THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
9:15 IN THE MORNING (LIVE-STREAMED)

Prelude: Suite in G minor
Handel

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 450
Coronation

All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David’s line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!

Ye heirs of Israel’s chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!
Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our pray.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall
say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

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1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * 
   make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * 
   and speak of all his marvelous works. Antiphon
3 Glory in his holy Name; * 
   let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * 
   continually seek his face. Antiphon
5 Remember the marvels he has done, * 
   his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * 
   O children of Jacob his chosen. Antiphon
23 Israel came into Egypt, * 
   and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * 
   he made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * 
   and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant, * 
   and Aaron whom he had chosen.
45 Hallelujah! Antiphon

The Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary’s hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o’er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev’d Christopher L. Epperson

The Nicene Creed

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 VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe, our president, for the Congress of the United States, for the courts, our state and local leaders,
and this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop; Chris,
Lauren, Charlie, and Jan, our clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We pray for peace, justice, reconciliation, and an end to war in Ukraine and Russia.

We pray for all refugees and for an end to conflicts around the world especially in the Middle East,
Africa, and Central America.

We pray for our Journey to Asylum family.

We pray for those whose lives and homes have been devastated by natural disasters, especially those
devastated by wildfires in Hawaii and Hurricane Idalia, and for all who are victims of violence.

We pray for an end to disease, hunger, and thirst.

We pray for those suffering from the destructive power of addiction.

We pray for the students, faculty, and staff of William & Mary.
Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We pray for those listed on our parish prayer list and for those whom we name now.

Hear us, Lord;  
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Betty Trapani, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: 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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: The Earth Is the Lord’s  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A  
BCP, p. 361

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. *(Proper Preface)*
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:

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**Sanctus**


### Hymnal S 125

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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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a prayer that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Music during Communion: Contemplation on Wondrous Love

Hymn during communion: 439

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Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free
I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and through eternity I’ll sing on.

Hymn during communion: 10

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Kedron

New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
around us hover while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.
Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,
as more of heaven in each we see;
some softening gleam of love and prayer
shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
room to deny ourselves; a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

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

Hymn 610

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Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy’s perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
`not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love’s revealing light,
in its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving,
your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aide, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

The Dismissal

Postlude: Toccata in E minor

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Johann Pachelbel
The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the sixty-second wedding anniversary of Toni and Joe Webb.

In your prayers this week, please remember persons for whom our prayers are asked, especially Alexander, Algernon, Alice, Bill, Brandon, Byrne, Carole, Caulder, Chison, Chuck, Cliff, Colleen, Darlene, David, Derek, Erica, Ernie, Harry, Joan, John, Judith, Kathy, Larry, Laura, Leslie, Lynn, Marcia, Margaret W., Mark, Martin, Pat, Reginald, Scottie, Stacy, Steve, Sue, Vernon, Viola Cleo; for all caregivers; all who serve in the armed forces, especially Billy, Cameron Blount, Matt Bosworth, Michael Boyle, Ned Burgwyn, Matthew Burleson, Willard Burleson, Cameron Butler, Corydon Butler, Dane Butler, Justin Chalkley, James Coffey, Hunter Colt, Jeff Colt, Sam Colt, Jake Cooley, Andrew Cox, Charles Cox, Chris Davis, Kyle Defibaugh, Patrick Diehl, Connor Diesing, Duane Diesing, Sean Doherty, Monte Dunard, Robert Elmore, Daniel Faughnan, Eli Forbes, Ryan Frantz, John Gaston, Abby Goetsch, Joshua Hays, Rob Hodgson, Michael Holm, Scott Howe, Jeff Hunter, Chip Huntsberry, Eric Inman, Dane Jansson, Jason Kelly, Michael H. Manson Jr., Patrick Menkhau, 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, especially Betty Trapani, Vic Trapani’s mother.

Announcements

Coffee Connections: Please join us for Coffee Connections between the 9:15 and 11:15am services outside the tower door, or at the Custis House across the street, depending on the weather. In addition to coffee, we have water, food, and fellowship! To volunteer to help with this Sunday ministry, please email Kathy Harper at coffee@brutonparish.org. Hands are needed!

Annual Labor Day Book Sale concludes in the Parish House today (10am-2pm) with a $10 Fill-a-Bag Special. All proceeds benefit Mission & Outreach!

