The Word of God

Music at 8:30 service only

Introit

Processional Hymn That Easter day with joy was bright Hymnal 193

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

The Gloria spoken at 8:30, sung at 11:00 BCP 356/Hymnal S280

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

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. All sit.

The First Reading Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Anna the high priest, Caiphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the priests stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

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

Psalm The 23rd Psalm (KJV) (bottom of page) BCP 476

The Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Sequence Hymn The King of love my shepherd is Hymnal 645

Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel John 10:11-18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own knows me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed All stand and say together

Prayers of the People, Form III

The people may remain standing or may kneel.

For those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer: We pray for the congregations and clergy of St. Paul’s King George, Owens; St. Mary’s, Colonial Beach; Ware, Gloucester; Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke; and St. John’s, Centreville.

For all bishops, priests, and deacons: For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, for Shannon, Susan, and Ted our Bishops; for our Deacon’s School intern, David; for all doing ministry in this congregation; and for all bishops and other ministers.

For those in positions of public trust: For President Barack Obama, Governor Terry McAuliffe, Mayor Dwight Jones, and for all who affect public policy.

For all in the military: We pray for those at home and abroad.

For Metropolitan Richmond: We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: To remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others’ troubles; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion, income, or neighborhood.

As we now come to the Lord’s Table, let us bow our heads and pray:

For those who are sick or suffer any grief or trouble: We pray for Amanda, Elizabeth Bolz (Shyann Blanton’s sister), Dianne Brown, David Cottrell, David Craver (Jane Kozintz’s brother), Pokey Early (Jamie Isacchius’s mother), Vicki Eastwood (Donna Smith’s friend), Margaret Estill (Karla Hunt’s friend), Sally Evans (Corky Evans’s daughter), Cathy Fogle (Bud Oakey’s friend), Kathy Fello (Patty Socilau’s friend), Naomi Guthrie (Steve Effinger’s mother), Don Harrison (Patty Socilau’s friend), Lauren Hendricks (Chip Hendricks’s daughter), Robert Hickman (Patty Socilau’s friend), Kim Jennings (Patty Socilau’s friend), John King, Louis King (Patty Socilau’s uncle), Blair Lawson (Kelly Merricks’s friend), Karen McCalister (Dorothy White’s sister), Paul Roger (Marshall Schultt’s friend), Dr. James O. Shaw (Lorene Gibson’s nephew), Josh Sloan (Rita Driscoll’s former student), Lloyd Smith, Michelle Thompson (Donna Smith’s friend), and Doug Walter (Bud Oakey’s friend).

For the departed: We pray for those in our military who have died; we pray for the people throughout the world who have died because of famine, disease, natural disaster, political unrest and other human violence and carelessness.

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Absolution

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements and Invitation to Communion

Offertory Anthem God is My Shepherd Dvorak

The Presentation of the Offering (At the 8:30 service)

Celebrate. All things come of thee, O Lord. People And of thine own have we given thee. (At the 11:00 service, all sing)

The Doxology: (Sung to the tune of Hymn 618)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.


Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia. (4x)

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C)

BCP 371

The Sanctus BCP 371/Hymnal S125

The people may remain standing or may kneel.

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer C…

BCP 371

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

People and Celebrant say The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover BCP 364/Hymnal S155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrate. The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at Christ’s Table. If you do not take Communion, you are invited to come to the rail and receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest to indicate you will not receive the bread and wine. You may choose to receive the bread only. After taking the bread, cross your arms over your chest to indicate you will not receive the wine. If you are allergic to wheat gluten, please ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

Communion Hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord

BCP 304

Post Communion Prayer You may stand or kneel

The Blessing

BCP 365

Closing Hymn Christ is made the sure foundation Hymnal S18

The Dismissal Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia! 

The Holy Communion

The Word of God
Established in 1611 at Dutch Gap. In the 1730s the Henrico Parish was located in the brick schoolhouse in the southwest corner of the Church Hill property. Today the building houses the St. John's Church Visitor Center.

We are worshiping in the first church built in the city of Richmond. It was the parish church of Henrico Parish, which included Chesterfield, Powhatan and Goochland Counties, as well as Henrico. The first parish church was established in 1611 at Dutch Gap. In the 1730s the Henrico Parish vestry accepted a gift of land from William Byrd II, founder of Richmond, and in 1741 the church and burial ground were established on the present site. For decades the church was known, variously, as the Henrico Parish Church, the New Church, the Old Church, the Richmond Church and the Church on the Hill. The earliest reference to St. John’s Church dates to 1829.

As tensions grew between the colonies and Great Britain in the 1770s, Virginia held a series of meetings to organize its protests against the mother country. In March of 1775, the Second Virginia Convention was held in Richmond at St. John’s Church. Patrick Henry, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Peyton Randolph and other prominent Virginians were delegates to the convention. Here, Patrick Henry embodied the spirit of the Revolution on March 23, 1775, with his words, “Give me liberty… or give me death.” The Rev. Miles Selden, rector of this church, served as chaplain to the Convention.

After the Civil War, the parish’s education and mission programs met some of the needs of the Freedmen on Church Hill by providing one of the first opportunities for African Americans to attend school. The school was located in the brick schoolhouse in the southwest corner of the property. Today the building houses the St. John’s Church Visitor Center.

The clergy and parishioners of St. John’s Church warmly welcome you to worship today. If you have questions about faith or you would like to learn more about our spiritual community, please contact our rector, the Rev. Laura Inscoe, at 804-649-7938 or by email: linscoe@saintjohnsrichmond.org.

Welcome to St. John’s Church. We’re glad you’re here. We hope that worshiping with us today is meaningful and inspiring. If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you to make St. John’s Church your spiritual home. Please complete a visitor card in the offering plate or speak with the greeter at the church door after the service. Include your email address and we will place you on our email list.

A Brief History of St. John’s Church

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all, serving God, each other, and the community.

Come lift your spirit!

Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Christian Education, 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House (2319 E. Broad)
Nursery available each Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the 11:00 service.

St. John’s Church
Henrico Parish

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
April 26, 2015
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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In the Diocese of Virginia
The Right Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop
The Rev. Laura D. Inscoe, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Achtemeier, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. Linda J. Eaves, Priest Associate
The Rev. Susan N. Eaves, Priest Associate
The Rev. William Pickering, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. Dorothy White, Priest Associate
J. David Curtis, Deacon’s School Intern

Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Parish founded 1611
Church erected 1741
A National Historic Landmark