

The Parish Paper

OF

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Vol. 45 No. 35

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

July 20, 2014

THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION V

Word Incarnate of the Father

It has been noted, that although the first Article of Religion, “concerning faith in the Trinity”, may seem a somewhat dry “summary of essential points”, made without “proclamatory enthusiasm”, the gospel is not far away: in the second, third, and fourth Articles “the statement that God is triune is immediately developed in terms of Jesus of Nazareth”. Thus do the Articles make evident the connection which other confessional documents sometimes leave obscure, “between faith in the Trinity and faith in Christ as savior. The dry post-Nicene formula of three persons in one substance, pure and eternal, is seen to be pregnant with Christmas, Easter and ... Pentecost”, the festivals of the gospel. It is by thinking about the parts played by the Son and the Spirit in our salvation that the doctrine of the Trinity was developed.

It was axiomatic for the early Church's faith that the one Creator of the world is also its one Savior: “I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Savior” (Isaiah 43:11). To redeem the entire human race from its “bondage to corruption”, to make us “partakers of the divine nature” (Romans 8:21; 2 Peter 1:4) – this can only be the work of an infinite being. If Jesus accomplished the work of salvation, then he must be God – and thinking how this might be, without

compromising the divine unity, drove the development of Trinitarian doctrine in the 4th century. A similar concern drove the development of the doctrine of the Incarnation, which crystallized in the 5th century. If (as the Church believed) in Christ the children of men became the children of God, it was because Christ must be both God and Man.

The Articles concerning Christ build on the early church's foundation. Their structure is that of the going forth of the Son of God in eternity and in time. His going forth in eternity - his divine Sonship - is described in language drawn from John's gospel and from the Nicene Creed: *The Son, which is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting of the Father, the very and eternal God, and of one substance with the Father.* The going forth in time – his Incarnation - makes use of the structure of Philippians 2:5-11, filled in with detail of the creeds: the Son of God humbles himself by incarnation and death (Article 2); he is exalted in resurrection, ascension, and future judgment (Article 4): the hinge between these is his descent into hell (Article 3). To this bare credal frame the Article adds telling detail concerning his humanity.

The truth of his humanity is affirmed in terms familiar from the creeds: he *took Man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin, of her substance.* As in the creeds, the

THE PARISH PAPER
OF
St. John's Church
1 WEST MACON STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

The Parish Paper of St. John's Church (USPS 887-960) is published weekly by St. John's Church, One West Macon Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Periodicals postage paid at Savannah, Georgia. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to St. John's Church, 1 W. Macon St., Savannah, GA 31401.

The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Gavin G. Dunbar Rector
1 West Macon Street 31401(912) 234-2209
The Rev. Craig E. O'Brien Priest Associate
423 E. Gaston Street 31401(912) 308-4441
The Rev. Dr. Jeremy W. Bergstrom Priest Assistant
5 Autumn Leaves Court 31410(912) 656-3807
Mrs. Janice W. Woods Business Manager
Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. Parish Secretary
Mrs. Peter W. Schmidt Financial Secretary
Mrs. William D. Harrell, Christian Education Director
Mr. Wesley Perkins Interim Choirmaster
Mr. Rich Mays Interim Organist
Mr. Simisa Domazet Buildings Manager

Senior Warden *Mr. Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.*
Junior Warden *Mr. William Howard Helmken, Jr.*
Clerk of Vestry *Mr. R. Scott Howard*
Treasurer *Mrs. Stuart C. Clifford*
Chancellor *M. Tyus Butler, Jr. Esq.*

The Vestry: Esqs., M. Tyus Butler, Jr., John M. Hewson III, Joseph R. Ross, Jonathan D. Sprague, Drs. J. Davidson Carson, James S. McClellan, Jr., Roland S. Summers, Mrs. Henry F. Inglesby, Jr., Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings, Mrs. Morgan W. Murray, Mrs. R. Bartley Turner, Messrs. Charles B. Compton, Jr., E. Brian Culver, John C. Helmken II, Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr., R. Scott Howarth, William C. Rodgers, Paul D. Troxler, Floyd G. Whittington, Jr., Richard L. Wright.

Vestry Emeriti: Mr. George Fawcett, Mr. J. Earl Gilbreath, Jr., Mr. James E. Hungerpillar, Roland B. Williams, Esq.

