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## **THIS SUNDAY - E.Y.C. S. INGATHERING**

A special offering provides **needs-based college scholarships** and camp bursaries to children and youth in Georgia. Please give generously: it may help a child that you know.

### **THURSDAY 28TH - THANKSGIVING DAY**

10:30 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

*Office Closed Thursday 28th and Friday 29th. No Morning or Evening Prayer.*

#### **ALL THY FAITHFUL MERCIES CROWN**

(PART TWO OF TWO)

The voice of God preemtorily measures our souls in this winter of the 'year of grace', 'the time of the waning of love,' and the 'evening of the soul.' God's voice is most direct in Sacred Scripture, the Bible. Traditionally, for Anglicans and Episcopalians, the voice of God in the Bible is heard in its greatest interpretive, prescriptive, devotional and doctrinal key in the ancient and ecumenical eucharistic lectionary of collects, epistles and gospels appointed for Sundays and other HolyDays. Its purpose is not to set forth the greatest *quantity* of Scripture - that function belongs to the Daily Office lectionary printed in the tables found in the first pages of the Prayer Book - but rather to set forth the *quality* of Scripture as it teaches us to put on the mind of Christ.

In this way the Bible is shown not just to be a repository of stories or a collection of pious words and images, but to have a qualitative doctrinal content, with a claim on our minds and affections, gathering them into a common, collective and individual reformation in Christ. So in the first part of the year from Advent to

Trinity Sunday the redemptive deeds of Christ for our sake and for our salvation are set before us. In the second half of the year from Trinity Sunday to Advent, the season which now draws to a close, we have the words and miraculous deeds of Christ set before us as they would take root in us by the work of the Spirit. The first half of the year speaks to us of our justification by faith - what Christ alone could accomplish for us in our humanity by his saving work. The second half of the year speaks to us of our sanctification, our growing up into that work, on the basis of what Christ has done, by faith, hope and love.

The faithful mercies of Christ, wrought by him for our salvation, received by us through faith, bearing fruit in our lives by hope and love, are crowned by him through his coming again in judgment, a judgment - should we submit to it in faith - that runs out into mercy.

This year in, year out, doctrinal presentation of Scripture for faith and for life does not supplant the need for individual and corporate Bible reading and study, of which the Daily Office

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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 loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry King McCormick by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells.

And in loving memory of Ray Schmidt by Mrs. Ray Schmidt.

And in memory of Martha Fielis Belford by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee Belford.

And in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr., and in honor of the birthday of Jules IV, given by Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Victor.

And in loving memory of Joanne Smith Merritt by her husband, Robert J. Merritt, and her son, Lee Smith.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnston by their family.

The arrangement at the altar for Thanksgiving Day is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Albert Sidney Newton by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 Lawson Turner
10:30 John Osborne
Chris Dixon, Turner Stevens
Patrick Perrie, Hunt Wasden
Philip Inglesby, Finn Repella

THANKSGIVING DAY

Acolyte volunteer(s) requested.

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Jeremy Bergstrom

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

- Dr. Bergstrom Upper School in Fellowship Hall
• Fr. Dunbar: Reading the Word of God, Reading Room.
• David Noble: Shakespeare Third Floor Classroom
Jack Wray: Daniel 3rd floor classroom

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

- Mondays Noon: Women's Study Athanasius on the Incarnation (Dr. Bergstrom)
• Tuesdays 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Offices of Instruction, Parish House Dining Room Fr O'Brien
• Thursday - NO MEETINGS THIS THURSDAY

"RECIPES FOR A CANDLELIGHT DINNER"

is a full-colour hardback 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

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

lectionary provides a fitting template for public hearing and praying and for private meditation. Rather, it corroborates it in the summary presentation of the overall teaching of Scripture and its authoritative and common application to our minds and lives. It also provides an antidote to the submergence of biblical authority in the ebb and flow of doctrinal indeterminacy. Scripture has a definitive teaching that the faithful mind can apprehend; it enjoins specific and identifiable ascetic practices for membership in the community over which Scripture exercises authority (the Church); and it is condign with that reality conformable to the Truth of which Christ is the crowning meaning in creation and redemption.

In these final Sundays after Trinity, as nature inclines to the recumbence of Winter and the affections of the spirit wane, the collects, epistles and gospels reflect the inner adversities to which we are subject, the sins and frailties of another year from which we look to God our refuge and strength, and to Christ our redeemer, for pardon, peace and absolution. In the epistles of Paul we are taught to look in hopeful expectation for the coming of Christ our judge, in joyful thanksgiving for the good work he has begun in us in the ongoing struggle of penance and amendment of life; in the gospels we look to the miracles of resuscitation and healing that are the bases for this hope; and we look for the earnest of the Spirit in prayer to stir up our wills, our *loves* to meet his judgment in the past, in this present and at that dreadful day, when his faithful mercies received, seen and used as such, will be refined in the judgment of his love, crowned by faith in mercy. COB

## 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*

**Thursday - THANKSGIVING DAY**  
10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

**Saturday, November 30th**  
**ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE**  
9:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

### YOUR PLEDGE - THE VESTRY BUDGET

Under its bylaws, the Vestry must pass a balanced budget for 2014 at its December 10th meeting. If you have not turned in your estimate of giving card and plan to do so, please help us make a more accurate estimate of revenue in the budget, by returning the card at your earliest convenience. Or call in your pledge to Rence Schmidt (232-1251) or by email [rschmidt@stjohnssav.org](mailto:rschmidt@stjohnssav.org).

### FAMILY OUTING -NOVEMBER 30TH

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

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, who isn't tired of turkey and cooking?! Worry no more! Bring your family, your out of town guests, and join your fellow parishioners for a fun 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 on sale this Sunday in Cranmer Hall and at Coffee Hour: \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Beer and wine wristbands \$5. Or make reservation [cqhayes@gmail.com](mailto:cqhayes@gmail.com) by **Monday 25th**.

### VESTRYMEN ELECT

Joseph R. Ross, Esq., Mrs. Henry F. Inglesby, Jr., Jonathan D. Sprague, Esq., and Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr. Their five year term begins January 1st, 2014.

**8:00 A.M. —HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, p. 225  
*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 AND SERMON**

CARILLON

HYMN #484 <i>Lift Up Your Heads</i> .....	Truro
Sentences Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer .....	Prayer Book 3-7
Versicles and Responses .....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Hymnal #609).....	9
Psalm #85 .....	446
First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5 .....	225
TE DEUM (Hymnal #613, 617).....	10
Second Lesson: St. John 6:5 .....	225
BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638).....	14
Apostles' Creed .....	15
Versicles and Responses .....	16
Collect For The Day .....	225
Other Collects and Prayers .....	17-20
The Grace .....	20
HYMN #137 <i>Come Ye Thankful People Come</i> .....	St. George’s Windsor
<i>1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades children enrolled in Jr. Choir exit following the Cross</i>	
THE SERMON .....	Deacon Bergstrom

**OFFERING**

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>Jesus so Lowly</i> .....	Harold W. Friedell
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139 and Hymn #141 v. 4	
PRAYER and BLESSING	
HYMN :#285 <i>The God of Abraham Praise</i> .....	Leoni
ORGAN <i>Allegro Maestoso</i> from <i>Sonata II</i> .....	Felix Mendelssohn

*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 (In the Church)—HOLY COMMUNION** Collect, Epistle, Gospel p. 225