The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer, Rite II - Sunday, September 20, 2020
9:00 a.m. in the Churchyard

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Sentence

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. 
Silence may be kept.

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

Officiant: 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

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite (sung by quartet)  S 35

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (read responsively by whole verse)

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.

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.

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.  

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *  
because they were afraid of them.  

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *  
and a fire to give light in the night season.  

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.  

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *  
so the river ran in the dry places.  

42 For God remembered his holy word *  
and Abraham his servant.  

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *  
his chosen with shouts of joy.  

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  

45 That they might keep his statutes *  
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!  

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.  

The First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15  

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus  

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.  

Reader: Here ends the reading.  

Hymn 655 (sung by quartet)  

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The Second Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Reader: Here ends the reading.

A Song of Creation: Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (sung by quartet) 
Invocation, II, Doxology

Sermon

The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, 
creator of heaven and earth; 
   I believe in Jesus Christ, 
his only Son, our Lord. 
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit 
and born of the Virgin Mary. 
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, 
was crucified, died, and was buried. 
He descended to the dead. 
On the third day he rose again. 
He ascended into heaven, 
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 
He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 
I believe in the Holy Spirit, 
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 also with you.
Officiant  Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

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.  Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R.  Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V.  Day by day we bless you:
R.  We praise your Name for ever.
V.  Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R.  Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V.  In you, Lord, is our hope;
R.  And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collects

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Sunday
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through 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

_Alfred D. Thanks be to God._

_The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore._  2 Corinthians 13:14

_Hymn 482 (sung by quartet)_

_Please wait for your row of seats to be dismissed by an usher and then exit out the Palace Green gate._

_You may drop your offering in the box located by the Palace Green gate and leave your bulletin in the recycling box._

_The Altar Flowers_ are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jeff McDonald, father of Lisa Lucas, and given by Chris, Lisa, Devin, and Ian Lucas.

_In your prayers this week, please remember_ persons for whom our prayers are asked: Al, Alexander, Alice, Anne, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Bill C., Bryan, Carol, Carole, Chad, Chison, Chuck, Cliff, Cynthia, David, Darlene, Debbie, Debbie W., Derek, Elaine, Emily, Erica, Eugene, Faye, Howard, Hugh, Jean, Jim, Joan Judith, Karleen, Larry, Latané, Laura, Linda, Madeline, Marjory, Mark, Mary, Mary C., Mary Ann, Matthew, Michael, Nancy B., Nancy J., Nancy M., Pattee, Phyllis, Rachel, Reginald, Robert, Roger, Ron, Rosemary, Ruth, Shirley, Steve, 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., Kirby Martin, 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 we pray for the dearly departed, especially Sally M. Hancock.

Announcements

Virtual Children’s Church is held at www.youtube.com/user/BrutonParish at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. Virtual Sunday School resumes today via zoom at 9:30am for children K-5 and at 10:15am for middle/high schoolers. Youth Group will be meeting this afternoon from 1-3:30 p.m. to enjoy kicking off this new school year with kayaking. Watch for details for next Sunday’s youth event!

2020 Vestry Nominations: Do you feel called to join the governing body that supports the mission of Bruton Parish? The vestry is made up of 12 men and women who serve a three-year term. Visit our website for the Nomination Form to learn about vestry service, and use it to nominate yourself or another person. For a blank copy on paper, please phone the office and we will gladly mail one to you. For questions, please email the senior warden, Marty Jones, at martyburg@me.com. Nominations are due by Thursday, October 15. Nominees will be formally elected during the Annual Meeting in November (please watch for details in the coming weeks).

The next Vestry Office Hour will take place Thursday afternoon, September 24, 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.

Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, October 4, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. as we celebrate Creation and commemorate St. Francis. We invite you to bring your pet to the church for an outdoor blessing. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

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

Relay For Life of Williamsburg 2020: A Field of Hope at Walsingham Academy: Drive by and reflect upon a sea of tribute signs from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27. With love and remembrance, the signs will honor those affected by cancer. Walsingham Academy is located at 1100 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg. Read more about Relay for Life Williamsburg 2020 at http://bit.ly/WMSBGERLAYFORLIFE -- bringing our community together to raise funds for American Cancer Society.

Repairers of the Breach Speaker Series: “Unlawful for Any Christian?” Slave-owning Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Early Virginia: Repairers of the Breach, the diocesan task force for dismantling racism, begins a speaker series via zoom on Tuesday, September 29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with a talk by Dr. Jennifer Oast, professor of history at Bloomsburg University. The talk will explore how slavery was used and thought about in Anglican and Episcopal parishes. Join us via Zoom for this hour-long informative session. Read a fuller description http://bit.ly/REPAIRERS and register. Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link.

YOU Make UTO’s Transformative Work Possible. Bruton’s 2020 Ingathering is contributing $1,877.69 toward UTO’s transformative work. Your gift to the United Thank
Offering celebrates gratitude and community, and helps support our neighbors near and far through these difficult times. This year UTO Grants are focused on Covid-19 relief projects both here in the USA and across the globe. The 2020 Ingathering Funds will be distributed in two rounds of grants enabling the UTO to give out grant money as quickly as possible to places and people in desperate need of help. Thank you for your participation!

**The Women’s Theological Book Group** will meet on October 29 at 1:00 p.m. We will be reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr.

**William & Mary Campus Food Pantry:** There are students, staff, and dependent family members on campus who are experiencing food insecurity. Please consider bringing non-perishables and hygiene products to Wesley Campus Ministry, 526 Jamestown Road. Come to the back door on the lower level, the Pantry access point, which is open from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays and 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. You can also call or text Max at 757-634-7406.

**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** is open for business, daily from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are ready to help customers follow our COVID Commandment: sanitize hands, wear a mask, and social distance! A limited number of people are permitted inside at one time; only credit/debit cards are being accepted at this time. If you need a gift for an occasion, call the Shop at 757-220-1489 to arrange a purchase!

**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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