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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

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

## Welcome &amp; Announcements

## Hymn 432

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*Laudate Dominum*

**O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured all ages along!  
For love in creation, for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

## The Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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

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

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth, Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth; Lord God,

heaven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we worship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lam of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re-ceive our prayer, re-

ceive our prayer. —

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, —

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther, the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men, A-men.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your

Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the **Lord**? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the **Lord** shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the **Lord** will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Psalm 112:1-9

David York

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Hap - py are they who have gi - ven to the poor.

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed. **Antiphon**

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. **Antiphon**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. **Antiphon**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor. **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.**

**To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;  
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,  
till earth's every people confess thee their God.**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lauren McDonald

The Nicene Creed

*BCP*, p. 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
    who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People, Form III

*BCP, p. 387*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop; Bill, Lauren and Charlie, our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, our President, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed, eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to  
do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

*BCP*, p. 360

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of  
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

*BCP*, 360

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

The Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:* Let your light so shine before all people that they may see  
your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: I Will Sing with the Spirit  
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John Rutter

**To God the Father, heavenly Light.  
to Christ: revealed in earthly night  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Aurora and Gloucester Street Mass

Sarah MacDonald

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry,

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-nain\_thehigh-est, Ho -

-san - na in\_the high - est. Blessed is he\_\_ who



comes in the name of the Lord, who comes in the name of the Lord.



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: Aurora and Gloucester Street Mass*  
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Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Passo - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; Therefore let us keep the  
feast. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

*Music during communion: Schmücke dich*  
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*Hymn during communion 339*  
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*Schmücke dich*

**Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.**

**Sun, who all my life dost brighten;  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy, the best that any knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth:  
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven,  
for our good, thy glory, given.**

**Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited;  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.**

*Hymn during communion 419*

*Mendon*

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**Lord of all being, throned afar,  
thy glory flames from sun and star;  
center and soul of every sphere,  
yet to each loving heart how near!**

**Sun of our life thy quickening ray  
sheds on our path the glow of day;  
star of our hope, thy softened light  
cheers the long watches of the night.**

**Lord of all life below, above,  
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,  
before thy ever-blazing throne  
we ask no luster of our own.**

**Grant us thy truth to make us free,  
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,  
till all thy living altars claim  
one holy light, one heavenly flame.**

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.**

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.**

*Hymn 490*

*Houston*

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**I want to walk as a child of the light,  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: Prelude & Interlude VI  
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Hermann Schroeder

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**In your prayers this week, please remember** persons for whom our prayers are asked, especially Alexander, Alice, Allison, Bill K., Bob, Bonner, Byrne, Carole, Caulder, Chuck, Claire, Cliff, Dave, Dawn, Derek, Dick and Paula, Ed, Erica, Jack, Jean, Jim, Judith, Kate, Larry, Laura, Lenis, Leslie, Marcia, Margaret, Mark, Mary, (Pattee), Mike, Mike J., Pat, Reginald, Sarah, Steve, Tracy, Will; for all caregivers; **all who serve in the armed forces**, especially Catherine Bean, Billy, Cameron Blount, Matt Bosworth, Michael Boyle, Ned Burgwyn, Matthew Burleson, Willard Burleson, Dane Butler, Mason Butler, Justin Chalkley, Christopher Chavez, James Coffey, Jake Cooley, Andrew Cox, Charles Cox, Kyle Defibaugh, Patrick Diehl, Connor Diesing, Duane Diesing, Monte Dunard, Daniel Faughnan, Ryan Frantz, John Gaston, Abby Goetsch, Joshua Hays, Rob Hodgson, Michael Holm, Jeff Hunter, Chip Huntsberry, Dane Jansson, Maddox Jurgensen, Jason Kelly, Charles Lewis, Jr., Thomas Lovegren, David L. McKinney, Michael H. Manson Jr., Patrick Menkhaus, Courtney 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, Jeremy Provencher, Jonathan Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Trevor Rogers, Michelle Rose, Mike Rose, Conner S., Sean Garand, Jasper Smith, Carson Strassels, Ryan Suders, Henry White, John Wilkes; and **we pray for the departed.**

### **Announcements**

**Coffee Connections:** Join us today either in the church courtyard (weather permitting) or the Custis House for coffee, water, food, and fellowship between the 9:15 and 11:15am services. If you would like to participate in the Coffee Connections ministry, please email [coffee@brutonparish.org](mailto:coffee@brutonparish.org).

