



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.

August 10, 2025
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

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

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

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Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,

I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

THE PSALTER (*said seated*)

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24, p. 654

Deus deorum

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daniel Cenci

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All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion (see page 8). Please follow the direction of the ushers to Communion Stations.

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SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Daniel Cenci
Associate Rector	Ted Renaud
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Will Frauenfelder and Femi Ayorinde
Acolyte	Barbara Schavland
Ushers	Dave Billingsley and Tony Harriman
Greeters	Nancy and Jud Bireley



PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS

- **For the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Craig Floyd, Wren Norwood, Andrea Godwin-Stremmer, Cathie McCall, Alisa Romero, Steve Alfieris, Jennifer Sassin, Becky Wagner, Anne Arnhart, Caleb Caesar, Tanya Reams, Joe Coleman, Andy, Kelly, Roy Baumann, Nissa D'Andrea, Carol Schiering, Ray Rios, Horace Hambrick, Mickie Krause, Anne Derbes, Bill Hosp, D'Andrea Wooten, Juan Bernal, Troy Roberson, Ann Carter, Anna Cottrill, Lydia Cepeda, Flor Vito, Terry Abrams, Steve and Mari Harding, and Tom Mayberry.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Valerie Deloney, Barbara Lynn, Kenneth Roberts, Susan Yarwood, Ryan Ickes, Judy Seegar, Robin Teale, Jane Grant, Jody Ickes, and Richard Lloyd.
- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, and Summer Lancet.
- 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 Altar and Flower Guilds, Choirs, Ushers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Tom Bland



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift, and leave us your contact information!
- **TODAY! Julian of Norwich: Reflections on Divine Love.** Facilitator: Dr. Marleen McCabe. 9:15 am in the Annex. We are discussing specific passages from Julian of Norwich *Revelations of Divine Love*.
- **Do you have some free time in the mornings?** You are welcome to help EYC by visiting their Youth Pumpkin patch to pull weeds. Email trenaud@pohick.org for details or call 703 339-6572.
- **Volunteers needed Tuesday afternoons:** A group of Pohick apple butter lovers are volunteering to staff a table at the Tackett's Mill Tuesday afternoon farmer's market. Our table will be set up with information about not just apple butter but also Pohick Church and our many activities. If you can volunteer for all or part of a Tuesday afternoon between 2:30-6:30 pm August 12 (our start date) and September 9, please contact Kathy Kirkland at 703-861-6177 or kkirkland2632@gmail.com.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Apple butter weekend this year is currently scheduled for September 19-21 with the Country Fair date as October 4.**
- **GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP is closed in August.** If you wish to make a purchase, please see Julie Ramacciotti during church office hours or Donna Crawford on Sundays. Thanks to all who worked, shopped, and supported us during last Sunday's sale; proceeds of \$745 will go toward helping those in need....thanks to you!
- **Church School Children's Chapel and Grace Space** is on summer break through Labor Day.
- **During the summer, Children's Bible Storytelling is offered in lieu of Children's Chapel.** 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.
- **The Church School needs youth and adult volunteers to assist the Storytelling leader** 10:30-11 am every Sunday during the summer (May 25-August 31). Contact Susan Pehrsson, spehrsson@pohick.org or sign up in the Common Room.
- **Education for Ministry (EfM)** is taking a summer break until September. EfM is a four year program for laity (you!) that meets once per week in the Vestry House. This program is an excellent way to enrich your spiritual life. Please consider enrolling even if you have graduated before! For more info or to register contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net. Informational flyers are available in the Parish House.
- **The Ann Mason Guild** is collecting used jewelry for its annual jewelry sale. If you have donations, please leave in the church office marked for "Ann Mason Guild". We thank you.
- **Our regular Sunday Services** are at 8 am (Rite I Eucharist) and 10:30 am (Rite II Eucharist). Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15 am. Additional church announcements are sent via email on Fridays, posted on pohick.org, and printed versions are available at the Parish House.

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;*
 - *Or you may pinch two fingers over one hand and the Celebrant will intinct (dip) the edge of the bread in the Common Cup for you, then drop the bread gently into your outstretched hands.*
 - *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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Vestry of Pohick Church

<u>Member</u>	<u>Elected Position and Commissions</u>
Neil Hogg	Senior Warden
Dave Billingsley	Junior Warden / Building & Grounds
Andrea Gurrola	Treasurer
Tom Mayberry	Register
Chris Brown	Communication & Digital Ministry
Beth Cooke	Service & Fellowship / Outreach
Dan Derbes	
Molly Diaz	Young Adult & Family Ministry
Brooke Gorman	
Kathy Kirkland	Pastoral Care / Worship / Education
Jeff Schavland	Resources / Stewardship / Policy
Barbara Schavland	(youth rep 25/26)
Hal Yarwood	

Staff of Pohick Church

Priest-In-Charge:	The Reverend Daniel Cenci
Associate Rector/Youth Minister:	Ted Renaud
Minister of Music Emerita:	Linda Wilberger Egan
Director of Education:	Susan Pehrsson
Finance Admin.:	Julie Ramacciotti
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Nursery Supervisor:	Jennifer Tatum

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visitors or guests.**