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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

In addition, on Thursday

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday, September 2nd

TRINITY 14

10:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

Anglicanism – but that they have departed cannot be disputed.) Nor do I dispute the contention of critics of the Episcopal Church, that the present official teaching and practice of the Episcopal Church obscures the gospel. It is not a happy state of affairs.

So why are we still here? As it happens, in my Sunday morning Bible class we have been reading the history of the kingdoms of Israel set forth in the books of Samuel and Kings. We are nearing the end of 2 Kings, and the final days of Israel's kingdoms. At times, the recurrent pattern of lukewarm faith, uncertain obedience, and outright apostasy that has persisted through much of 1 and 2 Kings becomes as inconsequential to the readers as it no doubt seemed to the Israelites of those times. With no consequences to suffer for their departures from God's law, pragmatists ancient and modern conclude that they are free to make the world according to their will. But they are despising "the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Romans 2:4). God is very slow to abandon his people. Long after Israel's kings have embraced apostasy, God continues to send them prophets who proclaim the gospel of his love for Israel, even when there is very little response. God will persist in grace, so long as repentance is still possible; but when the capability of responding to his grace has withered, then there is nothing left for the hard of heart but judgment. And though judgment may be long delayed, when it arrives, its coming is swift and devastating.

These books are instructive reading for churches which have forgotten the gospel,

WHY WE STAY

It is a puzzle to Christians who have left the Episcopal Church: why would faithful Christians stay? Given its manifest errors, and its resistance to reform, is it not their duty to leave it, and to seek to build new institutions elsewhere? Do we not want to be part of a church in which the gospel is more fully expressed? And they wonder if those who stay have abandoned the Gospel and the historic Faith. Episcopalians who are content with their church's recent direction may object to the way our separated brethren put the question, but I don't dispute their contention, that the Episcopal Church has departed from its constitutional commitment as "a constituent member of the Anglican Communion" to "[uphold] and [propagate] the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer" (a reference, of course, to the classical Anglican doctrine of the old Prayer Book - not to its replacement of 1979). (Conforming Episcopalians may justify their departures from the historic faith and practice of

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

- 8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

USHER CHAIRMAN

Dr. Lee M. Alderman and Mr. Thomas C. McCay

ACOLYTES

- 8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan Finn Repella
Edwin Shepherd William Sills
William Taylor Haddon Watson Whit Watson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alexander Robert Fawcett by his wife, Mrs. Alexander Robert Fawcett, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fawcett.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

- Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland,
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COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

The St. John's Choir

ROAMING GREETER

Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:
CRANMER HALL-3RD FLOOR

Upper & Middle School - D. Svihel

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study With Father O'Brien and Will &
Mary Helen Burdell. CH3-Reading Room
Father Dunbar's Class on 2 Kings - Chapel

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- Jeremiah with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m. Third Floor Cranmer Hall

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Book Study: T. H. White's "The Once and
Future King" with Father O'Brien 9:15 a.m.,
CH3-Reading Room

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR

Bazaar Kick-Off Events:

Wednesday, September 5, 10:30 AM Come
celebrate with a mimosa toast to a wonderful
Bazaar ahead.

Thursday, September 6, 6 pm Cranmer Hall
fellowship time over pot-luck appetizers and
wine. Please bring an appetizer or bottle of wine
to share.

For complete bazaar details visit our website:
<http://stjohnssav.org/serve/holly-days-bazaar/>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

CHILDREN'S CHURCH OPENING DAY

Join us to celebrate at 10:00 a.m. in
Cranmer Hall.

YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL BARBEQUE

All youth 6th - 12th grades and parents are
invited to join us after the 10:30 service as
we start our new year together.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

or grown bored with it. On the one hand, God's justice may be delayed, but the day of reckoning will come, and it will be all the more terrible for our despising's of his grace. There is no place for pragmatic complacency. But that's not the only lesson to be derived from these pages. For God continues right to the end, and even beyond it, in sending prophets to offer his grace in the gospel. And that seems to me to be a precedent with implications for us also.

Another instructive parallel was brought to mind by the ancient Sunday gospel for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, St. Luke 19:41-47. When Jesus came to Jerusalem for the last time, he wept over it, because it did not know the things that make for its peace, it did not know the time of its visitation by God's grace, and it was on course for judgment (a calamity which came to pass in the destruction of the city in A.D. 70). But even though he knows Jerusalem is doomed, he does not abandon it. Instead he cleanses the temple, restoring the holy commerce of prayer, and teaches daily in the temple. Even after his resurrection, the disciples "continued daily with one accord in the temple" (Acts 2:46); and the Christian community did not leave Jerusalem until the zealot ascendancy in the Jewish rebellion made it impossible for them to continue in the way of Christ.

This Biblical history is not a mandate to compromise the gospel and historic faith. This history is a charter to stay and bear witness as long as we can - so long as we may freely proclaim the gospel ourselves, so long as teaching and practice contrary to God's word is not imposed on us. Though too many Episcopalians seem to have forgotten or grown bored with the gospel, and though their teaching and practice may depart from the historic faith, we must still take very seriously their baptism and profession of faith in Christ, and the genuine elements of truth and virtue that remain in them. Our witness in the Episcopal church is not a cold war of civil hostilities, but an honest and loving engagement with fellow-Christians, if by

any means, we may recall them to Christ.

This leaves a congregation like St. John's in a slightly awkward place - regarded with a degree of suspicion or even hostility by Episcopalians and Anglicans alike. They both want us to "get with the program", however differently they define it. But that's not what God wants us to do. We have a mission from him to be the church and to proclaim his gospel in this time and place - and that is enough. Let us be content with it.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE & TRUTH

Is there room for God in our understanding of reality?

Five Talks by Jon Sprague
Thursdays Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11
at 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

"Jon Sprague's passionate interest in science and his commitment to the Christian faith is evident in these intelligent, informed, and illuminating explorations of questions so many struggle with today"

- Fr Gavin Dunbar

- **Childcare is Available by Prior Registration Only:** Contact the Church Office 912-232-1251.
- **Interested but not sure you can come to all?** The first four talks can stand alone the fifth is where the themes are pulled together. Come to all, or come to one.
- **Free Admission**

PRAYER REQUEST BOXES

To encourage praying with and for one another, parishioners are invited to submit Prayer Requests (supplication or thanksgiving) to the Prayer Boxes set up in the narthex and at the Chapel entrance. These will be collected and prayed for during the monthly meeting of the St. John's Prayer Circle (to which all are welcome).

St. John's Prayer Circle meets, Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30 in Cranmer Hall following the Evening Prayer service.

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity August 26, 2018

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL Prayer Book, page 207
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

Summer Children’s Nursery for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor),
 is available from 9:15a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M. – SUNG EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

HYMN: #278 *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* Old Hundredth

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, page 67
 The Decalogue 68-69

KYRIE ELEISON: #710 Healey Willan

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The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 10:23 208

The Nicene Creed 71
 Welcome and Announcements Rector

HYMN: #459 *Hark, My Soul! It is The Lord* Campian

Sermon Father Dunbar

OFFERTORY

Sentence

ANTHEM: *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* Thomas Tallis

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AGNUS DEI #712 Healey Willan

HYMN: #462 *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* Sawley

Motet: *O Bread of Life From Heaven* Claude Goudimel

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #713 Healey Willan

The Blessing (*kneeling*) 84

HYMN: (Insert) *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* Sagina

VOLUNTARY: *Trumpet Tune* Michael McCabe

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.
 If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)