

Bruton Parish Church

*Williamsburg
in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia*



The Great Vigil of Easter

March 30, 2024 - 8:00 in the Evening
(and live-streamed)

"Since the earliest days of the Church, the Great Vigil of Easter has been the principal service of the Christian year. Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead after his crucifixion on Good Friday, and his descent to Hades on Holy Saturday, the Vigil was held in the hours of night between Saturday and Sunday, thereby re-enacting in our time the sacred time when in the dark of the early morning, Christ overcame the powers of death and the grace and rose victorious. Traditionally, catechumens-people who had been preparing for initiation into the Church-were baptized at the Vigil, receiving new life in the Holy Spirit. They were also confirmed by the bishop, and would receive then their first Eucharist. We continue to celebrate this feast today: we enter in the dark and focus our gaze on the light of Christ as it re-enters the church; we listen to the story of God's work to redeem the work from sin and death; we gather around the baptismal font and pray for the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the baptismal waters; we then baptize new Christians in that water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and welcome them into the family of the body of Christ; we hear the story of how the Father raised his Son from the grave, thereby granting us the possibility of eternal life as daughters and sons through the saving work of the Son, Jesus Christ; and we exclaim "Alleluia, Christ is Risen, He is Risen, indeed!"

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, the New Fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the People in these words:

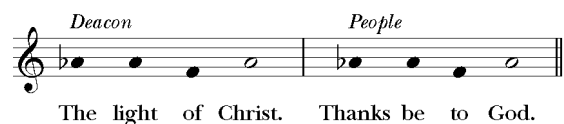
Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant continues:

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Priest bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel. The people light their candles, being mindful not to drip wax in the church. The Priest then proceeds into the church, pausing three times and singing:



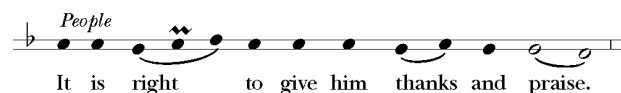
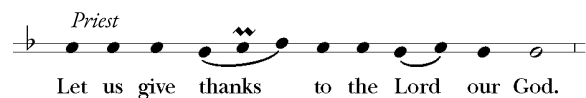
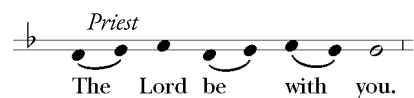
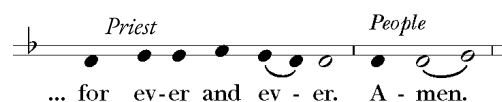
The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Priest, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet, as follows:

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,



It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

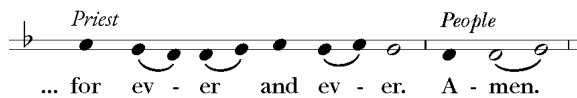
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning – he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns



The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings in these words:

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

(Be seated)

The First Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:2 (The Story of Creation)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And

God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand, as able)

Hymn 409

Creation

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**The spacious firmament on high,
with all the blue ethereal sky,
and spangled heavens, a shining frame,
their great Original proclaim.**

**The unwearied sun from day to day
does his Creator's power display;
and publishes to every land
the work of an almighty hand.**

**Soon as the evening shades prevail,
the moon takes up the wondrous tale,
and nightly to the listening earth
repeats the story of her birth:
whilst all the stars that round her burn,
and all the planets in their turn,
confirm the tidings, as they roll
and spread the truth from pole to pole.**

**What though in solemn silence all
move round the dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice nor sound
amid their radiant orbs be found?
to reason's ear they all rejoice,
and utter forth a glorious voice;
for ever singing as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine."**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Be seated)

The Second Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13 (The Flood)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind-- every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh-- birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth-- so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Antiphon**

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has
spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Antiphon**

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Antiphon**

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Be seated)

The Third Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 (Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand, as able)

Hymn 690

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**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Be seated)

The Fourth Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 (Salvation Offered Freely to All)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand, as able)

Hymn 678

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**Surely it is God who saves me;
trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.**

**Make his deeds known to the peoples:
tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and
Holy One of Israel.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Be seated)

The Fifth Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (The Valley of Dry Bones)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

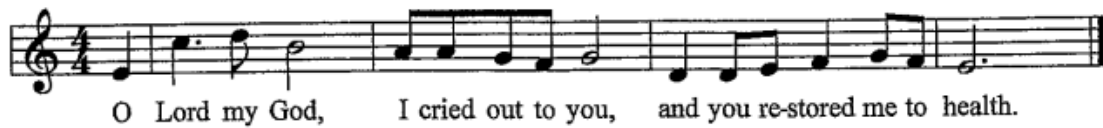
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand, as able)

Psalm 30

David York

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- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health. **Antiphon**
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his,
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. **Antiphon**
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains. **Antiphon**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Be seated)

The Sixth Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (The Gathering of God's People)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory. **Antiphon**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
- 5 All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God. **Antiphon**
- 6 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- 7 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- 8 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. **Antiphon**
- 9 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
- 10 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
- 11 He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity. **Antiphon**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Baptism

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsors: I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and

Godparents: I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptisms

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The people may extinguish their candles.

