



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II &
CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION

APRIL 21, 2024

9:15 IN THE MORNING
(AND LIVE-STREAMED)

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 518

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Westminster Abbey

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.**

Confirmation & Reception

The Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 413

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

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.**

The First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners 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 given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 663

Crimond

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**The Lord my God my shepherd is;
how could I want or need?
In pastures green, by streams serene,
he safely doth me lead.**

**To wholeness he restores my soul
and doth in mercy bless,
and helps me take for his Name's sake
the paths of righteousness.**

**Yea, even when I must pass through
the valley of death's shade,
I will not fear, for thou art here,
to comfort and to aid.**

**Thou hast in grace my table spread
secure in all alarms,
and filled my cup, and borne me up
in everlasting arms.**

**Then surely I can trust thy love
for all the days to come,
that I may tell thy praise, and dwell
for ever in thy home.**

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Reader: A Reading from the first letter of John.

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.**

Hymn 478

Monk's Gate

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**Jesus, our mighty Lord,
our strength in sadness,
the Father's conquering Word,
true source of gladness;
your Name we glorify,
O Jesus, throned on high;
you gave yourself to die
for our salvation.**

**Good shepherd of your sheep,
your own defending,
in love your children keep
to life unending.
You are yourself the Way:
lead us then day by day
in your own steps, we pray,
O Lord most holy.**

**Glorious their life who sing,
with glad thanksgiving,
true hymns to Christ the King
in all their living:
all who confess his Name,
come then with hearts aflame;
the God of peace acclaim
as Lord and Savior.**

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

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

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

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 know 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev'd Susan B. Haynes

Hymn 348, vv. 1, 2, 4

O quanta qualia

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**Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted as friends:
yours is the strength that sustains our vocation,
ours a commitment we know never ends.**

**Here, at your table, confirm our intention
ever to cherish the gifts you provide;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
led by your Spirit, defender and guide.**

**So, in the world where each duty assigned us
gives us the chance to create or destroy,
help us to make those decisions that bind us,
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.**

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters
for the
Confirmands:* I present these persons for Confirmation.

*Presenters
for those
being
received:* I present these persons to be received into this
Communion.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him
as my Savior and Lord.

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

People: **We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to
Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.**

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

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

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Bishop: 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

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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.**

A period of silence follows.

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower her/him for your service; and sustain her/him all the days of her/his life. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

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

The loose offering at this service is designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which is used for a variety of needs not otherwise provided for in the diocesan budget. These needs generally are charitable, educational, or medical and distributed for specific individual needs involving both clergy and laity.

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: The Lord is My Shepherd from *Requiem* John Rutter©
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Presentation Hymn 193, v. 5

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Puer nobis

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, 367

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 128

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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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Hymnal S 155

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**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.

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Hymn during communion 708

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Sicilian Mariners

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us: love us still.**

Hymn during communion 304

Land of Rest

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**I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.**

**Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.**

Hymn during Communion 319

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Gott sei gelobet

**You, Lord, we praise in songs of celebration
for this feast of our salvation.
Here at your table every life you nourish;
by your grace we all may flourish.
Kyrie eleison.**

**In the light of your Incarnation,
all creation knows the love of God,
and in you finds release
that we all might live in peace.
Kyrie eleison.**

**You, Lord, in our stead to the grave descended
when by sin our life was ended.
No greater love than this to you could bind us;
daily still your mercies find us.
Kyrie eleison.**

**Bind our hearts as one we implore you,
who adore you and confess your Name.
Thus may we ever be
yours in peace and unity.
Kyrie eleison.**

Hymn during communion 334

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

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**Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing;
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this Eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.**

**Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your Blood new life receiving,
in your Body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord.**

**Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in every nation,
may we faithful followers be.**

The Post Communion Prayer

**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.**

The Blessing

Bishop: 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 174

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Salzburg

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin's power do thou set free
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee
with the Spirit ever be.**

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: Toccata

John Weaver

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy W. Fogarty by John, Laura and John Fogarty.

