick.org).**
 - **Adult Bible Study** on "Love is the Way" led by Rev. Lynn and Michael Wooten ends today.
 - **Alpha!** A course to talk about faith, life, and God. Alpha is intended for all: newcomers, well-versed in the faith, and outsiders. We will have food, fun, and fellowship on Sundays in between the two services at 9:15 am in the Vestry Meeting House. Contact Rev. Celal for more information.
 - **Building Community.** Sunday evening Bible Study on Romans led by Amy Bontrager. Contact Amy at Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com.
 - **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, for information or to register.
 - **Children's Christian Education**, in-person, and virtual components. Please contact Frances Sessums for information and registration.
 - **Four-Part Adult Forum "Courageous in Community: One Body, One Spirit, One Hope"** will begin November 14. Get coffee and join us in the Common Room between services, beginning at 9:15 am.
- **"Courageous in Community speakers:** Please check out the web page, Facebook, and recent Constant Contact emails to watch "virtual" testimonies of Hope Black, Camy Groff, and Glenn Larkin during this stewardship season.
- **Watch for details:** We plan to adopt an **Afghan family** to help settle via NOVA Raft in November.

- **Fall Workday** as been rescheduled to Saturday, November 13, at 8 am. Diocesan Convention is also that weekend.
- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: fuzzyandjane@gmail.com or 703-339-1301.
- **Volunteers needed for hosting Fellowship Coffee Hours between services.** Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the Parish House. Details online or call Connie Myers at 703-201-2204.
- Let the **Martha Guild** help you with “homemade” desserts for the Thanksgiving holiday. You can order on-line or complete an order form found in the Common Room or Parish Hall entry way. Order deadline is November 14. Drive thru pick up is November 22 and 23. Questions, contact Connie Myers.
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop** is open Sundays 9-10:30 am and the first Saturday of each month from 1-3 pm. Shop for Pohick items, Grant Hodges handmade gemstone pendants and crosses, and olive wood items from Bethlehem!
- **Celebration of Life for EJ Delaune** is this Saturday, November 6, at 11 am at Pohick, with interment following next year at Arlington National Cemetery. All in attendance are invited to a “light lunch” at the Fairfax immediately following the service.
- We will be recording a **Virtual Tour of Pohick Church** with the assistance of Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, November 2, all day, inside/outside the church. Also, Rev. Lynn has been asked to present Pohick’s 1732 Vestry Minutes and other historic artifacts at upcoming two-day Mt. Vernon Symposium, “Becoming George Washington,” on November 6 at 7:30 am in the Fred Smith GW Library.

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry and join us for Fellowship Hour between services at 9:15am in the Parish House.

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