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A graduate of the Citadel 1965 and Virginia Theological Seminary (which also recently awarded him an honorary Doctorate), Fr. Bowen began his career as a parish priest in West Virginia and then worked in the Peace Corps in the small pacific island nation of Tonga. He went on to serve as chaplain at St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., and the Church Farm School in Exton, Penn. He served as first upper school head of the newly merged St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va., and then headmaster of York School in Monterey, Calif. before leading St. Stephen's Episcopal School Austin, Texas as head of school 2002-2007. He lives in Staunton and attends both Emmanuel and Trinity Episcopal Churches.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

THE WORD OF GOD

At ringing of Bell - respectful silence

Opening Acclamation (*All stand*)

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pg. 323

Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day (Proper 23)

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*All sit*)

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm 90:12-17

BCP 718

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All stand for the reading of the Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundred-fold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

All sit

The Sermon

The Rev. Roger Bowen

All stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants:

Pray for The Anglican Communion; The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop; the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines; the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Archbishop, The Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama; the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B Curry; the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop Mark Boursakos.

Pray today for the ministry of Grace House on the Mountain and it’s director Anita Boyd.

Pray for Bob DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Lucy Moise, Bob Crewdson, David Burford, Mary Jane Hubbard, Marsden, Sadie, Glen Jones, Don Ellis, Robyn Fleming (uncle of Pat McGuire), and those we name aloud or in our hearts.

Pray for those serving in the military, and all first responders.

Pray for those who have died, especially Judy Eaton (cousin of Lynn Dent), Tillie Clark (mother of Angie Clark).

Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, violence and oppression.

Pray for the people of Haiti who are suffering from the effects of COVID 19 and are in need for vaccines. Pray for

the people of Afghanistan.

Pray for Boys Home as they continue their search for a new Executive Director.

In honor of National Indigenous Day, we give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon.

We give thanks for the life of Robert Edward Lee who died October 12, 1870.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week Jerry Nay (10/9), Susan Denson (10/9), Libby Cumming (10/11), Heather McBrayer (10/11), Al Gordon (10/12), Scott Rodi (10/14), Charlies Smith (10/15).

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

The Peace *(All stand)*

BCP 332

Stewardship Moment *(All sit)*

Patrick McGuire

The Holy Communion

Offertory

All stand

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Those not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply signify by crossing your arms over your chest.

All kneel

Postcommunion Prayer *(Stand or kneel)*

BCP 339

All Stand

Blessing and Dismissal

This morning we are honored to hear from the Reverend P. Roger Bowen, retired Head of St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin Texas.

From 1982 to the present Father Bowen has helped to establish partnerships between Episcopal schools in the U.S. and schools in Haiti. Today, the Haiti Partnership Program of the National Association of Episcopal Schools reports over sixty partnerships between Episcopal schools and one of the over 250 schools in the Diocese of Haiti. When Father Bowen and his wife Kennon moved to Staunton in 2007, he began working with local Episcopal churches and Stuart Hall School to form the Virginia Haiti Collaborative which