**Newcomers Corner, February 8, 10:15am:** Join us in the Custis House to meet the clergy, vestry, and other parishioners, and to learn more about the many ministries here at Bruton Parish.

**A hearty thank you to everyone who helped with the Winter Shelter this week.** We hosted more guests than ever in extreme weather conditions and took on an extra night to keep our guests safe in the storm. Thank you to our co-chairs, Melinda and John Morgan, the team leaders, the Bruton staff, and every person who volunteered, demonstrating such warm hospitality to our guests. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community this week as we welcomed the stranger and helped to take care of our neighbors. Servants, well done.

**Search Committee:** The Vestry is pleased to announce that, after prayerful discernment, we have selected the members of our Search Committee. These nine parishioners will be tasked with the process that will ultimately recommend the next Rector of our parish. We gratefully recognize Isabel Burch; Colly Burgwyn; Brian Hanlon; Diane Howerton, Chair; Alison Lennarz; Sara Meldrum; Evie Scally; Griff Steel; and Sue Warner as our Bruton Parish Search Committee. We are deeply thankful for their willingness to serve and for their commitment to helping us discern and call the next spiritual leader of our

parish. They will be commissioned at both the 9:15 and 11:15 services on March 8.

**New Service Music!** The choir will lead service music from Sarah MacDonald's newly-composed *Aurora and Gloucester Street Mass*. The music director at Christ Church in Hudson, Ohio and Rebecca Davy jointly commissioned this new setting (named after our respective street addresses), and we look forward to the music bringing freshness to our liturgy. All new music takes time to gain familiarity, but the choir will lead the way and continue supporting your singing as you learn the new tunes. Sarah is Director of Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge, Director of the Girl Choristers at Ely Cathedral, and a well-respected choral composer. We will continue singing this setting through Lent.

**Shrove Tuesday Parish-wide Celebration & Mission Trip Youth Fundraiser, February 17, 5:30-7:00pm:** All parishioners are invited to join for a night of fun and fellowship! We will gather in the Parish Hall from 5:30pm-7:00pm for food and fellowship for all ages. The cost is \$10/person, \$15/couple and \$25/family (pay at the door). *Please rsvp by email to [BPC@brutonparish.org](mailto:BPC@brutonparish.org) or call the church office by Friday, February 13, to let us know you'll be attending.* Contact Meghan Brewer if you have any questions.

**Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes, February 18:** Services will be held in the church on Wednesday, February 18, at 11am and 6pm (and live-streamed at 6pm to our YouTube Channel). If you wish to *receive ashes only*, they will be available in the church from 12-3pm.

**Bruton Gift Shop:** The shop will be closed for inventory from February 9-11. New merchandise is arriving daily from our Atlanta Gift Show orders. We look forward to setting up fresh displays with all these wonderful "finds" from Market. We will be ready for Spring when it finally arrives! With Ash Wednesday coming soon we have chosen reading and meditations for your spiritual journey through the solemn time of Lent

**Inquirer's Class - Exploring our Episcopal Faith, February 8 - March 15, 12:30pm:** Are you new to Bruton and the Episcopal Church? Or are you a longtime member curious to learn more about the Church and explore your life of faith? The Inquirer's Class is for you! Starting on Sunday, February 8, at 12:30pm through March 15, this series will be led by our clergy and others in the Parish Hall. A light lunch is provided. This series is for all, and is also preparation for adults seeking baptism, confirmation, or reaffirmation. Please email the Rev'd Charlie Bauer ([cbauer@brutonparish.org](mailto:cbauer@brutonparish.org)) with questions and to sign up.

**Women of Bruton Lenten Prayer Partners, Sign Up by February 10:** This is the last week to sign up for a Prayer Partner for Lent. Through this match, you will be connected with a fellow parishioner, offering them your heartfelt prayers throughout the season. All women are welcome. You have the option of requesting a "prayer only" partner or one with whom you can get together or contact by phone or internet. Read more about it and sign up by visiting [bit.ly/BPCPRAYERPARTNERS](http://BPCPRAYERPARTNERS).

