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The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

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THIS SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M. – EVENSONG & STABAT MATER

Giovanni Pergolesi (1710-1736)

Sung by Lucy Sheils and Rebecca Flaherty. Reception to follow in Parish House

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

**MONDAY 26TH MARCH –
FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
(TRANSFERRED)**

This feast commemorates the conception of our Lord by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, as announced by the Angel Gabriel.

MONDAY– FRIDAY:

8:15AM - *Morning Prayer
& Holy Communion*
5:30PM - *Evening Prayer
& Holy Communion*

WEDNESDAY

8:15 – *Morning Prayer
& Holy Communion*
9:45 – *Litany*
10AM *Sung Eucharist*
5:30PM– *Evensong, Supper,
& Adult Classes (6:30- 7:30 p.m.)*

ADULT CATECHISM:

*For Inquirers, Newcomers, and adults
seeking baptism and/or Confirmation –
Fr Dunbar*

T. S. ELIOT'S FOUR QUARTETS
Fr O'Brien

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT
Mike Chastain

THURSDAY:

NOON: MEN'S FORUM

SATURDAY:

10:30 AM - *Holy Communion*

PALM CROSSES FOR PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 31st: 9 a.m. - Noon

We need parishioners who can help us to make about six hundred palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Young people are especially requested to lend a hand. Please bring scissors or clippers.

REHEARSING THE LAW (4)

In our exploration of the Ten Commandments according to *chiasmus*, the fourth and eighth commandments comprise a pair – the commandment to keep the Sabbath; and the prohibition of stealing. Their intersection is brought to light in Paul's evangelical explanation of the latter: "let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Ephesians 4:28). Both commandments have to do with the right ordering of our labour. On the one hand, instead of stealing we are to work as productively as we can to provide for our own needs and those of others who cannot labour. On the other hand, we are to rest from our labours in the

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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.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Scott Howard

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. David C. Barrow III

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Berger by Dr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Berger, Benjamin and Elizabeth.

And in loving memory of Andrew Gay Labrot by his family.

And a permanent memorial in memory of Mrs. Eugenia Burroughs and Miss Cecil Burroughs by the Chancel Society.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Philip F. Kirk, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff, Mrs. Thomas E. Johnson
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DAILY LENTEN SERVICES

Mrs. Neil H. Victor, Mrs. Timothy E. Coy
Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff, Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague
Mrs. David A. Young

ACOLYTES

8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Clayton Compton
Charles Perrie, John Osborne
Peter Stein, Mikel Kelly
Hunt Wasden, Patrick Perrie

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Clifford Berger

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

➤ Clergy: *To be announced* – (Chapel)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast Discussion on the Psalms* – Fr Dunbar (Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)

Thursday 7 a.m. *Acts of the Apostles* (Reading Room, with the Rector).

Thursday: Noon - MEN'S FORUM

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Rm, Cranmer Hall.

Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.-Noon *Philippians*.

Thursday: 9:15-10:30 a.m. - *Athanasius On the Incarnation* (with Fr O' Brien)

EASTER LILIES

If you wish to give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, send a check for \$35 payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked "*Easter Lily*" to the Church Office. Please be sure to indicate the specific intention of the gift (memorial, thanksgiving, etc.) *The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

finished work and rest of God.

While the Jews observe the seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial of creation, the Church observes the first day of the week as the Lord's Day, the day Christ rose again, as the beginning of a new and spiritual creation. In him do we rest from our labours, the burden of our evil works, our servile bondage to sins, for he has finished the work of redemption on the cross. I rest from dead works, that the Lord may work in me by his Holy Spirit, and so begin in this life the everlasting Sabbath, the rest and peace of God's kingdom. "Come unto me, all ye that travail, and I will refresh you"; or, as the King James Version translates it, "all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Thus does the external observance commanded in the Old Testament become a principle of spiritual life in the New.

The Sabbath is thus the entirety of our life in Christ, and our future in glory; but it remains the principle of the division of our time and energy into worship and work. To embrace the world of total labour – or to abandon it for the world of self-indulgent "leisure", two common temptations of our time - to the exclusion of worship is to deny God, to reject his work for us, and to refuse his work in us.

The primary work of the Lord's Day, therefore is to abstain from all work not required of necessity, charity, the service of the Church, or the command of superiors such as employers (who sin in commanding unnecessary labour on the Lord's Day). The time and energy thus set free from common uses (or abuses) is not to be spent in idleness and self-indulgence, but in the assembling of the Church for the offering of one's body, substance, and

mind to God. There it is our shared and common work "humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, ... to render thanks for his great benefits, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul", to use his holy Sacraments, and to give alms and oblations for the relief of material and spiritual need. The Lord's Day is a feast day, a day of shared joy, joy shared with family and friends, joy shared with the friendless and sad; a day of refreshment also for the body as well as the soul. This latter principle was upheld by King James I in his *Book of Sports*, which sanctioned the practice of archery *after* Evensong (which in the 17th century was said about 3 o'clock in the afternoon). The fourth and eighth commandments thus enjoin us in the stewardship of body and soul, time and energy, in the service and worship of God. GGD

"HOW TO FOLLOW THE SERVICE" BOOK MARKS

Last Sunday you may have noted the handsome bookmarks inserted into every Prayer Book in the nave, one for Holy Communion (in burgundy) and one for Morning Prayer (in gold), with simple and we trust easy-to-follow instructions for negotiating the service. While intended primarily for visitors and newcomers, young children may also find them helpful, and anyone may wish to use them to mark their place in the book. For neatness' sake, we would ask that the bookmarks be replaced title at top facing forward, so as to be visible when the Prayer Book is in the rack.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION (*No organ during Lent*)

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel (*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted until Easter*).....132, 124
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30—12 Noon NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M.—ADULT, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN’S CLASSES (*Cranmer Hall and Chapel*)

10:30 –Pre-school—3 year olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M. —MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #340 *We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*..... Breslau

Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer.....Prayer Book, pp. 3-7

Versicles and Responses 7-8

VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608.....9

Psalm #40.....390

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:1-19 *The Calling of the Prophet*

BENEDICITE.....*insert*

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11 and St. John 8:46132, 133

BENEDICTUS #638..... 14

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Collect for the Day132, 124

Fixed Collects and Other Prayers 17-20

HYMN # 60 *With broken heart and contrite sigh*Babylon’s Streams

1st through 4th grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.

THE SERMONFr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Lord, Let Me Know mine End*..... Maurice Greene

Presentation of Alms: #732, *All Things are Thine*

PRAYER and BLESSING

HYMN (*insert*) *The Royal Banners Forward Go*..... Gonfalon Royal

ORGAN: *Fugue in F minor*..... Charles Burney

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) - Collect, Epistle, Gospel BCP pp 132, 124