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## THANKSGIVING TO THE TRINITY

Blessed and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thanks be to thee, very and one Trinity, one and perfect Godhead. Thee, God the Father unbegotten; Thee, the only-begotten Son; Thee, the Holy Spirit the Paraclete; the Holy and Undivided Trinity, do we confess and praise with heart and mouth; to thee be glory for ever. Alleluia. Amen. *Anthem after Athanasian Creed, Sarum Sunday office.*

## PRAYER BOOK & COVENANT

A few weeks ago I had the honour of celebrating the Eucharist according to the 1928 Prayer Book at the spring diocesan clergy conference. As the preacher, Fr. Rick Buechner, noted, this was perhaps the first such celebration in about thirty years - an observation confirmed by a number of younger clergy present, who told me it was the first time they had attended such a service.

There is of course something worrisome about that long history of disuse, but also something encouraging about the willingness to revive it. First the worrisome, as this is expressed by the former Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology at Oxford, Oliver O'Donovan, in the Preface to the second edition of *On the Thirty-Nine Articles: conversations with Tudor Christianity*. He identifies the disuse of the historic Prayer Books as one of the major elements in the institutional fractures of Anglicanism in the last three decades. In the quotation that follows, I think he is rather too generous to the liturgists, who (in North America at least) were driven as

much by theological agendas as by linguistic change. Nonetheless, he makes a valuable point about the role of the Prayer Book as defining Anglican identity and grounding Anglican unity:

*A church that conceived its relation to doctrine liturgically - for that was Thomas Cranmer's chief legacy - was bound to be deeply tied to the language of its prayer. If the first cause of the Anglican Reformation was the English Bible, its decisive form was the English Prayer Book. For many generations it could plausibly be said that Anglicans needed no ongoing conversation with the Articles or other Reformation documents, since their shared liturgical texts and translations of the Bible gave sufficient content to the claim that the rule of prayer was the rule of faith. Anglican forms of prayer and Christian belief were transported across the globe on the sea-going vessels of the English language. And if, as some now prognosticate, the Anglican communion will shortly disappear from the family of Christian*

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

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**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Peter Meldrim Coy by Mrs. Peter M. Coy and Mr. Timothy E. Coy.

And in loving memory of Coke S. and Helen S. Blume, C. Redmond and Lorraine B. Gill and the Rev. Jeffrey Gill by their family.

And in loving memory Alfred William Sadler by his family, William, Kate, Dolly, and Graham.

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The flowers at the Baptismal Font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Miss Sarah Alexander Patterson Summers by her family.

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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** Cord Helmken  
**10:30** Clayton Compton, Lindsay Pindar  
Chris Dixon, Mikel Kelly  
*Volunteers Needed (Torches)!*

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Graham P. Sadler

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES**

➤ Fr. Dunbar: *To be announced* – (Chapel)

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

*Reading Room, Cranmer Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

**Tuesday:** 7am *Philippians* (led by Fr O' Brien)

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

**WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

*Are in summer recess*

**SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER MORNING!**

Parents &/or Grandparents are asked to sign up for one Sunday this summer, to teach a simple story-lesson to the Pre-School/ Kindergarten class at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets will be in Cranmer Hall beginning this Sunday or call Maryan Harrell 232-8887 or 272-7925.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday**

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday** 9 a.m. – Noon.

*Fr. Dunbar is out of the office on Fridays;*

*Fr. O'Brien on Mondays.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

*churches, that will be due not least to the dissolution of the language formerly called 'modern English' into a structureless lingua franca of the worldwide web. New liturgies, already replacing the common book when this essay first appeared [1985], were an attempt ... to respond to the instability of the linguistic culture. Today we are offered a variety of national liturgies only loosely associated by family-resemblances. (...) There is no point in bewailing the linguistic loss or in being ungrateful to the liturgists, who have, perhaps, given us the best that an inarticulate age is capable of using. But the traditional Anglican way of moderating its self-understanding has, on any account, ceased to operate. The prayer-book which still holds a normative place in Anglican constitutions is one which few use for prayer and fewer still recognize quotations from, and that is why unfamiliar instruments like 'the Covenant' have become indispensable.*

O' Donovan holds out one hope: *If we are to hand on to future generations something of what we have received, what is needed is a new and very deliberate return - at a catechetical and not only a scholarly level [-] ... to the study of our Anglican sources.*

Anglican *ressourcement* - a return to the well-springs of our tradition - not just scholarly but also catechetical (that is, not confined to an academic elite) may seem like a distant hope. Yet the time is propitious. To a large extent, the "worship wars" of the 1980's and 90's have receded, and though they

leave younger generations wholly ignorant of the Prayer Book, it also leaves them remarkably open-minded. The "new" liturgies of the late 70's and early 80's are now conventional and dog-eared. As O' Donovan says, "they sound a little mealy-mouthed and already old-fashioned". It is the historic Prayer Book that now has the charm of novelty, as well as the venerability of age. Our relation to the Prayer Book is no longer simply defensive, but now more and more missionary. We have something to share, and learning how to do so our priority. GGD

#### **PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

##### **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 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

##### **THURSDAY - CORPUS CHRISTI**

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. *Morning or Evening Prayer & Holy Communion*

#### **JUNE 24-29<sup>TH</sup> CHOIR CAMP**

*The cost of the All-day Choir camp is \$95. Please register with Dr. Taylor.*

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

##### **JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>—20<sup>TH</sup> \* 9 A.M. - NOON**

*Open (free of charge) to children 3 years old (and potty trained) through to those who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade and are moving into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Register Now! Volunteers Welcome.*

#### **NEW! THIS SUMMER: TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

*On Philippians, led by Fr. O'Brien.  
7 a.m. Reading Room.*

**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel ..... 186, 187  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30-10:15—CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CONFIRMED YOUTH** (*Chapel*)

**9:30-10:15—Pre-School through Kindergarten Summer Program** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30—Activities for Pre-School & Kindergarten** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30 A.M.—CHORAL MATTINS, PROCESSION, & SERMON**

## VOLUNTARIES FOR BRASS

PRELUDE: <i>Ricercare</i> .....	Giovanni da Palestrina
<i>Suite in F in 3 Movements</i> .....	Jean Baptiste Loillet, arr. Rich Mays
Sentences, Confession, Absolution, The Lord's Prayer .....	Prayer Book, page 6-7
Versicles and Responses .....	7-8
VENITE #606 (with Antiphon).....	9
HYMN# 266 <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> .....	Nicaea
Psalms 148 & 150 Chants by David Willcocks & Charles Villiers Stanford .....	524, 525
First Lesson: Revelation 4:1-11 .....	186
TE DEUM in G by Herbert Sumson ( <i>congregation is seated</i> ).....	10
Second Lesson: St. John 3:1-15 .....	187
BENEDICTUS #638 .....	14
Apostles' Creed .....	15
Versicles and Responses .....	16
Collect for the Day .....	186
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace .....	17-20

**PROCESSION**

*Minister.* Let us go forth in peace. *Answer.* In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN #268 *I bind unto myself today* .....St. Patrick's Breastplate  
*Grades 1—4 participating in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.*

SERMON .....Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Old 100<sup>th</sup>* .....Ralph Vaughan Williams

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #285 *The God of Abraham Praise*.....Leoni

ORGAN: *Genevan Psalm-tune 25* ..... Louis Bourgeois, arr. Rich Mays

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*Everyone is invited to attend **Coffee Hour in Cranmer Hall** immediately after the 10:30 service.*

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

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**12 Noon —HOLY COMMUNION** (Chapel) - Collect, Epistle, Gospel BCP pp 186, 187