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THIS SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Reports & Elections. Meeting should end about Noon.

Noon Service will be held at 12:15 p.m. this Sunday

ALL THY FAITHFUL MERCIES CROWN

(FIRST OF TWO PARTS)

In his poem, *The Falling of Leaves*, W.B. Yeats writes of the perceptible change of season at this time of year: 'The hour of the waning of love has beset us'. Another Celt, albeit of the Lusitanian variety, wrote, 'At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love' (St. John of the Cross, *Dichos*, 64). As we approach the beginning of another Christian Year in the Season of Advent, as the autumn leaves fall, the angle of light diffuses, and we reckon an end to summer's growth and a beginning of Winter's fallowness, the Church would have us adjudge the nature of our loves.

As reformed Anglican Christians we look not first to the change of liturgical colour or the ceremonial accretions or subtractions of our observances for the alteration in the Church's seasons and the direction in which she would form our souls in Christ. Rather, we look to the Word of Scripture as the Church has set it before us. The reform of the existing church and of the souls of her members that the sixteenth century reformers had in mind was a return to Scripture as the standard of theology and a familiarization of each heart and soul with Scripture,

such as saturated the writings, minds and aspirations of ancient Christianity.

Nowhere is this spirit of reform as a return to earliest tradition and practice more pronounced than in the Eucharistic lectionary (the order of readings set before our ears and eyes by the Church's appointment) of the Book of Common Prayer, in its various editions (including our 1928 version) from 1549 to 1962. In the in the epistles and gospels appointed for Sundays and other Holy Days (an arrangement devised from as far back as the fifth century Comes of St. Jerome), we find the life blood of our reformation in Scripture, even the mind of Christ (I Cor. 2. 16). Some of the collects such of as that for Advent II are of Cranmer's own composition. Many of the collects come to us in Archbishop Cranmer's felicitous translations. Others, as of this Sunday (designed for use both on Epiphany VI and Trinity XXV), are of Bishop Cosin's composition or amendment. The collects theologially harmonize for prayer the teaching of the epistle, illustrated by the gospel.

Fr. David Curry has spoken of our tradition of Common Prayer as 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 and recordings of Services and Sermons are to be found on our web site:
www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mrs. R. Bartley Turner (Christiana)

USHER CHAIRMAN Dr. James S. McClellan

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of William Reese Cooper by Mrs. Patti Cooper.

And in loving memory of Nita Morgan Williams by her family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Ms. Anne H. Mingleдорff
Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings, Mrs. W. Lee Belford
Mrs. John Reiter; Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell,
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ACOLYTES

8:00 *volunteer requested*
10:30 Lawson Turner
Lindsay Pindar, John Osborne
Hawkins Pindar, Finn Repella
Henry Osborne, Joseph Saffold

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Robert A. Burnet

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION

- Dr. Bergstrom *Upper School Forum* in Fellowship Hall (near piano)
- Fr. Dunbar: *Reading the Word of God in the Spirit*, Reading Room.
- David Noble: *Shakespeare makes love AND war in the history plays*. Third Floor middle classroom on the right.
- Jack Wray: on the *Book of Daniel* 3rd floor classroom on the left at the back

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

- Mondays Noon: **Women's Study** *Athanasius on the Incarnation* (Dr. Bergstrom)
- Tuesdays 7 a.m. **Men's Breakfast**, *Study of Sunday lessons*, Parish House Dining Room (enter by kitchen), with Fr O'Brien
- Thursdays 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, on *Judges*, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall. (Fr Dunbar)
- Thursdays 9:15 a.m. Women's Study, on *The Imitation of Christ*, with Fr O'Brien
- **No Men's Forum this week or next**

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Wednesday
Morning and Evening Prayer
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
9:45 a.m. *Litany*
10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

doctrinal magisterium, the teaching authority in doctrine, life and morals for Anglican Christians. Francis J. Hall, the early twentieth century systematic theologian, speaks everywhere of the Prayer Book in his Dogmatic Theology, as the Anglican's 'spiritual system'. And Robert Crouse, a peritus - theological father to our own Elliot House of Studies - judged the Eucharistic lectionary to be the heart of the Common Prayer tradition.

