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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

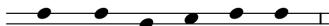
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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

THE GREAT LITANY

The Great Litany (*sung in procession*)

Litanist: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,



People: Have mer - cy up - on us.

Litanist: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Litanist: O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Litanist: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Litanist: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.



People: Spare us, good Lord.

Litanist: From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,



People: Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

Litanist: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Litanist: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Litanist: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Litanist: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Litanist: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Litanist: By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Litanist: By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Litanist: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Litanist: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right Way,



People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist: That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Litanist: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

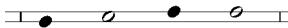
People: Have mer-cy up-on us.

Litanist: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Litanist: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Grant us thy peace.

Litanist: O Christ, hear us.



People: O Christ, hear us.



Litanist: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

People: Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Litanist: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The **Lord** God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the **Lord** God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

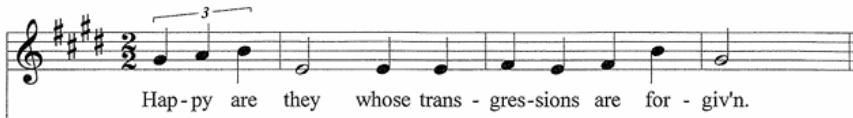
Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the **Lord** God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

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Hap-py are they whose trans - gres-sions are for - giv'n.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the **Lord** imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **Antiphon**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the **Lord**." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **Antiphon**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the **Lord**.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the **Lord**; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

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

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass,

death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Hymn 150

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**Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?**

**Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!**

**So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took

him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. William J. Watson III

The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

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 Jesus Christ are invited to His Table. Ushers will direct you forward to the altar. To receive the Bread, stand or kneel and the priest will place the Bread in the palm of your hand. Our custom is to receive the Common Cup by guiding the Chalice to your lips; intinction is not permitted. If you prefer not to receive the Bread or Wine, please come to the altar and cross your arms for a blessing. For gluten-free communion wafers, make your need known to the clergy at the altar. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Offertory Anthem: Jesus So Lowly

Harold Friedell

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**O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in three-fold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, Sustainer of the Universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through

prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Aurora and Gloucester Street Mass

Sarah MacDonald



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_the highest, Ho-san-na in_the high-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.

Ho-san-na in_the highest, Ho-san-na in_the high-est.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

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

Music during Communion: Have Mercy Upon Us, O Lord
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Hymn during communion 143

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**The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.**

**Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.**

**O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.**

**Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.**

**As thou with Satan didst contend
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.**

**As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.**

**And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! With us abide.**

**Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!**

**Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.**

**The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.**

**Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.**

**Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.**

**Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live,
in love and unity and peace.**

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.

Prayer Over the People

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 149

Old 124th

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**Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.**

**So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.**

**If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.**

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Fugue in D minor

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Johann Pachelbel

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, Fritz, Gary, Jack, Jean, Jim, Judith, Kate, Larry, Laura, Lenis, Leslie, Marcia, Margaret, Mark, Mary, (Pattee), Mike, Mike J., Pat, Reginald, Sally, 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.

Celebrating Black History Month, February 22, 3pm: On Sunday, February 22 at 3pm our choirs will combine with the choir from historic First Baptist Church in a concert celebrating Black History month. The performance will be held in the auditorium of the Williamsburg Regional Library at 515 Scotland Street. The choirs will be accompanied by orchestra, and the program will include a range of music from Gospel to 19th-century hymnody.

Inquirer's Class - Exploring our Episcopal Faith, through 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! Continuing on Sundays at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall through March 15, this series will be led by our clergy and others. 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) with questions and to sign up.

Monthly Caregiver Support Group, February 25, 12:00 noon (in Coffee, Tea, and Thee, following the 11am healing Eucharist), this group is for anyone caring for a loved one with a chronic illness or other condition. Participants will have the opportunity to share about their experience and hear from others in similar circumstances in a circle of prayer and support. The group is facilitated by Betty Delk, John Fogarty, and the Rev. Lauren McDonald. Please join us to connect with others for strength, faith, and support. If you have any questions, please contact Betty at elizabeth.delk@gmail.com.

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 Dedication & Blessing of the 350th Anniversary Time Capsule occurred last Sunday, February 15, at the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services. During Bruton's 350th year, 2024, we had many memorable and varied events, both educational and social. The 350th Steering Committee collected many photos, documents, music programs, special Sunday bulletins and articles such as Bruton Friends logo pins and an engraved guest speaker pewter cup. We owe sincere gratitude to the Canterbury representative on the Committee, Catherine Freemon Stapleton, who was the leader of this project and did an outstanding job. The beautiful Time Capsule wooden box was handmade by Bob Morrison, Chair of the Bruton Builders, and sealed on February 5th. The Time Capsule was placed in its "home" by the Rev. William J. Watson III and members of the 350th Committee. The Time Capsule will be opened in 50 years, 2074.