In your prayers this week, please remember persons for whom our prayers are asked, especially Alexander, Alice, Betty, Bill K., Byrne, Cameron, Carole, Caulder, Chison, Chuck, Cliff, Darlene, Dave, David, Denise, Derek, Erica, Joan, John L., John M., Judith, Julian, Karen, Katrina, Larry, Laura, Leslie, Marcia, Margaret W., Neil, Reginald, Ruth, Scottie, Steve, Vernon, Vicki, Will; for all caregivers; **all who serve in the armed forces**, especially Billy, Cameron Blount, Matt Bosworth, Michael Boyle, Ned Burgwyn, Matthew Burlison, Willard Burlison, 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 Kelly, 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

Coffee Connections will be held today either in the courtyard or the Custis House between the 9:15am and 11:15am services. In addition to coffee, we will have water, food, and fellowship! To volunteer to help with this ministry, please email coffee@brutonparish.org.

Confirmation Sunday: Bishop Haynes joins us today at 9:15am for Confirmation Sunday, when she will confirm and receive candidates to the Episcopal Church. She will also preach during all the morning services. Please join us in welcoming her and celebrating those being confirmed and received!

Parking is no longer permitted on the Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the Gift Shop. Parking is permitted on the Duke of Gloucester Street from Nassau Street down to the church for those attending meetings in the Parish House or during worship services at the church. If you have any questions, please contact our Facility Manager, Ernie Clements at either (757) 229-2891 or eclements@brutonparish.org.

The Church will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, April 22 & 23, for a duct cleaning contractor to have access to the window supply grilles in the sanctuary.

Realm Ministry: Bruton is in the process of changing our church database software. This program, Realm, offers very effective ways to communicate and stay connected. It is a very rich and useful resource. We will be sharing more as we prepare to make it available to all members of the parish. It is very exciting, stay tuned.

A Specialized Safe Church Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 25, from 9am to 3pm at Hickory Neck Church. Registration is now open and is posted on the Safe Church webpage of the Diocesan website (www.diosova.org). Any staff, clergy, vestry or parishioners requiring Safe Church Training are encouraged to register.

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.

Hear about the Canterbury Pilgrimage: Canterbury students spent spring break last month on pilgrimage to north England, visiting Durham, York, Holy Island, and much more. Join us on Tuesday, April 30, at 7pm in the Parish Hall to hear stories from students about their experiences and how this time of pilgrimage strengthened their faith.

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist: Join us in the church at 5:30pm in the church on Friday, May 3, and also live-streamed to our YouTube Channel. 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, especially addiction, trauma, and codependency. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the Rev. Lauren McDonald for more information.

Our next presentation for the 350th anniversary will be at 10am on Saturday, May 4, in the parish house. The Rt. Rev'd R.W. Franklin will join us to talk about the Church's more recent history. Bishop Franklin has served the Church by holding several important leadership positions. The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin continues to serve the Anglican Studies concentration at Union Theological Seminary as an adjunct professor. Bishop Franklin served as Diocesan Bishop of Western New York from 2011 until April 2019. Before his consecration as bishop he served as professor at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, Harvard Divinity School, The General Theological Seminary, as Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, on the staff of Trinity Church, Copley Square, in Boston, and as Interim Director of the Anglican Center in Rome. In addition to his role at Union Theological Seminary, Bishop Franklin serves as Assisting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.

Opportunity to Attend Diocesan Council 2025: Please consider becoming a Delegate during next year's Diocese of Southern Virginia Annual Council. This is a unique and meaningful way to represent Bruton Parish at a Diocesan annual event. If you are interested and/or would like to learn more, please contact the Vestry Register, Diane Howerton, at register@brutonparish.org by Friday, May 10. Lay Delegates and Alternates will be selected by the Vestry. Thank you in advance for considering this important opportunity.

The Dinner Group can take many forms, depending on the hosts' preferences. The next get-together will be a Wine & Cheese Event hosted by Bill & Judi Dorn on Saturday evening, May 11, at 5:30pm for 12 guests, at their home in Arbordale (near Sentara Hospital). Bill and Judi will supply wine and cheese, and guests are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Please contact Judi at (412) 389-9999 or jurdo9pgh@gmail.com. They are looking forward to seeing you!

The Women's Theological Book Group will meet on Thursday, May 16, to discuss Krista Tippett's *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters - and How to Talk About It*. All women are welcome! Contact the Rev. Lauren McDonald for more information.