Vestry Nominations: Every autumn, parishioners are invited to nominate someone or self-nominate for a vestry term beginning the following year. The Nominating Committee reviews all submissions to compose a slate of four for election at the Annual Parish Meeting in November. Nominations are now open (due date is Friday, September 29); read more about the role of a vestry member and the nominating process available at bit.ly/8PCVESTRYNOM24. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Fall Fellowship Festival: All are welcome to join us for this annual fellowship being held this year on Sunday, October 1, from 4-7pm at the Parish House. Come out to enjoy food, fellowship, face painting, children’s activities, and an all-around-great-time to be together in the community of our church. The cost is only $15/individual, $25/couple or $30/family. Please RSVP by emailing mbrewer@brutonparish.org or call the church office at (757) 229-2891 by Wednesday, September 17, to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

Bruton’s Music Ministry is looking for volunteers to join the Tarpley Ringers handbell choir and/or usher for the Candlelight Concerts outreach ministry. Singers in both the Pelham and Chancel Choirs are also always welcome. Contact Music Director Beckie Davy at bdavy@brutonparish.org for more information.

Blast Off to Bells Handbell Workshop: Have you ever considered ringing handbells? Our Tarpley Ringers are looking for new members to join in the fun, fellowship, and challenge handbells offer. A local workshop, Blast Off to Bells, to take place on Saturday, September 9, will be a great opportunity to learn about or become better at ringing handbells. Ringers from Williamsburg Presbyterian, Scotland Street First Baptist, St. Bede, Williamsburg FUMC, and Bruton will join in a workshop from 9am-3pm at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Richmond Road. Lunch will be provided. Contact our Music Director, Beckie Davy, at bdavy@brutonparish.org if you might be interested.

Newcomers Corner will be held Sunday, September 10, from 10:20-11am next to the Coffee Connections tables. This is an informal time to meet others, receive a folder of information, and a copy of the parish cookbook. Please stop by if you are new or want to learn more about the parish.

BPC Turning Pages Book Group invites new members! Open to everyone, join us for our first meeting this year on Monday, September 11, at 6:30pm (held in various homes). We’ll be discussing Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. If you have any questions, contact Joan O’Brien at 757-784-2599 or joan.lovegren.obrien@gmail.com.

Newcomers Reception: The clergy and vestry cordially invite all parish newcomers and their spouse or guest for refreshments and fellowship in the Bruton Parish House (331 W. Duke of Gloucester Street) on Tuesday, September 12, from 5:30-7pm. To RSVP please call 757-345-2256 or send an email to newcomers@brutonparish.org.
Constitution Day Bell Ringing: Join the Williamsburg Chapter DAR at Bruton Parish Church for the Constitution Day Belling Ringing on Sunday, September 17. The program begins at 3:30pm with a blessing from our rector, The Rev’d Chris Epperson; followed by a reading of Mayoral Proclamation by Vice Mayor Pat Dent; a reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America by Honorary Regent Kim Defibaugh, Williamsburg Chapter DAR; and concluding with bell ringing at 4pm as part of the Bell Ringing Across America (Let Freedom Ring). Afterwards, come to the lawn of the Colonial Williamsburg Art Museum for a Constitution Day Concert beginning at 5:15pm. All are welcome!

The Women’s Theological Book Group will meet at 1pm on Thursday, September 21, in Room 206 of the Parish House to discuss Jon Meacham’s book, American Gospel: God, The Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation. If you have any questions, please contact The Rev. Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

Bruton Gift Shop: New merchandise is arriving in the shop daily! This week’s shipments included dear little plush animals that oldsters and youngsters alike will love. They are waiting to be adopted. Come in and take a look at these easy-to-care-for irresistible pets! A new addition to our gourmet section’s southern specialties this week is cheese straws, lemon straws, and mudpuppies from Mississippi. Our next Third Thursday Gift Shop Tea will be held on Thursday, September 21, from 2-3:30pm. Seating by reservation by calling 757-220-1489 (seating is limited).