Gloria in excelsis

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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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 199

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St. Kevin

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughter,
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.**

**Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man,

dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Charlie Bauer

The Peace

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek a closer relationship with Christ are invited to His Table.
To receive the Bread, stand or kneel and the priest will place the Bread in the palm
of your hand. To receive the Wine, guide the Chalice to your lips. Intinction is not permitted at this time. If you do
not wish to receive the Cup, simply cross your arms as the Chalice is presented. If it is not your custom to receive
Communion, we invite you to come to the altar and cross your arms for a blessing. For gluten-free communion
wafers please make your need known to the clergy at the altar.*

Offertory Anthem: Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!

Healey Willan

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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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S128

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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.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant & People:

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

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

**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.**

Fraction Anthem

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Hymnal S155

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 213

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Middlebury

**Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise
and rejoice in the day thou wast born;
on this festival day, come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return.**

**Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,
by our heavenly Father bestowed,
while his grace we receive from his bounty, and live
to the honor and glory of God.**

**For the glory we were first created to share,
both the nature and kingdom divine!
Now created again that our lives may remain,
throughout time and eternity thine.**

**We with thanks do approve the design of that love
which hath joined us to Jesus' Name;
so united in heart, let us nevermore part,
till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.**

Communion Hymn 204

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Noël nouvelet

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 207

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Easter Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: Festival March on *Thine Be the Glory*

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Aaron David Miller

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Sally Gray
Logan Ringham
Geronimo Ritcheson
Jocelyn Ritcheson

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In memory of loved ones: Our departed daughters, Bruton Chapter, The Order of the Daughters of the King

In honor of: God's blessings by Joe and Sallie Cross; our grandchildren by David and Claudia Frantz; my prayer partner, Sue Warner, by Jo Anne Coy; our six grandchildren by Jill and Gary Sitcer; and in honor and thanksgiving for our gifted and giving clergy, both pastors and teachers, Chris, Lauren, Charlie and Jan by Chuck and Leith Mullaly

The lilies at the Altar, the Tower and the Churchyard were arranged by Cathy Adams, Kitty Burgwyn, Emily Chaikin, Leslie Coe, Nan Hawks, Jeanette Martino and Dianne Spence

In your prayers this week, please remember persons for whom our prayers are asked, especially Alan, Alexander, Alice, Bert, Bill K., Byrne, Cameron, Carole, Caulder, Chison, Chuck, Cliff, Cordelia, Crystal, Darlene, Dave, David, Derek, Dianne, Doris, Erica, Grace, Jhana, Jim, John L., John M., Judy, Judith, Larry, Laura, Leslie, Marcia, Margaret W., Mark, Mindy, Neil, Reginald, Rob, Ruth, Scottie, Steve, Thea, Vernon, Vicki, Viola Cleo, Will; for all caregivers; **all who serve in the armed forces**, especially Billy, Cameron Blount, Matt Bosworth, Michael Boyle, Ned Burgwyn, Matthew Burleson, Willard Burleson, Cameron Butler, Corydon Butler, Dane Butler, Justin Chalkley, Christopher Chavez, James Coffey, Hunter Colt, Jeff Colt, Sam Colt, Jake Cooley, Andrew Cox, Charles Cox, Chris Davis, Kyle Defibaugh, Patrick Diehl, Connor Diesing, Duane Diesing, Sean Doherty, Monte Dunard, Robert Elmore, Daniel Faughnan, Eli Forbes, Ryan Frantz, John Gaston, Abby Goetsch, Joshua Hays, Rob Hodgson, Michael Holm, Scott Howe, Jeff Hunter, Chip Huntsberry, Eric Inman, Dane Jansson, Jason Kelly, Michael H. Manson Jr., Patrick Menkhaus, Courtney Miyamasu, Daniel Miyamasu, Katherine Miyamasu, Timothy Moffitt, Stephen Mongold, Jordan Morgan, Phillip Morrison, Joshua Mullen, Logan O'Donnell, Spencer O'Donnell, Steven Paul Pearce, Donald Ernest Perkins III, Tom Pluim, Jeremy Provencher, Jonathan Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Trevor Rogers, Michelle Rose, Mike Rose, Conner S., Sean Garand, Jasper Smith, Carson Strassels, Peter Strassels, Ryan Suders, Henry White, John Wilkes; and **we pray for the dearly departed**.

