



## The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
7:30 in the Morning  
December 10, 2017

Prelude: Petite Chant Suite  
Winchester New

Alan J. Hommerding  
Christopher Tambling

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison (said)

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle: II Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Hymn 76

Winchester New

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ' Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

- The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 326
- The Prayers of the People BCP, p. 328
- The Confession, Absolution & The Peace BCP, p. 330

## The Holy Communion

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

Offertory: Once He Came in Blessing John Leavitt

At the Presentation: The Doxology (Hymn 380, v. 3) Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I BCP, p. 333

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 336

The Breaking of the Bread

The Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Advent Blessing

Hymn 59 Merton

The Dismissal

Postlude: Merton Malcolm Archer

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In your prayers this week, please remember: persons for whom our prayers are asked: Alvis, Ann G., Ann S, Betty, Bill, Bo, Bob, Bonner, Connie, Cynthia, Dan, Dave, David W., Dillon, Elizabeth, Frances, Gary, Geraldine, Ginny, Jane M., Jean, Jennifer, Jim, John A., John L, John M, John S., Judy, Kay, Laura, Mattie, Nance F., Nancy B., Nancy J., Nancy M, Paul, Phil, Robert H., Rosemary, Ruth, Ruth Mary, Scottie, Sherrill, Shirley, Susan, Timothy, Wayne, Will, William; all who serve in the armed forces, especially: Billy, Cameron Blount, Matt Bosworth, Michael Boyle, Ned Burgwyn, Danny Burkhardt, Matthew Burlison, Willard Burlison, Cameron Butler, Corydon Butler, 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, Robert Elmore, Daniel Faughnan, Joshua Hays, Rob Hodgson, Eric Holm, Michael Holm, Scott Howe, Jeff Hunter, Chip Huntsberry, Eric Inman, Dane Jansson, Michael H. Manson Jr., Daniel Miyamasu, Katherine Miyamasu, Timothy Moffitt, Stephen Mongold, Phillip Morrison, Joshua Mullen, Donald Ernest Perkins III, Edward Petrillo, Tom Pluim, Trevor Rogers, Michelle Rose, Danielle Saunders, Sean Garand, Jasper Smith, Carson Strassels, Peter Strassels, Ryan Suders, Henry White, Andrew Wolgemuth; We pray for the dearly departed, especially Carolyn Moody Burbage.

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## Parish Announcements

Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone.

Worship with us on the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Sunday, December 24, in the morning at either 7:30am or 10am in the church. Christmas Eve services begin with the Children's Pageant & Holy Eucharist at 3pm (nursery will only be available during the pageant that Sunday), followed by services of Holy Eucharist at 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30pm. We will have two lines to bring worshippers into the church. Parishioners are asked to form a line from the Palace Green Gate down the walk toward the Governor's Palace. As always, wearing your parish nametag is helpful. Ushers will help form this line and be sensitive to health and fitness of those members of the parish in line, and do their best to offer comfort and expedience. Visitors will form a line down Duke of Gloucester Street and will be admitted once parishioners have entered the church. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist will be held in the church at 11am.

Our Bruton Choir Holiday Concert is Tuesday, December 12, at 8pm in the church. With strings, flutes, oboes, and handbells, the choirs will sing music from Telemann's Christmas Cantata, Buxtehude's Mary's Magnificat, and Libby Larsen's Ringeltänze.

Greening of the Church: Volunteer Friday, December 15, in the Parish House to prepare the greens then at the church on Saturday, December 16, to help hang them (8am until noon each day). If you have a ladder, shears and/or wire cutters, please bring them. Visit our website or contact Sarah Darling at greens@brutonparish.org or 757-871-7259 for more details about this annual two-day holiday event.

COFM Winter Shelter 2018: We welcome your support for Bruton's week hosting the homeless shelter, part of the Community of Faith Mission, to be held in Lewis Hall from February 4-11, 2018. Help is needed for check-in, dinner, overnight, breakfast and check-out. Sign-ups have begun online at <http://bit.ly/cofmbpc2018>

Contributions Due by Year-End: In order for your contribution to be counted as a 2017 contribution for tax purposes, it must be either physically in the Parish House or in the church offering plate by Sunday, December 31, or postmarked no later than midnight on Sunday, December 31. Payments made outside of these parameters will be posted to your 2017 pledge payment but will appear on the first quarter 2018 contributions statement and will count for tax purposes as a 2018 contribution. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office directly at 757-229-2891.

Bruton Singles: Meet us at the church entrance at 7:20pm on Tuesday, December 12, and support the Bruton Choirs & Orchestra for their annual Holiday Choral Concert in the church at 8pm. We'll conclude the evening at the Williamsburg Lodge's Sweet Tee & Barley Room (voluntary contribution + cost of refreshment). Contact Eda Martin at 757-253-1477 or singles@brutonparish.org to RSVP.

