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## 8:00 A.M. – THE HOLY COMMUNION, Church

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*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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

## 9:00 A.M. – FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION & AWARDS, Chapel

### 10:00 A.M. – ADULT, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

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Alexander Kersh Brooks & Emma Ryan Brooks

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VOLUNTARY *Postlude on "Old Hundredth"* .....

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

## 12:15 P.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Chapel

## Eastertide Choral Evensong ♦ Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us at 5:05 p.m. for the Prelude by Organist, Steven Branyon with the Choral Evensong Service at 5:30 p.m. and reception in the Green-Meldrim House.

### THE APPROACH

Jesus has advice for socially ambitious dinner guests hungry for recognition: when you are invited to a dinner party, don't take the seat of honor next to the host. He might have guests more important than you, and then you would have to suffer the humiliation (in front of the other guests!) of being asked to surrender your seat to them. Far better, Jesus says, to take the conspicuously lower seat, because maybe then you will be moved up higher, and have the glory of being treated as important before all the other guests.

Jesus has his tongue firmly in cheek: but behind the fun of it is a serious meaning: "whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:11). Status, recognition, and glory in God's kingdom is not a prize to grasp in pride ("I deserve this") but a gift to receive in humility, because it is far more than we deserve.

That is the starting point for the "Prayer of Humble Access" (p. 82), said as we draw near to the Sacrament of the altar, in the Holy Communion. We begin by taking the "lowest seat", with a declaration of the motives that draw us to him. *We do not presume to come to this thy Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.* We have no reason to come presumptuously, as those entitled to God's favor, but only by confidence in his great compassion. This theme is further developed in the next sentence: *We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to*

*have mercy.* Cranmer stitched together allusions to the Centurion's prayer ("Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof...") Luke 7:6,7) with the prayer of the Canaanite woman ("... for the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table", Matthew 15:26, 27), and so he refers both to their radical humility and their deep confidence in his compassion.

It is on that basis of radical humility and hope-filled confidence that we make our

## 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 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

#### In addition, on Thursday

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

#### Next Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – EASTER V

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church  
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Chapel  
10 a.m. *Children's Summer Sunday School*, Our summer session begins  
11 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*, Church  
12:15 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

#### Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY

Church Office closed.

No services today.

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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 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
11 a.m. Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

**Usher Chairman**

R. Bartley Turner, Esq.

**Coffee Hour Chairman**

Mrs. Frank P. Lee

**Roaming Greeter**

Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells

**Acolytes**

8 a.m. Henry Osborne  
11 a.m. Phillip Inglesby, Jack McClellan,  
Malcolm Worsham, Wesley Worsham,  
Williams Sills, and William Taylor

**Chancel Society**

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Mrs. H. Emerson Thomas, Jr.,  
and Mrs. Andrew Sheils

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel P. Inglesby and Edith Inglesby Walker by their children.

And in loving memory of Howard A. Brower, by his family.

And in loving memory of George Anderson Mercer III and George Anderson Mercer IV by Betty Mercer Gilbert, Wayne Mercer Willis, Bessie Mercer Halsey and their families.

And in memory of Audrey Gray Federbush by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

And on the occasion of Father Craig O'Brien's birthday on May 24<sup>th</sup>

The flowers at the baptismal font are given on the occasion of the baptism of Alexander Kersh and Emma Ryan Brooks, children of Mr. and Mrs. Chad R. Brooks.

**10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**For Children:** Cranmer Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl

**For Youth:** Cranmer Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl

• Middle & High School – *Galatians*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:**

• *Gospel of Luke*, CH3-Reading Room

• *The Church Fathers*, GMH, library

• *Faith and Fellowship*, CH3-Ralston

petition: *Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.* It's a petition about the spirit in which we approach the Sacrament "so to eat... and to drink... that" we may receive its benefits. The benefits for which we ask are present cleansing of soul and body and continual communion ("indwelling") with Christ which ensues. What imparts these benefits is stated, "his Flesh", "his Blood", words grounded on the teaching of Jesus: "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him" (John 6:54). It lays to rest any anxiety about the doctrine of what is often called "real presence" in the English reformation.

The feature that has given rise to most comment, is the assignation of the body's cleansing to Christ's body, and the soul's cleansing to Christ's blood. Dom Gregory Dix, one of the most influential liturgists of the last century, noted this motif in the great scholastic theologian Thomas Aquinas, and on that basis dismissed it as a "medieval speculation". The 1979 Prayer Book obediently excised these texts (perhaps also because of their penitential flavor, which the '79 Book is at pains to minimize). But if you look at the passage in the *Summa* of Thomas (III. Q. 74. Art 1), he is quoting the commentary of a 4<sup>th</sup> century exegete (whom Thomas identified as Ambrose though it is now identified as Ambrosiaster) on a passage of Leviticus: "As Ambrose says on 1 Cor. xi.20, this sacrament *avails for the defence of soul and body*; and therefore Christ's body is offered under the species of bread *for the health of the body, and the blood* under the species of wine *for the health of the soul*, according to Leviticus xvii.14: *The life of all flesh is in the blood*". So it's not a "medieval speculation" but a patristic (ancient catholic) exegesis of Scripture. No doubt the distinction it makes must not be pressed too far: its point is to emphasize what is most

surely true, that the humanity of Christ, in both flesh and blood, is given to save the whole humanity of the faithful, in body and soul. Let us be so entirely purified in body and soul, that we may be inseparably united with him, in soul and body.

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**CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to the family of Sergeant Kelvin Ansari, a Savannah Police Department Officer killed last weekend in the course of duty. Sgt Ansari was one of the city officers that worked as part of our security detail last fall.

**BRASS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY**

Would you like to hear brass at our Trinity Sunday service on June 16<sup>th</sup>? Please consider contributing to our brass fund!

**YOUTH SUMMER PARTY ~ MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

The Food + Fellowship Summer Party will be **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 6-8 p.m.. RSVP to dsvihel@stjohnssav.org.

**EYCS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE**

The Episcopal Youth and Children's Services scholarships are available for youth parishioners who have a financial need and will attend college in 2019-20. Apply before **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** at [eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org](http://eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org). Share this if you know possible candidates. Contact cathybaxter@gmail.com with questions.

**ASHLEY ADAMS IN CONCERT~ JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Join Operatic Soprano, Ashley Adams as she presents works of Gounod, Malotte, Verdi, Mozart and Donizetti on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 4 p.m. here at St. John's Church. This public concert is free.

**SJC AT THE SAVANNAH BANANAS**

Join us **Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. to watch the Savannah Bananas vs. Lexington County Blowfish at Grayson Stadium (1401 E Victory Dr.) \$18/ticket (includes: unlimited hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, soda, water, popcorn, and Byrd's cookies.) Reserve your tickets by emailing [mnelson@stjohnssav.org](mailto:mnelson@stjohnssav.org). Pay for your tickets at the Church office via cash or check (payable to St. John's Church). Place your name and the word "baseball" on the front.