Bruton Gift Shop: Lagniappe is a word that means a little something extra. And that is what we, in the shop, try to offer every day. From buying trips where we search for the very best merchandise to the welcome that you receive from volunteers as you enter the shop, our motto is only the very best will do. For an enjoyable shopping experience, please stop in soon!

New Service Music! We will continue singing the service music from Sarah MacDonald's newly-composed Aurora and Gloucester Street Mass through Lent. The music director at Christ Church in Hudson, Ohio and Rebecca Davy jointly commissioned this new setting (named after our respective street addresses). All new music takes time to gain familiarity, but the choir is leading the way and continuing to support 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.

The Women's Theological Book Group, March 12, 1pm: This Book Group will meet 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 list, please contact Rev. Lauren (lmcdonald@brutonparish.org).

Easter Lily Donations, March 27: The deadline for receiving names to be included in the Easter bulletin as a memorial, a thank offering, or in honor of someone special is Friday, March 27. *Please make checks payable to Bruton Parish (with "lilies" in the memo) and mail them directly to Dianne Spence at 102 Walnut Hills Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185-3427.* Please include your phone number on the check or correspondence. Contact Dianne directly if you have questions at 757-870-3154.

Save the Date - Canterbury Gala, April 18, 6-8pm: Canterbury: the Episcopal Church at William & Mary invites you to save the date for this year's Black Tie Gala in support of Canterbury's ministry. We will return this year to the Great Hall of the Historic Wren Building on campus - stay tuned for ticket information in the coming weeks! Canterbury also seeks donations for the silent auction; reach out to canterbury@brutonparish.org if you have items you might donate.

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 the Parish Access Only portion of our website at www.brutonparish.org. If you are a member of the parish and do not have access to this area of the website, please call the church office or send an email to BPC@brutonaprishi.org. A hard copy is posted on the bulletin board in the Reception area of the Parish House.

Realm: If you need help setting up your Realm account or have questions, please contact Margaret Driscoll at 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, where you can also read the current issue of *The Bruton Fount*, our periodic electronic newsletter.

Mission & Outreach

Lent Drive to Benefit our Care Closets: This Lent we will, once again, use this season to collect much needed items for our Care Closets at Berkeley Middle & Lafayette High Schools. 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, bring your check to the church office (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 2 (March 1) - Paper Products (i.e., tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, liquid detergent, detergent pods, etc.).**

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 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 10:30am in the Parish House followed by **Children's Choir Rehearsal** at 11am.

Youth Confirmation Classes, through March 15, 12:30-1:30pm: Classes for 9th-12th graders will combine with the Inquirer's Class (note the new time!) continue in the Parish House through 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.

Youth Mission Trip: The Bruton youth will be heading to Asheville, NC for their mission trip July 12-17. While we were supposed to be heading to Pennsylvania, accommodations could not be met for our numbers. A brief informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1, at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. We are very excited to be working with AYM in Asheville. Since Hurricane Helene, that area has been devastated, and has more needs than ever.

Vacation Bible School: Glow for Jesus - Let Your Light Shine, August 3-7, 9am-noon: VBS for 3-year-olds through 5th graders will be held at Bruton Parish this year, and include Hickory Neck and St. Martin's churches also. There is a nominal registration fee to assist us in providing snacks and craft supplies during the week. The fee schedule for the week is \$15 for the first

child; \$10 for the second child and \$25 maximum/family. Please watch for more information and when registration opens. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org or 757-345-6489.

Candlelight Concerts @ 7pm in the Church

Saturday, February 28 - Organ Recital
Spirituals to Celebrate Black History Month
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

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

Saturday, February 28 - Norman Elton, Organist

Participants @ 9:15am

Acolytes	Marshall, Finten, Maddie, Adelaide
First Reader	Douglas Boller
Second Reader	Greg Davy
Chalicer 1	Anne Prosser
Chalicer 2	Sally Hartwig
Altar Guild	Judi & Bill Dorn
EVs	Bill Dorn, Judi Dorn, Joyce Haines, Gary Harvey, Jeanne Harvey, Annika Mitic
Ushers	Taylor & Jackson Banks, Jeff & Shelley White, Dewey Hurley, Jay Lipscomb
A/V Ministry	Rudy Knepper

Participants @ 11:15am

Crucifer	MJ Freeman
First Reader	John Millar
Second Reader	Kathy Russo
Chalicer 1	Bill Porter
Chalicer 2	Gary Harvey
Altar Guild	Anna Martin
Ushers	Les & Michele Hoffman, Scott Bitzer, Merritt Schoff, Griff Steel

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

The Rev. William J. Watson III, Interim Rector

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

The Rev. Lauren M. McDonald, Associate Rector
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