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THIS SUNDAY

5:30 P. M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR LENT

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WHY WORSHIP (PART III)

There is a famous story about the conversion of the Russians to Orthodox Christianity. In the year 987, Vladimir, Grand Prince of Kiev, sent envoys to study the religions of the neighboring nations whose representatives had been urging him to embrace their respective faiths. Of the Muslim Bulgarians of the Volga, the envoys reported, there is no joy among them; only sorrow and a great stench. In the gloomy churches of the Germans his emissaries saw no beauty; but at Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, the enormous church built by the emperor Justinian in the 6th century, where they witnessed the rich ceremonial of the Eastern Orthodox imperial liturgy, they found what they had been looking for: "We no longer knew whether we were in heaven or on earth," they reported, "nor such beauty, and we know not how to tell of it."

In a secular age, the word "heavenly" can be used to describe the experience of eating chocolate or lying in a warm bath; but in its primary sense it is constantly used by the Christian tradition (east and west, catholic and protestant) to describe the Church's public worship. In public

worship the Church makes faintly (very faintly) visible and audible here on earth the liturgy of heaven; and at times, as witnessed by the envoys of Vladimir, there is a real sense of transport: "a door was opened in heaven" (Rev. 4:1). But even in its most ordinary and routine forms worship anticipates, and participates in, the heavenly liturgy - the unceasing glorification of God and the enjoyment of his inexhaustible goodness by the angelic hierarchies. It is a point the Prayer Book takes care to emphasize in the doxologies *Te Deum Laudamus* and *Gloria in excelsis*, and in the eucharistic *Preface* (which in this sense does not mean "prologue" but "praise"): "therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and praise thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high". In the image of Austin Farrer, we are like spelunkers making our way through caverns under the earth, until we come to a place where some fugitive gleams of light penetrate 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, as hospitals are reluctant to give out any information.

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 Dr. Roland S. Summers

USHER CHAIRMAN

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The flowers at the altar on Sunday are given to the glory of God and for the beautification of the church.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 Chris Dixon
10:30 Lindsay Pindar
 Charles Perrie
 Finn Repella, Edwin Shepherd
 Hunt Wasden, Turner Stevens
5:30 Evensong
 Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30 A.M.

- Fr. O'Brien: *Upper School*. Fellowship Hall
- Dr. Bergstrom: *Adult Catechism*. Reading Room
- Mr. Jack Wray: *The Seven Penitential Psalms*. 3rd floor, back left classroom Cranmer Hall.

WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

- Monday Night: **Women's Study - Athanasius on the Incarnation**, with Fr. Bergstrom
- Tuesdays 6:45 a.m.: **Breakfast & Discussion**, *Offices of Instruction* with Fr. O'Brien
- Thursdays 7 a.m.: **Men's Bible Study**, on *Samuel*, Reading Room (Fr. Dunbar)
- Thursdays 9:15 a.m.: **Women's Study**, on *The Imitation of Christ*, with Fr. O'Brien

MEN'S FORUM - Thursday at Noon

Good Food for Body and Soul

Getting Ready for Resurrection:

Death as the gateway to Life.

(Fr. Bergstrom)

*Guests welcome. Donation requested.
 Food served 11:50, Talk runs 12:10-12:50.*

darkness through a crack in the cavern roof, and we are recalled from the embrace of the darkness and our own feeble lights to the splendour of the sun shining in his strength so far above; and we realize that though we may travel now through dark caverns, our true home is in the realms of supernal light. Even for the angels, those supremely intellectual creatures, God's greatness exceeds their comprehension; they are filled indeed with that holy fear which is awe: the overwhelming sense of God's greatness.

So why do we sometimes find worship boring? Sometimes, of course, it is the quality of what is being offered - and I will pass over the numberless ways in which our witness to God's greatness can be trivialized, paltry, or dull. At a deeper level, however, the problem is we ourselves: the reason for our boredom lies not in God but in us, and in the dullness of our minds, the coldness of our hearts and our diminished capacity to perceive and enjoy what is supremely enjoyable. As worship is the activity of heaven, in which man finds his true happiness, the Church's public worship on earth is a preparation of the soul in the life of heaven. As I think C. S. Lewis says somewhere, heaven is an acquired taste: and worship of heaven will only be heaven to those who here have acquired a taste for it here on earth. GGD

**ST. JOHN'S ICE CREAM
SIDEWALK SOCIAL**

Saturday, April 26th 1 - 3 p.m.

Homemade ice cream for tasting * Sundae Bar*
Live Music * Games * Sidewalk chalk contest

**MAKING PALM CROSSES
FOR PALM SUNDAY**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

9:30-11:00 AM Cranmer Hall:

Old & Young are encouraged to take part.

Bring your clippers or scissors.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN LENT

All unpledged offerings at weekday services in Lent will be reserved for the relief of those in need at home and abroad. This Lent the Sunday School is collecting Peanut Butter for the Second Harvest Backpack program.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

MONDAY – FRIDAY:

8:15 A.M. *Morning Prayer
& Holy Communion*

5:30 P.M. - *Evening Prayer
& Holy Communion*

IN ADDITION ON WEDNESDAY

9:45 AM *Litany* 10AM – *Sung Eucharist*

SATURDAY

9:00 AM *Holy Communion*

**EASTER LILIES AND
EASTER BRASS**

To give a lily for the Church at Easter, send a check for \$35 payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked "Easter Lily".

To contribute to the cost of the brass players on Easter, please send a check payable to St. John's Church marked "Easter brass".

Please indicate the intention of the gift (memorial, thanksgiving, etc.). *The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.*

LOW SUNDAY - APRIL 27TH

5:30 P.M ORGAN RECITAL

Parker Ramsay

First American to have occupied post of Organ Scholar at King's College Chapel, Cambridge

No charge for admission, but free will offerings received. Reception to follow in Green Meldrim House

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION (*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted until Easter*)

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel 132, (124)
A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service. A donation of \$4 is suggested.

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

9:30 A.M.—ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M. —Pre-school—3 year olds and 4 year olds (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER, BAPTISM AND SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #340 <i>We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died</i>	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 <i>The Calling of the Prophet</i>	<i>insert</i>
BENEDICITE #744.....	<i>insert</i>
Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11 and St. John 8:46.....	132, 133
HYMN#450 <i>As Pants the Hart</i>	Martyrdom

THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM-

to ASHER BUTTON DELOACH - Prayer Book p. 273

BENEDICTUS #634	14
Apostles’ Creed.....	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect for the Day	132, (124)
Fixed Collects.....	17
HYMN #60 <i>With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh</i>	Babylon’s Streams
<i>1st through 4th grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.</i>	
THE SERMON	Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>God So Loved the World</i>	Sir John Stainer
Presentation of Alms: #732 <i>All things are Thine</i>	Gardiner
HYMN (<i>Insert</i>) <i>The Royal Banners Forward Go</i>	Gonfalon Royal
ORGAN: <i>We All Believe in One God</i>	J. S. 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.*

12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Church- Collect, Epistle, Gospel—same as 8 a.m.)