

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ The King

Morning Prayer, Rite I - Sunday, November 22, 2020

11:00 a.m. in the Church

Prelude: King of Glory, King of Peace

Harold Friedell

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Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 435, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6

King's Weston

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**At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder and with bated breath;
he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

**Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

Opening Sentence

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done.

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
(*Silence may be kept.*)

Officiant and People together:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.**

Jubilate: O Be Joyful in the Lord, All Ye Lands

William Croft

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The First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader: Here endeth the reading.

Hymn 610, vv. 1-3

Blaenhafren

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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.**

The Second Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Reader: Here endeth the reading.

Benedicite, opera omnia

Martin Shaw

The Sermon

The Ven Jan M. Brown

The Apostles' Creed (*Officiant and People together, all standing*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Suffrages B

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy name for ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.

The Collects

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: I invite your intercessions and thanksgivings.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn 494, vv. 1, 2, 5

Diademata

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**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.**

**Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.**

Postlude: Crown Him with Many Crowns (*Diademata*)

Christopher Tambling

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Margaret Martien and Grace and Jonathan Rigby given by William and Alice Krebs.

In your prayers this week, please remember persons for whom our prayers are asked: Al, Alexander, Alice, Anne, Armen, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Bryan, Bryce, Carol, Carole, Chad, Chison, Chuck, Chuck W., Cliff, Cynthia, David, David B., Darlene, Debbie, Derek, Don, Erica, Faye, Gayle, Howard, Jean, Joan, Joan S., Joe, John, Jon, Judith, Karleen, Katie, Larry, Latané, Laura, Madeline, Marjory, Mark, Mary, Mary C., Mary Ann, Matthew, Michael, Nancy B., Nancy H., Nancy J., Nancy M., Pattee, Peter, Phyllis, Phyllis M., Ramina, Reginald, Robert, Roger, Ron, Rosemary, Ruth, Sue, Susan, Tricia, Vernon, William, for all those waiting for test results, for all caregivers, students and teachers adapting to online learning; **all who serve in the armed forces**, especially John Atwell, 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, Robert Elmore, Daniel Faughnan, Eli Forbes, John Gaston, Joshua Hays, Rob Hodgson, Michael Holm, Scott Howe, Jeff Hunter, Chip Huntsberry, Eric Inman, Dane Jansson, Jason Kelly, Michael H. Manson Jr., Courtney Miyamasu, Daniel Miyamasu, Katherine Miyamasu, Timothy Moffitt, Stephen Mongold, Jordan Morgan, Phillip Morrison, Joshua Mullen, Steven Paul Pearce, Donald Ernest Perkins III, Tom Pluim, Jeremy Provencher, Lauren Rogers, Trevor Rogers, Michelle Rose, Mike Rose, Conner S., Danielle Saunders, Sean Garand, Jasper Smith, Carson Strassels, Peter Strassels, Ryan Suders, Henry White, John Wilkes, Andrew Wolgemuth and the Fort Eustis 53rd Movement Control Battalion; and **we pray for the dearly departed**, especially J. Douglas Smith.

Announcements

Annual Giving 2021: Thank you to the 215 individuals, couples or families so far who have submitted a pledge. Three steps might help in the coming days as you arrive at a pledge amount: learn, discern and return. Learn why a pledge helps our financial management by reading the brochure that was mailed. Discern with prayer and thanksgiving by reading the rector and senior warden's letter. Finally, return your card in the mail or pledge online. We are asking to hear from everyone by Thanksgiving Day. For questions or current year pledge balances as you prepare to make a 2021 pledge, please call Marty Easton at 757-345-2256 or send Marty an email to measton@brutonparish.org.

Virtual Children's Church is held at www.youtube.com/BrutonParish at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. **Virtual Sunday School** continues today via zoom at 9:30am for children K-5 and at 10:15am for middle/high schoolers (for the zoom link, please contact Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org). **Family Advent Wreath Kit Pick-up** will take place this Sunday, November 22, at SpiritWorks at 2pm.

9:00 a.m. Service Suspended: With the weather changing and COVID-19 positivity rates rising, we have made the decision to suspend the outdoor service until further notice. Sadly this is yet another way that the pandemic has disrupted things we know and love. The clergy and vestry feel that it's not responsible to place you in a situation of some risk. If you have any questions, please be in touch with The Rev'd Chris Epperson at cepperson@brutonparish.org.

Fall Christian Formation: *Repairing the Breach: Race, Culture, and Class through a Christian Lens*: All are invited to join Deacon Jan and the Bruton Parish clergy for an in-depth and challenging film-based series on the historical context of some of the most difficult issues facing our church and society today. On Wednesday night from 6-7:30 p.m.

we will meet via Zoom to explore our Christian values and how they form us and enkindle in us a call to be Christ's hands, feet, and heart in our broken world. We'll continue Wednesday, December 2 with *Culture*, and conclude on December 9 with *the Episcopal Church's response*). Please visit bit.ly/2020FALLSERIES to register, and you will then receive instructions on how to take part in these important conversations along with the zoom link. If you have questions, contact The Rev'd Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org. There will be a culminating experience for those who complete the whole series.

