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REDEMPTION

Having been tenant long to a rich Lord,
Not thriving, I resolved to be bold,
And made a suit unto him, to afford
A new small-rented lease, and cancel th'old.
In heaven at his manor I him sought:
They told me there, that he was lately gone
About some land, which he had dearly bought
Long since on earth, to take possession.
I straight return'd, and knowing his great birth,
Sought him accordingly in great resorts;
In cities, theaters, gardens, parks, and courts;
At length I heard a ragged noise and mirth
Of thieves and murderers: there I him espied,
Who straight, *Your suit is granted*, said, and died.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

With a glancing allusion to the parable of the tenants (Luke 20:9-18), Herbert sets forth the Christian gospel as a parable of a tenant seeking a new lease from a wealthy landowning noble. With worldly logic the poet seeks him first in heaven, then among the resorts of the rich and powerful on earth, but finds him, shockingly, at the place of public execution. As Ann Pasternak Slater comments, "It isn't difficult to recognize the Crucifixion in its new disguise, but the unfamiliarity is crucial because it re-animates the extraordinary gulf between the greatness of this rich and powerful landlord, the appalling indignity of his end, and the mystery that such a profoundly debased death should bring about the salvation of mankind."

NOTE. *Cancel th'old* the old covenant or testament, of the Law, as opposed to the new covenant or testament of grace.

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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 Jonathan D. Sprague, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. E. Brian Culver

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev'd William H. Ralston, Jr. by the Compton family.

and in loving memory of Mrs. Richard White Miller by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Saylor.

and in memory of family and loved ones by Dr. Robert Howell.

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8:00 Jamie McClellan
10:30 John Osborne
Mikel Kelly
Patrick Perrie, Henry Osborne
Hunt Wasden, Joseph Saffold

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMEN

The Men of St. John's

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

• Fr. O'Brien--*The History of St. John's Church*--Reading Room, Cranmer Hall

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

- Tuesdays 7 a.m. **Men's Breakfast**, *Offices of Instruction* with Fr. O'Brien
- Thursdays 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study** - **NEXT MEETING MAY 29TH.**
- Thursdays 9:15 a.m. **Women's Study**, on *The Imitation of Christ*, with Fr. O'Brien

The Rector is out of the office until May 23rd. For pastoral matters, consult Fr. O'Brien or Fr. Bergstrom. For other matters speak, to the Senior Warden or the Parish Business Manager.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

AT 10:30 MORNING PRAYER:

CHURCH SCHOOL AWARDS

SPECIAL COLLECTION
ANGLICAN RELIEF &
DEVELOPMENT FUND

PARISH PICNIC

*Bring your favourite side dish or
dessert: lasagna and fried chicken
will be provided.*

**MEN OF ST. JOHN'S
24TH ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT
Friday May 16th 2014**

The Club at Savannah Harbor
Contact Jason Victor @ 247-7282
or

Victor.Jules@gmail.com

Tickets will be on sale during coffee
hour \$100. Per person groups of
four.

**THE O'BRIEN CUP TENNIS
TOURNAMENT**

Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

at Franklin Creek Tennis
Center – 5:30 pm. Cost is \$20
to include balls and drinks.
Email Bob Vinyard at
bob.vinyard@me.com to RSVP

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Morning or Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

MOTHERS' DAY

We give thanks today for those called to the vocation and ministry of motherhood, in every sense of the word: biological mothers, and mothers in spirit, and everything in between: for bringing us to birth, for guiding our first steps, for nurturing us with watchful loving care, and not without tears. In particular we give thanks for those mothers in the faith, like St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, through whose witness, example, and teaching we received the faith. We give thanks also for the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and for the Church - "Jerusalem which is above, which is the mother of us all". GGD

**E. Y. C. S. COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR 2014-2015**

Please visit the web site of Episcopal Youth and Children's Services, www.eyecs.org to obtain the necessary forms. Applications should be completed, including a parish priest's signature, and mailed to The Diocese of Georgia, 611 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401 and must be received by the EYCS **no later than May 15th.**

"On Eagle's Wings"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14—18

**For potty trained 3 year olds
through rising 3rd graders. Register
NOW!**

*Scholarships available on
request.*

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel Prayer Book, page 174
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY (*Parish House*)

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

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

Jr. Choir—Kindergarten through 4th Grade (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M. MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #95 *Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today*.....Gwalchmai

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HYMN (*Insert*) *Sing of Mary, pure and lowly*Pleading Saviour

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

THE SERMONFr. Bergstrom

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Blessed Be God and Father* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN#472 *Hark, Hark my Soul*.....Pilgrims

ORGAN: *Choral Song* S. S. Wesley

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 (*as at 8 a.m.*)