Bruton Parish Gift Shop: Where will you find the perfect gift for all special occasions and everyday pleasures? Why, your Bruton Gift Shop of course! This is such a special time of year with Mother's Day, graduations, weddings, and hostess gifts. Send Mom a beautiful floral bouquet card that she will enjoy for a long time. How about a whimsical tea towel with hilarious sayings, for example "Great job Mom I turned out awesome"! Mom will feel so fashion forward with a new scarf, handbag, or summer hat. The graduate will appreciate the multi-use tools in a dorm room or a new apartment (think about Dad for this one too, as Father's Day is coming in June). Say thank you to your gracious hostess with paper products, gourmet gift bags, and scented soaps, to mention a few ideas. Show your name tag for your 10% parishioner discount. Proceeds from your purchases benefit people in need in our community and beyond.

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.

Mission & Outreach

Babysitting for Lobanga Family: We are in need of volunteer babysitters for our *Journey to Asylum* family during appointments and driving lessons, especially on Wednesdays from 4-6pm and Thursdays from 6-8pm. If you have time and interest, please contact the Rev. Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org or visit bit.ly/LOBANGABABYSIT.

Calling all Carpenters (or those who'd like to learn): The week of April 29 - May 3, the Bruton Builders will be building a porch at Camp Chanco in Surry. They welcome new volunteers to work with them on this and other projects. For more information contact Bob Morrison (bobmorrison77@gmail.com).

Annual Labor Day Weekend Book Sale is coming. Mark your calendars for Donations Drop-Off Days from 9am-12 noon on June 8 & 12, July 13 & 24, August 10 & 14. Peruse your collections for gently-used books, CD's, DVD's, vinyl records, games, and puzzles that others may enjoy (*please, no encyclopedias, VCR or cassette tapes, or moldy, coverless books*). If one of our Donation Drop-off Days does not work for you, please contact the Parish Office (757-229-2891), especially if you are unable to carry your donations directly to the church nursery collection area. We will coordinate a time when someone is available to help you. Also, to help facilitate our move to the Lewis Hall book sale site, please pack your donations in sturdy, manageable boxes or doubled paper bags.

Children & Youth Formation

Nursery for newborns through age four is available in the Parish House during the 9:15 and 11:15am services this Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Brewer at (252) 347-7078.

Confirmation Sunday: Children's Church will NOT be held at 9:15am today in St. Mary's Chapel, so that all families may participate in the 9:15am service in the church for Confirmation Sunday. **Sunday School** for children from K-8 grades continues at 10:30am upstairs in the Parish House today, and **Children's Choirs** will rehearse in the Parish House from 11-11:30am. **Youth Group will be held on Sunday, April 21, from 5-6:30pm** at the Parish House, dinner included. If you have any questions, contact Meghan Brewer.

Appreciation & Senior Recognition Sunday will be held in the church during the 9:15am service on Sunday, April 28, to recognize our Bruton Seniors who have been involved through the years in a multitude of ways with children's and youth programming, as well as joining in to thank all who help support the children and youth program throughout the year! Join us after the service for cake to celebrate these amazing individuals! Children's Church will *not* be held this Sunday as all are encouraged to come to the church at 9:15am that day; Sunday School and Choir Rehearsal will be held.

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 25 - Choral Evensong

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Choir from Raleigh, North Carolina

Kevin Kerstetter, Director & Schola Cantorum, from the Diocese of East Carolina

George Hirasawa, Director

Saturday, April 27 - John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Annual

Memorial Choir & Orchestra Concert

O Come Let Us Sing by George Frederic Handel

Musick's Jubilee by Andrew Carter

Bruton Parish Choirs & Orchestra, Rebecca Davy, Director

Historical Organ Recital

William & Mary Wren Chapel @ 10am

Saturday, April 27 - Norman Elton

Clergy & Staff

The Rt. Rev. 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*

Vestry Members

Carlyle Campbell, Judi Dorn, Bill Dugge (Junior Warden),
Sara Fogarty (Senior Warden), Joyce Haines, Robyn Hansen,
Steve Hibbitts (Treasurer), Randy Hobbs, Diane Howerton (Register),
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