Dinners for Eight: Interested parishioners will be placed into groups of eight and take turns hosting a gathering in their homes, a restaurant, or wherever for dinner, hors d'oeuvres, brunch, etc. This is not a gourmet club, fellowship is the objective! Please provide your name, address, and phone number by January 6, 2018, to Jo-Anne Hand at 757-345-6950 or email [dinners4eight@brutonparish.org](mailto:dinners4eight@brutonparish.org) with questions.

Friends of Bruton was created to provide a means whereby individuals and families, who may live throughout the United States, and indeed around the world, may participate in the preservation and promotion of the unique history and spiritual legacy of Bruton Parish. Complete an interest card available in the church and deposit it in the available box or go to <http://bit.ly/BPCFRIENDS> to share this vision! Become a Cornerstone Circle Member of Friends of Bruton by visiting our website. Travel with Friends of Bruton on a 12-day Tour of Ireland in May 1-12, 2018. View the exciting itinerary and get registration details at <http://bit.ly/FOBIRELAND2018>.

## Children & Youth

Nursery is available for babies to 4-year-olds from 8:30am-12pm in the Parish House.

Children's Church is age-appropriate worship for children through 5th grade and is held today at 9:15am in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House. Join us for a Cookie Making & Decorating Advent Activity in the Parish House at 10:20am, followed by Choir Rehearsal at 11am.

A Family Pancake Breakfast will be held at 11:30am today in the Parish House for our families with children and youth.

Youth Group will resume tonight in the Parish House from 5:30-7:30pm with dinner.

The Christmas Pageant Rehearsal is Sunday, December 17, at 2pm in the church. This will be the only rehearsal (it should take about an hour to rehearse it a few times), so please have your child attend if they will be participating in the pageant.

The Youth Ski Trip to Snowshoe is January 26-28. All middle/high schoolers and their friends are invited to ski, snowboard and/or tube (\$250/youth). For more details visit <http://bit.ly/brutonskitrip2018> and rsvp by January 7.

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Pastoral Care Ministry Office - Wednesdays & Fridays, 10am - 2pm  
757-645-2050 or [PCM@brutonparish.org](mailto:PCM@brutonparish.org)

Stephen Ministry - Charlie Clapper & Mary Jean Hurst, Referrals Coordinators  
757-220-2087 (confidential)

Parish Nurse - Sylvia Saba  
757-345-6477 (voicemail) or [parishnurse@brutonparish.org](mailto:parishnurse@brutonparish.org)

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[www.bruntonparish.org](http://www.bruntonparish.org)  
An Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Southern Virginia

Newcomers and visitors to our community: please take a moment to complete the form in the blue booklet in your pew and drop it in the offertory plate or visit the Newcomers section on our website.

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For our service schedule please check our website  
and the schedule posted on the door.

For information about the College of William and Mary Ministry,  
please visit our website and visit the Canterbury section.

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#### Concerts

Tuesday, December 12 8:00 pm Holiday Choral Concert at Bruton Parish Church  
Music of Buxtehude, Telemann, & Libby Larsen  
Bruton Parish Choirs & Orchestra, Rebecca Davy, Director

Thursday, December 14 8:00 pm Holiday Choral Concert at Bruton Parish Church  
Manassas Community Choir from Manassas, Virginia  
Becky Verner, Director

Saturday, December 16 8:00 pm Holiday Choral Concert at Bruton Parish Church  
Tabernacle Baptist Church Choir from Richmond, VA  
Judy Fiske, Director

Historic Organ Recitals at the W&M Wren Chapel @ 10:00 am

Monday, December 11 - Rebecca Davy  
Thursday, December 14 - Thomas Marshall  
Friday, December 15 - Rebecca Davy  
Saturday, December 16 - Rebecca Davy

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The Altar Flowers were given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
Dr. George Petoe by his wife Lenore Petoe, Stewart and Catherine.

#### Sunday at Bruton Parish

Coffee Connections at the Custis House at 10:30 am.  
Advent Activity at the Parish House at 10:30 am.  
Children & Youth Choirs in the Parish House Choir Room at 11:00 am.  
Adult Bible Study at the Custis House at 11:00 am.

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## Clergy & Staff

The Rt. Revd Herman Hollerith IV, Bishop  
The Revd Christopher L. Epperson, Rector  
The Revd Lauren M. McDonald, Associate Rector for Outreach & Women's Ministries  
The Revd Tyler L. Montgomery, Canterbury Chaplain & Associate Rector  
The Revd Joshua P. Stephens, Associate Rector for Family Ministries  
The Revd Jan M. Brown, Deacon  
Meghan Brewer, Coordinator for Children's & Youth Formation  
Rebecca E. Davy, Music Director & Organist  
Dr. JanEl B. Will, Organist  
Daniel Corneliussen & Virginia Tilley, Canterbury Organists  
James S. Darling, Choirmaster-Organist Emeritus

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## Vestry Members

Douglas Boller, Terri Cordle, Jeanette Cureton-Register, Alice Erickson,  
Dick Estes, John Fogarty-Sr. Warden, Bill Greaf-Jr. Warden,  
Steve Hibbitts-Treasurer, Marty Jones, Mark Serena, John Snead,  
Johanna Thompson, Fay Weirich