Preparing for 2021: We have announced the slate of five vestry nominees and the vestry has passed the preliminary 2021 budget. Next, the congregation would vote their approval at a parish-wide Annual Meeting. However, given these times and the difficulty of gathering as one body, you will cast your vote for the slate of vestry nominees and the 2021 preliminary budget at home. We will offer a ballot both online and on paper. Please watch for these in your email and mail.

Youth Chili Fundraiser: In an effort to raise funds for our youth program and offer a product in return for our community during a busy time of the year, we will begin turning up our oven to make some delicious chili. This will be an ongoing fundraiser through the holidays. Our youth may not be able to travel in the year to come, however, we do not want that to stop us from giving back locally. Each Friday you can order both meat and veggie chili (with/out beans) at \$10/quart to be picked up at the Parish House the following week. Please visit bit.ly/2020CHILI to order!

Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist: Join us Wednesday, November 25, at 5:30pm for a service of Holy Eucharist on our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/BrutonParish.

Call to Serve: That None Shall Go Hungry: Fill a bag for FISH! Collection bags are available at the Parish House (reception desk entry) and the Gift Shop or use your own (double please). Fill your bag(s) with non-perishable food items and return to the Parish House by Wednesday, November 25. We will be delivering the bags to FISH on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of The Episcopal Church, entrusted to encourage daily prayer and promote thank offerings. Monies are distributed to support grants for mission and ministry work throughout the Episcopal Church and provinces of the Anglican Communion. Each November, the UTO invites all Episcopalians to join them in focusing on gratitude for 30 days. Visit our website for "The November 2020 Gratitude Challenge Booklet" which offers four weeks of practices online and at home to grow a more grateful heart.

First Fridays Recovery Service will be held at SpiritWorks on Friday, December 4 at 5:30pm with readings and prayers that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of suffering. You don't have to be in recovery to attend.

Saint Nicholas will be visiting during our virtual live-streamed service of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, December 6, at 11am. If you would like to donate a toy for St. Nicholas to deliver to FISH, please drop off your toy(s) to the Parish House during church office hours from Monday-Friday, 9am - 5pm by Monday, December 7. Ring the doorbell to allow someone to assist you with your donation. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891.

Advent Lessons & Carols: The live-streamed service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 6, will be a service of Advent Lessons and Carols, sung by our octet. Please plan to tune in to our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/BrutonParish for beautiful music to lead us in reflection of what the coming of Christ means in our own lives and in the world.

Advent 2020 Resources: As we approach the holy season of Advent and turn our minds to the Coming of Christ, we continue to face uncertainty in our lives around us. As we are

unable to gather as we otherwise might to explore the themes of Advent together, we have compiled some resources - some expected, some unexpected - that you might find helpful in this time. These resources are available at bit.ly/BPCAdvent2020. Check back regularly as additional items are added!

The next Vestry Office Hour will take place Thursday afternoon, December 3, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Members of the vestry invite you for conversation via Zoom. Please join in to chat with the rector and fellow parishioners. *Please watch for an announcement of the Zoom link next Tuesday or call the church office that day.*

Salvation Army Angel Tree: It's Angel Tree time! If you are still in need of an Angel Tree tag, with the gift wishes of a child or senior citizen, call the Parish House and ask Christine Britton to pull one for you. If you have a cell phone or email address, Christine will take a photo of the tag and text or email it to you. After you have shopped for your "Angel", deliver the bag of items to the Parish House. Ring the doorbell and either Christine or Hilary Cooley will come to the door, take the bag, and put your items into the corresponding bag with the tag you were assigned. This way you'll have only one trip to the Parish House. Please make sure to put your name in/on the bag (so we'll be able to match your donation with the right recipient). **Please bring all purchased gifts to the Parish House by December 3.**

The Women's Theological Book Group will meet on Thursday, December 17 at 1:00 pm via Zoom to discuss Elaine Pagels's book *The Gnostic Gospels*. All women are invited to join us. Please contact the Rev. Lauren McDonald for more info.

Audio/Visual Ministry Team: Since we now have our new AV equipment up and running, we need a group of dedicated people to join us. We will have training sessions so that you will be comfortable running the audio as well as the video. Not only will we be recording Sunday services, but concerts, weddings and funerals. If you are interested, please send an email with your contact information to Bill Dugge at juniorwarden@brutonparish.org.

The Bruton Churchyard is open for two hours on Wednesday mornings. The Ven. Jan Brown is present from 9:30-11:30a.m. for those who have loved ones interred in the churchyard, weather permitting.

Memorial Altar Flowers: Contact Dianne Spence at flowers@brutonparish.org if you'd like to give altar flowers (\$125). We do have openings for 2021, so please contact Dianne directly.

The Bruton Parish Shop & Heritage Center has expanded its hours for the holiday season from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, seven days a week. We've also added a set of tables at the end of the hallway into the Parish Hall. There you will find a selection of tabletop and small home décor items at great prices. The Shop has Advent wreaths, candles, and calendars for sale in addition to beautiful religious Christmas cards. Make us your first stop for your holiday shopping! All proceeds benefit mission and outreach.

Friends of Bruton's purpose is 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 Church. Friends of Bruton is open to all who share this vision. Visit bit.ly/BPCFRIENDS and become a Cornerstone Circle Member!

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