10th Annual Friends Day will be held on Saturday, September 23 beginning in the church when the morning program will focus on the Bruton Churchyard and the memorials inside the church. We’ll learn about many of the significant burials and commemoratives located in the cemetery and inside the church. The revised churchyard book, The Tombs & Memorials of Bruton Parish Church, will be at or near publication and will be the focus of our program. Lunch will be held in the Regency Room of the Williamsburg Inn. Our speaker will be Dr. Anton Koekemoer, a research astrophysicist at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, the scientific center of operations for the Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes. Dr. Koekemoer’s presentation is entitled The Heavens Declare the Glory of God: Faith and Science in Harmony. To register, send an email to BPC@brutonparish.org with the name(s) of those attending. Visit https://abundant.co/brutonparishchurch/give, our online Giving Site called Abundant, and make a donation of $50/person to Friends of Bruton Day (be sure to change the Fund field). You may also write a check payable to Bruton Parish Church (indicate Friends Day in the memo) and mail it to Bruton Parish Church, P.O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520. You may bring it by the church office if you prefer (Monday - Friday, between 8am - 4pm). The registration deadline is Friday, September 15 – reserve your place for the 10th Annual Friends Day!

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.

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.

Ushers & Audio/Visual Ministries: The A/V Ministry makes possible the live-streams of the 9:15am service on Sunday mornings and other times as requested. We seek people to be trained and join this rewarding ministry. Also at 11:15, ushers are needed to welcome people to the church with a smile, a bulletin, and help finding a seat. Please call Bill Dugge to offer your help in either way at 443-909-0925.

Fearless Caregiver Conference is designed for family members caring for adults or older adults. Sponsored by Riverside Hospital, Today’s Caregiver, and The Martha Goodson Center, the conference will be held at St. Bede Catholic Church on Ironbound Road on Wednesday, September 27, from 9:30am-3pm. Limited tickets may be available for family caregivers at no cost. Visit bit.ly/CAREGIVERCONF for more details and registration information.

Mission & Outreach

Bruton Parish sends ALOHA to our Maui neighbors. In the Hawaiian language, aloha means more than hello and goodbye; it also means love and fellowship. The Mission and Outreach Committee voted to send $2000 from its Emergency Fund to help the Lahaina community as they begin to recover and rebuild from the devastating wildfires. If you would also like to contribute, you may make a check out to Bruton Parish with Maui Relief in the memo line and we will send it in, or you may send donations directly to Episcopal Relief & Development at bit.ly/BPC4MAUI.

2024 COFM Winter Shelter: Save the date! Bruton Parish will host the 2024 COFM Winter Shelter next year from January 28 to February 4. Larry and Peg Zensinger are this year’s Shelter Coordinators and know many of you are experienced “shelter” volunteers. More information regarding volunteer opportunities coming this fall.

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 are interested in working in the Nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact Meghan Brewer at either mbrewer@brutonparish.org or 252-347-7078.
Children’s Church will NOT be held this Sunday, September 3, due to the holiday weekend (nursery will be available from 8:30am - 12:30pm in the Parish House, though).

Looking ahead to the New 2023/24 School Year: All programming begins for the new school year on Sunday, September 10! Join us for Children’s Church at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel, followed by Sunday School at 10:30am and Children’s & Youth Choir at 11am in the Parish House.

Welcome Back Youth Group: Come out for dinner on Sunday, September 10, from 5-6:30pm at the Parish House for a chance to be together again for a new school year. We'll talk about how everyone has been and what to look forward to in the school year to come.

Youth & Canterbury Eucharist: Join us at the "Big" church at 5:20pm on Sunday, September 24, for a short service with the Canterbury students, followed by dinner and fellowship in the Parish House. Pick up will be at the Parish House at 7pm!

Youth Mission Trip to Asheville, North Carolina from July 14-19, 2024. More details and sign-up opportunities coming soon!

Candlelight Concerts in the Church @ 8pm

Thursday, September 7 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, September 9 - Organ Recital
Agnes French, Organist from Williamsburg, Virginia

Historical Organ Recitals
William & Mary Wren Chapel @ 10am
Saturday, September 9 - Thomas Marshall

Clergy & Staff

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

The Revª Christopher L. Epperson, Rector

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

The Revª Lauren M. McDonald, Associate Rector
Outreach & Women’s Ministries

The Ven. Jan M. Brown, Archdeacon

Meghan Brewer, Coordinator for Children’s & Youth Ministries

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Steve Hibbitts (Treasurer), Diane Howerton, Leith Mullaly (Register),
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