Announcements

Canterbury Gala - A Toast to 350: Canterbury will hold its annual Gala and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 6, from 6:30-9:30pm in the Wren Building. This year the event will also commemorate the 350th anniversary of Bruton Parish. All proceeds support the Canterbury Missions Fund which provides support for students to attend the biennial pilgrimage. To donate or buy tickets before they run out, please visit episcopalwm.org/gala. We are also soliciting donations for our silent auction of gift cards, gift baskets, and other items. To donate, please contact Peter Fox (peterfox703@gmail.com or 703-835-4145).

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday (March 31): Join us for any of the following five services: 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church; 9:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church (and live-streamed; *nursery available in the Parish House only during the 9:15am services*); 9:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the *churchyard*; 11:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church; and 5:30pm Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church. Our **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held this year in the churchyard (weather permitting) following the 9:15am services. The **Flower Cross** will be stationed in the churchyard on Easter morning. All are encouraged to bring cut flowers for the cross which will be used as a backdrop for the churchyard service. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Bruton Singles Easter Lunch @ Food for Thought: Come join us at 2:30pm on Easter Sunday, March 31, for Easter Lunch at Food for Thought (1647 Richmond Road). Celebrate Easter in good company and enjoy some of the restaurant's Easter specialties. RSVP at singles@brutonparish.org.

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be held in the church and live-streamed on Friday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton Parish host this monthly service with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering. Join us in praying for those still struggling, mourning those we've lost, and celebrating with those experiencing recovery. All are welcome, whether or not you're in recovery. Contact the Rev. Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org for details or if you have any questions.

The Dinner Group will meet monthly in parishioners' homes on Saturday evenings, beginning after Easter, with the first event to be Saturday, April 6. Hosts will provide the main course and beverages, and will determine how many people can be accommodated; guests will bring hors d'oeuvres or vegetables, salad, or dessert. The first dinner will be at the home of Joy and Dick Nathan (Williamsburg Landing, 5701 Williamsburg Landing Dr. #16) at 6pm. Please call Dick and Joy at 703/216-7127 if you would like to attend and let them know what you can bring. Twelve can be accommodated, including the hosts. Joy and Dick will be serving as the coordinators of the Dinner Group, so please contact them if you'd like to be the host of a dinner.

Bruton Singles @ Canterbury Gala: Join us on Saturday, April 6, from 6:30 - 9:30pm in the Historic Wren Building at William & Mary for the Canterbury Spring Gala & Silent Auction and Bruton's 350th Celebration. Meet us at 6pm at the steps to the Parish House reception area to carpool to the Wren Building or join us at the festivities. The annual fundraiser will support our Canterburians' mission trip and outreach. Formal dress requested. To secure tickets, visit episcopalwm.org/gala. Please also RSVP singles@brutonparish.org to let us know you will join us. Call Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

1774 Day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer: This rescheduled 350th anniversary event is another opportunity for Bruton parishioners to learn more history of Bruton Parish. Robyn Schroeder, Professor of History at William & Mary will be presenting a lecture in the church on *Wednesday, April 10*, from 2:30-5pm. This lecture will be focused on the "June 1st, 1774 Day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer", that was centered at Bruton Parish, in solidarity with the people of Boston as the "Intolerable Acts" began to be implemented, particularly the Boston port closure on the same day. This lecture is free and open to the parish (no rsvp necessary).

Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert: All are welcome to attend this free concert in the church on Saturday, April 27, at 8pm. This year's performance takes place within the commemorative 350th year since Bruton Parish's founding and will feature music from the past and present. Handel's multi-movement Anthem, *O Come, Let Us Sing*, which he wrote while serving the Duke of Chandos in Cannons, England. *Musick's Jubilee*, by British composer Andrew Carter represents the present day with a large, joyous work initially composed for Otley Choral Society to celebrate its 50th anniversary season in 1993. Mark your calendar to come and celebrate the legacy of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. which continues to support the music ministry of our parish.

Bruton Parish Gift Shop: Happy Easter! The shop will be closed on Easter Sunday but will be open regular hours every day this week from 11-5. Please visit for a wonderful retail experience. Pastel colors of spring abound in our lovely items. Proceeds from your purchases benefit people in need in our community and beyond. Wear your nametag for your 10% parishioner discount.