**Reading a Roadmap for the Christian Life, February 12:** We have entered the Year of Matthew, the Gospel that will serve as the primary source for our Sunday readings. Matthew's Gospel stands out for preserving Jesus' teaching in

greater detail than any other, offering us a rich and practical roadmap for the Christian life. Join the Rev. Steven Woolley at 6:30pm in the Coffee, Tea & Thee for the conclusion of this Adult Formation, as we open Matthew's Gospel together and discover where it leads us. Sessions will be recorded and available following the sessions on the Bruton YouTube page.

**Bruton Social, February 13, 5pm:** Hosted by Lisa Lucas in Ford's Colony, please join us this year for the first Bruton Social of 2026! If you would like to attend, please RSVP directly to LML39@icloud.com by February 9. Thanks to Judith and Barry Dressel for hosting in December. These gatherings provide the opportunity for parishioners to get together and enjoy fellowship over food and drink. These gatherings are held in the home of a parishioner, and the host provides beverages while guests provide shareable appetizers or light snacks. In March, Leith and Chuck Mullaly will host the group at their home. If you are interested in hosting at your home in 2026, please let Alan Kriz know at alan.kriz@gmail.com.

**Bruton Singles Dinner @ Blue Talon Bistro, February 13, 6pm:** Come and join us at 6pm for dinner at Blue Talon Bistro on Prince George Street. Enjoy great food, good conversation and meeting new friends! Please RSVP directly to Singles@brutonparish.org. We hope you will join us!

**Women of Bruton Ribbon Cross Workshop, February 17, 10am:** Women of Bruton invite you to this workshop upstairs in Room 206 of the Parish House. No RSVP is needed (just bring scissors). Proceeds from the revenue from Ribbon Crosses, which are sold in the Bruton Shop, enable us to help support local community needs. You will not be expected to make the crosses all by yourself; we have a fun and easy mentoring program which also helps provide a great way to meet others in our parish! If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Trapani at (757) 208-0732.

**Burning of the Palms, February 17, 5pm:** In preparation for the beginning of Lent, join us at 5pm on Tuesday, February 17, outside Bruton Parish Church (weather permitting) as we burn last year's palms from Palm Sunday to use as ashes for Ash Wednesday the following day. Led by Canterbury students, this short service will lead into our Shrove Tuesday celebratory dinner.

**Bruton ROMEOS, February 19, 11:30am:** The Retired Outstanding Men Eating Optimally will meet for lunch at 11:30am on Thursday, February 19, at Masala Craft Kitchen (5223 Monticello Avenue). Lunch is typically between \$15-20, paid individually. Please RSVP by email to BPC@brutonparish.org by noon on Tuesday, February 17.

**Sacred Steps: Pilgrimage Medieval and Modern, February 26, 6:30pm:** Join Dr. George Greenia, William & Mary's Emeritus Professor of Modern Languages and Founder of W&M Institute of Pilgrimage Studies, as he discusses the ancient Christian practice of pilgrimage, from its medieval roots to its modern resurgence. This will be the first part of a series this spring on pilgrimage. Join us in the Parish Hall from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

**The Women's Theological Book Group, March 12, 1pm:** This Book Group will meet on March 12 from 1-2:30pm to discuss *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. All women are welcome to join us. For questions or to be added to the group email, please contact Rev. Lauren (lmcdonald@brutonparish.org).

**Bible Lectionary Study, Tuesdays, 9am:** Bruton's Tuesday morning lectionary seminar, led by the Rev. Steven Woolley, offers an opportunity for a deep dive into scripture, congenial conversation, and a little levity. Please join us in the parish house library each Tuesday morning from 9-10am where we promise to start and end on time.

**Bruton Parish Church Bylaws:** The Vestry updated the Bruton Parish Church Bylaws, and a copy is posted in Realm. A hard copy is posted on the bulletin board in the Reception area of the Parish House.

**Realm:** Is creating your REALM Account one of your New Year's Resolutions? If so, contact Margaret Driscoll at [mdriscoll@brutonparish.org](mailto:mdriscoll@brutonparish.org) or 757-345-2256.

