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8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church

COLLECT & EPISTLE, and GOSPEL.....Prayer Book, page 115, 116
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Nursery for birth to age 3 in Cranmer Hall, 1st Floor

9:00 A.M. – FAMILY SERVICE, Chapel

10:00 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

11:00 A.M. - MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN #46 <i>Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning</i>	Morning Star
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer.....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE (Hymnal #608, page 705).....	9
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Sermon	Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
ANTHEM: <i>Worship</i>	Geoffrey Shaw
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139 and America, Hymn #141, Stanza 4	
General Thanksgiving (<i>said by all</i>) and Aaronic Blessing.....	19
HYMN #49 <i>From the Eastern Mountains</i>	Valour
VOLUNTARY <i>Gloria In Excelsis</i>	Eric Thiman

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:15 P.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Chapel

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St. John's New Service Schedule - Starts This Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Communion (Church) | 9 a.m. Family Service (Chapel) | 10 a.m. Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal | 11 a.m. Morning Prayer or Sung Eucharist (Church) | 12:15 p.m. Holy Communion (Chapel)

THOU SHALT REMEMBER

It's not an unusual experience. Priest, caregivers and family are gathered around the bed of someone nearing the end of earthly life, and it is time to pray. Among other rites and ceremonies, I will often invite those present to join with me in reciting the 23rd psalm – in the matchless and still widely familiar translation of the King James Version. Many do, and more than once I have been told how very meaningful that shared recitation was. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me". There are many other fine prayers written or extemporaneous that might be said at such times – yet there is no substitute for being able to say them together in words that are so familiar, true, and beautiful – intrinsically memorable words that bear the weight of meaning. At that moment, those words speak for us as no other words could.

Shared common memory builds community. There is a famous story told about the late English writer Patrick Leigh Fermor, who was part of a British unit that kidnapped a German general in German-occupied Crete in 1944. After an uncomfortable night in a mountain hideout, Leigh Fermor heard the General muttering the first line of

UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday-Friday

Morning & Evening Prayer
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Chapel

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*, Chapel
10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

In addition, on Thursday

5:30 p.m. *Holy Communion with Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Next Sunday, February 17th

SEPTUAGESIMA –

The Third Sunday Before Lent

8:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9:00 a.m. *Family Service*, Chapel
11:00 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church
12:15 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

◆ YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S ◆

Sunday, February 10th, 12:15 – 2 p.m.
Catchphrase/Pictionary, Cranmer Hall
All youth are invited to join us for a fun-filled afternoon of games. Lunch provided.

◆ ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CIRCLE ◆

Wednesday, February 13th,
6:15 p.m., Cranmer Hall, 1st floor
All are welcome to attend.

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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

11:00 a.m. Mrs. Christian M. Arden-Joly

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. William Howard Helmken

ROAMING GREETER

Mrs. William T. Moore, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne

11:00 a.m. Phillip Inglesby, Jack McClellan, Jake Perkins, Edwin Sills, Daniel Sills, and William Taylor

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. James C. Pedrick, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry, Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. Howard Helmken, Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillan, Mrs. William E. Dillard III, and Mrs. Charles R. Youle

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

Cranmer Hall – 3rd Floor

- Middle School – *Exodus*
- High School – *The Apostles' Creed*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

- *The Gospel of Luke* with Father Dunbar, CH3-Reading Room
- *The Church Fathers IV: Justin Martyr* with Father O'Brien and Will & Mary Helen Burdell, Green-Meldrim House, library
- *The Gospel According to John* with Jack Wray, CH3-309
- *Faith and Fellowship*: a new opportunity for adults beginning this Sunday. A moderated group discussion of Sunday Scripture readings intended to build community and faith at the same time, CH3-Ralston Room

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday Breakfast and *Ephesians* with Father O'Brien, 6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday *Jeremiah* with Fr. Dunbar, 7:00 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday, *Austerlitz* by W.G. Sebald with Fr. O'Brien, 9:15 a.m., CH3-RR

one of odes of Horace. Leigh Fermor recognized the poem – it was a standard element of the now-vanished classical curriculum at the heart of higher education – and completed it. As he later put it, "... for a long moment, the war had ceased to exist. We had both drunk at the same fountains long before; and things were different between us for the rest of our time together." A shared memory, the common roots of European culture embodied in those lines of the ancient poet - renewed a community of spirit across the divisions of nationality and war.

The story illustrates an idea central to the Bible's teaching, that without memory there is no community and relationship with God. Israel comes together as a community in the rehearsal and renewal of its common memory, not only with itself, but even more, with its Lord. Israel is faithful in present, united to God in right relationship, only insofar as it remembers. As with Israel so also the Church. "This do in remembrance of me". The rehearsal of God's mighty works done for us by Christ, the renewal and transmission of that memory as a community, is the indispensable basis of covenant faithfulness in the present, and expectant hope for the future. Without memory, there is no knowledge or love of God. When Israel forgets, it strays far from him. Our souls are so easily distracted, and demoralized. In the instability of our souls, memory of all that God has done for us already is the anchor that saves us from the rocks.

The transmission and renewal of this shared memory is a critical element of corporate worship, not in content – the memory recorded in the Scriptures, and enacted in the Sacraments – but also in form, in intrinsically memorable language and ceremony, in forms that carry the weight of meaning, and change only gradually and organically. A liturgy of any kind is the matrix of the Church's memory, its anchor in the changeless reality of God's truth, goodness, and power.

What you stock your memory with matters. It's the difference between junk bonds and gilt-edged securities, Chateau

Plonk or Saint-Emilion. What have you laid down in the wine-cellars of your memory? Perhaps not Horatian odes, but what? Scraps of dialogue from beloved movies and television shows, the lyrics of pop songs? No doubt such ephemera has its place – but if we can remember scraps of movie dialogue, can we not also remember the word of God? As a priest, I have often read aloud the words of the Bible and Prayer Book, and those passages which appear most frequently in the annual cycle have embedded themselves in my passive memory. With very modest effort (reading and then reciting them aloud) I have been able to convert many of them from passive memory (the memory that recognizes a familiar text) to active memory (the memory that can produce them at will). That's no great feat – anyone could do the same, with the same modest effort. People will say, "I can just look it up on my phone": but your phone is not your soul. Care for your memory, and you care for your soul. – GGD

SUPER MUSEUM SUNDAY – FEB. 10TH

Volunteers will be available at St. John's Church and the Green-Meldrim House from 2-4 p.m. for free tours. Visit georgiahistoryfestival.org to learn more about other locations offering free admission.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HAT SOCIETY

All parishioners are invited to join us on **Saturday, February 23rd** between **5-7:00 p.m.** at Holly Montford's home in Long Point. Bring appetizers and beverages to share. Please RVPS Holly Montford 912.224.9758 or Connie McCay 912.484.6014.

SAAW – FEB. 28TH-MARCH 2ND

Do you enjoy antiques, architecture and jazz? Plan to attend the 3rd Annual Savannah Antiques & Architecture Weekend (**February 28 – March 2**). Proceeds benefit the Andrew Low and Green-Meldrim Historic Houses. Visit www.SavAntiquesWeekend.com for full schedule, tickets, and sponsorships.