The Rev. Oran Warder 350th Presentation: A recording of the 350th presentation given by The Reverend Oran Warder on March 16 at 10am in the Parish Hall is now available. He is the Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA, and the author of *Rebuilding Zion: William Holland Wilmer and the Rebuilding of the Episcopal Church in Virginia, 1782-1827*. He talked about the challenging, declining years following the Revolution and the recovery of the Episcopal Church. Please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQD88ys4SQE to watch the video.

The A/V Ministry is in need of more teams to run the A/V equipment for Sunday services, weddings, funerals, First Friday services and for any other events that call for live-streaming. It is good to have a two-member team with some experience running the A/V equipment, but will train those who will be dedicated to the ministry. Since you will be using church equipment and will have keys to the A/V room, you must be a member of Bruton Parish Church. Please contact Bill Dugge at Bgdugge19@hotmail.com.

The Churchyard is open for Visitation on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am for those who would like to visit loved ones who may be interred there, followed by a **Service of Holy Eucharist at 11am**, with healing prayer, which continues in-person at the church.

The Tombs and Memorials of Bruton Parish Church: Sponsored by the *Friends of Bruton*, this newly published "graveyard book" is a tour de force masterpiece comprehensive volume that offers a fresh perspective on the lives of many of those laid to rest and commemorated at this National Historic Landmark place of prayer. Stop by the Bruton Gift Shop and get your copy today! (If you attended *Friends Day* last September, please see Hilary Cooley to purchase your book.)

Friends of Bruton's purpose is to provide a way for individuals and families, who may live throughout the United States and indeed around the world, to participate in the preservation and promotion of the unique history and spiritual legacy of Bruton Parish Church. *Friends of Bruton* is open to all who share this vision. Become a *Friend of Bruton* and a Cornerstone Circle Member by visiting www.brutonparish.org/fobowc, where you can also read the current issue of *The Bruton Fount*, our quarterly electronic newsletter.

Visiting Bruton's Roots: Join an exceptional tour to England to see places associated with the founding of Jamestown and Bruton Parish Church. Visit sites such as Otley Hall, home of Bartholomew Gosnold, instrumental in founding Jamestown. Attend Sunday service at Canterbury Cathedral, mother church of the Anglican Communion. And much more! For complete itinerary and registration details visit bit.ly/2024BPCROOTS. We hope that, once you have read the itinerary, you will want to sign up for this unique opportunity. If you have any questions, please email BPC@brutonparish.org.

Children & Youth Formation

Nursery for newborns through age four is available in the Parish House *during the 9:15am services only on Easter Sunday*.

Children's Programming on Easter Sunday will not be held. Please join us in the church/yard for worship at 9:15am (weather permitting) and an **Easter Egg Hunt** will follow. Be sure your children bring their baskets! The **Flower Cross** will be available if anyone would like to bring pre-cut flowers for the churchyard service.

Youth Chili Fundraiser: Our youth are making and selling two types of chili! Meat (\$12/quart) and Vegetarian (\$10/quart). Place your order at bit.ly/BPCCHILI24 or contact Christine Britton (757-229-2891 or cbritton@brutonparish.org). Pay at pick-up with cash or check payable to Bruton Parish Church with "youth chili fundraiser" on the memo line. There is also a credit card payment option on the order form! Please **call ahead** to arrange a time to pick up your chili at the Parish House.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Hickory Neck Episcopal Church this year from 9am to 12pm on July 29 to August 2. The theme will be *Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs* which focuses on the care of creation. Mark your calendars and watch for more information/registration coming soon!

Candlelight Concerts in the Church @ 8pm

Thursday, April 4 - Early Music Concert: Cantatas of Johann Sebastian Bach & more
Bruton Baroque Ensemble, debut performance

Sarah Taylor, Soprano, Cynthia Eberhardt & Claudia Kessel, Altos, Ruth van Baak Griffioen, Recorder, Sophie Genevieve Lowe & Susannah Livingston, Baroque Violin, Jenny Edenborn, Viola, Brady Lanier, Viola da Gamba, Ryan Lowe, Baroque Cello, & Rebecca Davy, Organ

Saturday, April 6 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Historical Organ Recitals William & Mary Wren Chapel @ 10am

Saturday, April 6 - Rebecca Davy

Clergy & Staff

The Rt. Rev^d Susan B. Haynes, *Bishop, Diocese of Southern Virginia*

The Rev'd Christopher L. Epperson, *Rector*

The Rev. Charles H. Bauer, *Associate Rector - Christian Formation*

The Rev. Lauren M. McDonald, *Associate Rector
Outreach & Women's Ministries*

The Ven. Jan M. Brown, *Archdeacon*

Meghan Brewer, *Coordinator for Children's & Youth Ministries*

Rebecca E. Davy, *Music Director & Organist*

Dr. JanEl B. Will, *Organist*

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