President, Women of St. John's... *Mrs. Christian Arden-Joly*
President, Chancel Society *Mrs. Roland S. Summers*
President, Men of St. John's *Mr. John C. Helmken II*

Church Office(912) 232-1251
Fax(912) 232-5559
Parish House(912) 233-3845
Cranmer Hall(912) 232-8887
E-mails(firstinitiallastname)@stjohnssav.org

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 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30a .m. John M. Hewson III, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. John D. Riley

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Howell III and Kathryn H. Koritz by Jeanne, Caroline and Claire; and in honor of Ross Hunter Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick; and in honor of the anniversary of The Rev'd Gavin G. Dunbar's ordination as a Priest on July 18, 1992.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland
Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff
Mrs. T. Herbert Guery III, Mrs. Robert A. Burnett
Mrs. Joseph R. Ross, Mrs. John K. Ross
Mrs. Patti H. Cooper and Mr. John H. Forbes

ACOLYTES

8:00
10:30 Mikel Kelly
Turner Stevens, Finn Repella
Phillip Inglesby, Edwin Shepherd

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

St. John's Gospel Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday 7 a.m., *Samuel*, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Rm

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13)

Volunteers Needed to join the Silent Auction Solicitation Team. This role will connect with parish members and the community to recruit items such as parties, art, wines, vacations, et. for the Silent Auction. It's a team effort! Not just for ladies, men are encouraged to join! For more details, call Erica Jarman 398-0138.

Are you Crafty? We need a **Craft Chairman** to spearhead donations and displaying at the time of the Bazaar. Please contact Erica Jarman 398-0138.

Crafts: When it's hot outside, get crafty in the cold AC!! Needlepoint, crocheting, ornament creation, woodworking, wreath making, holiday centerpieces, smocking, jewelry repurposing, it's all a craft to us! Please create items for donations to the Holly Days Bazaar Crafts. Contact Erica Jarman with commitments 912 398-0138.

BAZAAR/RUMMAGE SALE STORAGE

Storage is available for donations to the Bazaar and Rummage Sale. For information on access to the storage unit, please call the church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Virgin mother safeguards the reality of Christ's humanity. But it is the unity of the two natures that receives fuller treatment: *two whole and perfect Natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God, and very Man.* The language is that of the Definition of Chalcedon in 451, which preserves the two natures unmixed and unconfused, yet inseparably united in one person. Next the Article follows a medieval theologian, Anselm, in treating the "two-natures" of Christ as the condition of the atonement. Only Man should make atonement for sin; only God could; and therefore Christ, truly God and truly man, was given to accomplish what men could not: *who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.* To the patristic and medieval development of the doctrine of Christ's atoning death the Article adds a new emphasis on the all-sufficiency of his sacrifice. It atones for *actual sins* as well as *original guilt*, so that no further atonement is required.

Two more Articles underline the greatness of his victory. One affirms that after death *he went down into Hell*, for not even death and Satan can withstand the victory of the cross. The second treats his exaltation, with an emphasis on the bodily aspect of it: *Christ did truly rise again from death, and took again his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of Man's nature; where-with he ascended into Heaven, and there sitteth, until he return to judge*

all Men at the last day. In the triumph of Christ over death and hell, in his exaltation over earth and heaven, we glimpse the restoration of our entire humanity from sin and death, its elevation to divine sonship, and its hope of glory, through participation in the benefits of his sacrifice. The Articles turn next to consider how that participation takes place. GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on Tuesday, July 22nd

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

In addition, on Friday, July 25th

ST. JAMES THE GREAT (APOSTLE)

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

Summer office hours through Labor Day

Monday Through Thursday: 9:00 to 4:30

Friday 9:00 to 12 noon

JANE'S CANNERS

meet every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen of Cranmer Hall making jams, jellies, and other sorts of preserves and chutneys to be sold at the bazaar. They need donations of pears, apples, peaches, figs, squash, zucchini, onions, sugar, cinnamon, etc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Second quarter statements of contributions were mailed July 11th. If you have not received yours please call the Church Office 232-1252.

8:00 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 195
A continental breakfast is available Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

9:30-10:15 A.M.—ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 a.m. – Noon— Preschool-Kindergarten Summer Program
(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)

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

HYMN <i>And Can it Be</i>	[insert] Sogina
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles, Responses.....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #610	9
Psalm #34	380
First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:1-16 <i>God's care for his flock and the blessings of his kingdom.</i>	
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE #626.....	11
Second Lesson: I St. Peter 3:8 and St. Luke 5:1	195
BENEDICTUS #634	14
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect for the Day.....	195
Other Collects and the Grace	17-20
HYMN#566 <i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	Galilee
Kindergarten through 4 th Grade children may exit following the Cross for music.	
THE SERMON	Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>O Saviour of The World</i>	John Goss
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)	
Prayer and Blessing	
HYMN #512 <i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	Melita
ORGAN: <i>All Glory Be to God on High</i>	J. S. Bach

*Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim 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) - as 8 a.m.