



ST. JOHN'S RICHMOND

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

The Sunday Called Quinquagesima

(Evening Prayer Service, based on 1962 Book of Common Prayer)

WELCOME!

Dear Friends: I am very thankful for the support so many of you showed to the Jones family yesterday at Matthew's funeral. He was honoured so well by David and Nick in their speeches. The liturgy helped us put the story of Matthew David Walker Jones into the larger story of God and His redemptive purposes. We were encouraged by God's word in John 14, that in the Father's house are many rooms, and that Jesus prepares a place for us, his beloved, and he will come and take us to himself, that where he is we may be also. Aaron Roberts, our preacher, said, "Death didn't take Matthew; Jesus did." He is the way, the truth, and the life.

I am also thankful for all who came and supported Dylan and Shannon Love at their wedding last Saturday. We were so glad to share our joy with so many of you over cookies and milk! I think the best thing about this wedding and this funeral is that although each reflected entirely different circumstances, both were entirely based on Christ's love for us, opening the gateway to eternal life with him, and making us—the whole church—his Bride.

Warmly, Sean

TODAY'S SERVICE DETAILS

Lyrics and liturgy are on-screen & online.



BIBLE READINGS: Reagen Wright

Hebrews 12:18-29

Psalm 75

Daniel 5:18-31

CHILDREN (K-grade 6) begin in the service. After the Children's Focus, their class will meet upstairs for approximately one hour. On Communion Sundays, they will rejoin the adult service in time to receive Holy Communion.

YOUTH (grades 7-12) meet each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when they remain for the whole Holy Communion service.

PRAYERS: Doug Workman

NOTICES

Lent begins Wednesday Feb. 18th. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the weeks before Holy Week and Easter Sunday. It is a time of preparation to rightly remember our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and to prepare for the same by a season of penitence and fasting. Lent is a reminder that through Christ, God faithfully calls us out of our sin and depravity and "into his marvellous light." (1 Peter 2:9).

Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer: full services will be offered **during Lent and into Holy Week**, beginning this week, Wed. Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday, from 8am-9am on Zoom.

Ash Wednesday Evening Service: We will also hold an evening service, including imposition of ashes, beginning at 8:15pm, in the Nave.

Next Sunday evening, Feb. 22nd, we will have a **Baptism Service**, held one hour early, at 5pm. This early service will be followed by a **catered dinner** and our **Annual Vestry Meeting**. Please plan to stay and attend this important parish meeting as we celebrate God's faithfulness, and plan for the year to come.

Save the date: Saturday evening, March 7th - we will have a **Celebration of Thanksgiving** for Krista.

OFFERING

We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate or give online, using the code. If you are visiting SJR, please simply be our guest.



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WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN *(All lyrics will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN *(said by the Minister)*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, has empowered and commanded his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. Therefore let us ask God to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Spoken)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is a historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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 them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY & any additional **COLLECTS** *(all Collects will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

1. Pride Throws a Party, but Judgment Comes

2. Exile is Bitter, but God is Not Absent

3. The Fear of God Frees Us from the Fear of Kings