The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer, Rite I - Sunday, September 20, 2020
11:00 a.m. in the Church

Prelude: Amazing Grace from Ower the Hills
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Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 9, vv. 4-6

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze,
to give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Opening Sentence

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.
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. 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
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. Antiphon.
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! Antiphon

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. Antiphon

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 endeth the reading.

Hymn 527

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God’s own presence, o’er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

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 endeth the reading.

Canticle: Benedictus es Domine

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Sermon

The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

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.

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.    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

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

Anthem: The Tree of Life

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. 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.
Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, 
while all around us waves the golden grain? 
And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work today.”

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share--
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear: 
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, 
till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie, 
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, “Servants, well done.”

Postlude: Festive Trumpet Tune  
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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.

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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 
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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, 
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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.

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Announcements

Virtual Children’s Church is held on www.youtube.com/user/BrutonParish at 9:15 a.m. 
each Sunday. Virtual Sunday School resumes this Sunday via zoom at 9:30 a.m. for 
children K-5 and at 10:15 a.m. for middle/high schoolers. Youth Group will be meeting this 
afternoon from 1:00 - 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/WMSBGRELAYFORLIFE -- bringing our community together to raise funds for American Cancer Society.

**Repairs 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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