**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](http://www.brutonparish.org/fobowc), where you can also read the current issue of *The Bruton Fount*, our periodic electronic newsletter.

### **Mission & Outreach**

**Calling all Loaves & Fishes Volunteers, February 9, 1:30pm:** Join us for our first organizational meeting of the new year! Even if you have never volunteered with our food ministry, come and learn about all the opportunities there are to serve our neighbors! Wondering what happened to the Motel Meals? Or, what's new with the Crockpot Program? Or, where the Backpack Buddies food is now located? We will cover it all! Join us February 9 at 1:30pm in the Coffee, Tea & Thee room.

**Lent Drive to Benefit our Care Closets:** Lent will begin soon, and, once again, we will use this season to collect much needed items for our Care Closets at Berkeley Middle & Lafayette High Schools. Follow the guide below and, each Sunday, please bring a needed item to church when you come! If you prefer not to shop, you are welcome to make a monetary donation to this effort. Make your checks payable to Bruton Parish Church and write "Care Closets" in the memo line (or visit our website, click GIVE NOW in the upper right-hand corner, and be sure to change the Fund Field to *Care Closets*). You can place your check in the offering plate on Sundays, hand your check to Christine Britton in the church office any weekday during Lent (M-F, 8am-4pm), or mail it to the church. Thank you for your love and support for our young neighbors. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

- **Week 1 (February 22)** - FOOD (i.e. canned goods, soups, ramen, pasta, sauce, applesauce cups, PB&J, etc.)
- **Week 2 (March 1)** - PAPER PRODUCTS (i.e. tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, liquid detergent and detergent pods, etc.).
- **Week 3 (March 8)** - SNACKS (i.e. crackers, cheez-its, granola bars, peanut snack mixes, trail mix, fruit snacks, goldfish, chips, pretzels, etc.)
- **Week 4 (March 15)** - INDIVIDUAL BREAKFASTS (the idea for this week is things that can be sent home for breakfast on weekends, i.e. poptarts, individual small boxes of cereal, and oatmeal cups, etc.)
- **Week 5 (March 22)** - HYGIENE NEEDS (Bar soap, pump soap, deodorants, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush/toothpaste).

- **Week 6 (March 29)** – GARMENT NEEDS (underwear for men and women, adult sizes small through XL; socks for men and women in various sizes; black leggings for women in various sizes)

### **Children & Youth Formation**

**Nursery for newborns through age four** is available in the Parish House during the 9:15am and 11:15am. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Brewer at [mbrewer@brutonparish.org](mailto:mbrewer@brutonparish.org) or (252) 347-7078.

**Children's Church** will be held this morning at 9:15am in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House. Parents are invited to bring their children to the chapel around 9am, then head to the church for worship. Be sure to save them a seat, as they'll join the congregation during the Peace. **Sunday School** will continue at 10am in the Parish House, followed by Children's Choir Rehearsal at 11am.

**Youth Confirmation Classes, February 8, 12:30-1:30pm:** Classes for 9th-12th graders will combine with the Inquirer's Class (note the new time!) and begin on February 8 in the Parish House and will conclude on March 15. Lunch is provided. The Bishop will be here for Confirmation Sunday, April 19, during the 9:15am service. Please let Meghan Brewer know if your youth plans to participate.

### **Candlelight Concerts @ 7pm in the Church**

Thursday, February 12 - *Wind Ensemble Concert*  
USAF Langley Wind Ensemble

Saturday, February 14 - Organ & Harpsichord Recital  
Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

### **Historical Organ Recital @ 10am @ W&M Wren Chapel**

Saturday, February 14 - Thomas Marshall

### **Participants @ 9:15am**

Acolytes	Maddie, Adelaide, Alastair
First Reader	Betty Delk
Second Reader	Heidi Elam
Prayer Leader	Joan Palmer
Chalice	Bill Dorn
Chalice	Roger Hoopengardner
Altar Guild	Lise & Elizabeth Kline
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Haines
Altar Flowers	Anne Prosser, Sarah Wood, Molly Taylor
Ushers	Vic Trapani, Larry Zensinger, Judi Dorn, Carol Bayne, Bob Michael, Peter Quinn
A/V Ministry	John Fogarty

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