God is etymologically, theologically and in the order of reality, both in creation and redemption, fundamental authority. Through human agency God is the author of Sacred Scripture, and it is Scripture, through the traditional, creedal, doctrinal and philosophical theological artifice of the Church as it has come down to us in our portion of it in the Common Prayer tradition, that is our authority. *(To be continued)* COB

E.Y.C.S. INGATHERING

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

The Episcopal Youth and Children's Services - not a national church body but based in the churches of the Savannah convocation - provides **needs-based college scholarships** and Honey Creek Camp fees to deserving children within the diocese of Georgia. For next Sunday's special offering in support of EYCS scholarships a Gold EYCS Envelope will be provided at church in the parish paper for your contribution. To donate online go to www.eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org

MANY THANKS

To our vestrymen who have served for the past 5 years. They are: Mr. R. Gilbert Wells, Mrs. Stuart c. Clifford (Susan), Mr. W. Barron Crawford III, and Mr. Lawrence L. Hearn III. Their term will end December 31st, 2013.

FAMILY OUTING

NOVEMBER 30TH

Low Country Boil at Villa Marie Center on Isle of Hope 11:00 am until 2:00 pm

Who isn't tired of turkey and cooking the Saturday after Thanksgiving?! Worry no more! Bring your family and join your fellow parishioners for a fun family day of fellowship and good food. There will be games for the young and the young at heart, live music, and maybe even a football game or two. *All College students eat for free!* Tickets will go on sale in Cranmer Hall and at Coffee Hour. Price \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Wristbands will be sold for \$5 to include beer and wine. You can reserve your place by mailing a check to the church office for you and your family. Out of town guests welcome!

CANDLELIGHT DINNER COOKBOOK

Recipes for a Candlelight Dinner is a full-colour hardbound volume testifying to the elegance of a St. John's institution. With photography by Tim Coy, menus (based on Candlelight Dinners past) and table decorations designed by Kay Gunkel and Tracey Inglesby. Cost: \$50 ea, with payment in cheque or cash due at the time the order is placed. For delivery in December, please place order before November 28th with Dorothea Coy at 944-1653 or email: dcoy4@icloud.com

"HOLLY DAYS" BAZAAR NOTES

Thanks are due for the Women of the Church, and the Bazaar Committee. Under the enterprising leadership of the indefatigable Mrs. Alex Jarman, and undaunted by an untimely irruption of Arctic air, they organized and executed another great Bazaar this past week. Thanks also to the men and youth of the Church who volunteered their assistance. If there are any Preserves left unsold, they will be available for purchase after church.

8:00 A.M. - HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL 117

A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30a.m.-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (Cranmer Hall)

9:30-10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M.-END OF SERVICE: PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

(Activities in Cranmer Hall for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)

10:30 A.M. —MORNING PRAYER

CARILLON

HYMN #288 *O Worship the King* Hanover

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

Versicles and Responses 7-8

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Hymnal #609)..... 9

Psalms #145..... 520

First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15 *Let us now praise famous men.*

TE DEUM (Hymnal #615, 619)..... 10

Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25:31—end *The least of these my brethren.*

BENEDICTUS (Hymnal # 638)..... 14

Apostles’ Creed 15

Versicles and Responses 16

Collect For The Day 117

Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20

HYMN # 350 *Rejoice, The Lord is King*.....Darwall (#600)

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake*..... R. Farrant

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #357 *Hail, Thou once Despised Jesus*..... In Babilone

The Acolytes will remove flowers from the altar during the hymn, and the choir will depart after the last stanza.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order and Minutes

Vestry Nominations

Addresses and Reports to the Congregation

Discussion and Questions

ORGAN: *Vater Verses* Johan Sebastian Bach

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.