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**NEXT SUNDAY - 5:30 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG  
WITH SINGERS FROM THE SAVANNAH VOICE FESTIVAL**

## THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION VIII

### *Scriptures and Creeds.*

First things first. The first five Articles deal with "first things" in the order of reality - *what* we know about God and Christ, his incarnation, atoning death and triumph. The next three articles deal with "first things" in the order of knowledge - *how* we know what we know. At the Council of Trent in 1546, the Roman Catholic Church had affirmed that unwritten apostolic tradition was necessary to salvation; and in our own time, authority is said, albeit rather vaguely, to be "dispersed"; but in line with reformed teaching the Articles affirmed that *Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation*. Its doctrine is *sufficient*, and needs no supplement, no additions, to make us "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). Its authority is the authority of the apostolic witness - which is to say the authority of Christ himself who commissioned the apostles as chosen witnesses. As Article 2 already had affirmed, he is "the Word of the Father," the living personal revelation of God, incarnate for us men and for our salvation. It is because we believe in Christ as the Word of God, that we believe in the Scriptures as the Word of God *written* - and not the other way around. But conversely, it is only through the Word of God written that we

have saving knowledge of the Word of God. Despite much speculative ingenuity, we have no other knowledge of Jesus of Nazareth than that which the Scriptures give us.

The authority of Scripture raises three questions concerning the authority - of the Old Testament, of the Apocrypha, and of the Creeds. One tendency has been to treat them as all of equal authority; the other has been to deny them all any authority. At times Christians have been tempted to follow the lead of the 2nd-century Marcion, and to lay aside the Old Testament as if it were a different and inferior revelation, but the Articles are insistent on the unity of Scripture in their witness to Christ: *The Old Testament is not contrary to the New: for both in the Old and New Testament everlasting life is offered to Mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and Man, being both God and Man.* (The liturgical expression of this idea is signified in the pattern of reading a chapter from the Old Testament as well as from the New at Morning and Evening Prayer.) Within the unity of the Scriptures, however, the Article allows for certain distinctions. The ceremonial and civil laws of the Old Testament *do not bind Christian men...; yet notwithstanding, no Christian man whatsoever is free*

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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](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30a .m. Mrs. Henry F. Inglesby, Jr.

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Ross M. Haire

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of my beloved husband, Peter Woodbury Schmidt, by his wife Rence; and in loving memory of Julie Backus Smith by Bill Cathcart.

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**8:00**  
**10:30** Chris Dixon  
Mikel Kelly, Hunt Wasden  
Turner Stevens, Jamie McClellan  
Patrick Perrie, Jackson McClellan

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Edwin C. Shepherd III

**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)**

**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 Mary Dawson with commitments 912 657-9099.

**LARGE PRINT PRAYERS**

Although the Prayer Book is not available in a Large Print edition, we can offer an enlarged (8.5 x 11 inch) copy of the services of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at request. To receive one, please notify the Church Office. 232-1251.

**BE HOSPITABLE TO ONE ANOTHER**

**1 Peter 4:9**

Please support our mission of hospitality by signing up to help at one Coffee Hour this year. Stacy Jennings will have sign-up sheets and more info during Coffee Hour this Sunday, or you may contact Stacy at 224-1354 or [stacy.jennings@savannahnow.com](mailto:stacy.jennings@savannahnow.com)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

from the obedience of the Commandments which are called Moral. Following the New Testament's interpretation of the Old Testament, the former laws belong to the time of the preparation for his coming, and are abrogated by it, the latter commandments to all time.

The Articles are also nuanced in their treatment of the books known as Apocrypha - books that did not appear in the Hebrew Old Testament, but only in the ancient Greek version. Here the Articles follow the precedent set by Jerome, the great biblical scholar of the 4th century: *And the other Books (as Hierome saith) the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine.* Though other reformed churches omitted the Apocrypha from their Bibles, Anglicans have not, and they are read (as Cranmer's lectionary provides) in the liturgy.

The sufficiency of the canonical Scriptures, therefore, does not mean that there are no other authorities which a Christian ought to consult. Article 8 names the ancient catholic Creeds, whose doctrine of the Trinity and of Christ *ought thoroughly to be received and believed: for they may be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture.* They have doctrinal authority precisely because their doctrine is subordinate to that of Scripture and depends upon it.

In our age, the Church has become confused about *what* it knows of Christ, the incarnate Word of God, and *how* it knows it. The doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture set forth in Articles 6-8 means that on matters of salvation, we may not look to evolving popular opinion, the "leading of the Spirit", the pronouncements of prelates, or the

decisions of conventions, as authorities supplementing or correcting Scripture (as liberals, charismatics, and Roman Catholics tend to do). Nor may we deny those subordinate authorities which Scripture establishes (as evangelicals tend to do). To err on either side is to err from the revelation which God has given his Church. GGD

### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### Monday to Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

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

#### In addition, on Wednesday

**THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

*Summer office hours through Labor Day*

*Monday Through Thursday; 9:00 to 4:30*

*Friday 9:00 to 12 noon*

#### JANE'S CANNERS

meet Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen of Cranmer Hall to make jams, jellies, preserves and chutneys to be sold at the Bazaar. Donations of pears, apples, peaches, figs, squash, zucchini, onions, sugar, cinnamon, etc. are most welcome!

#### SAVANNAH VOICE FESTIVAL

*For tickets call 855-766-7372*

*or go to: [www.savannahvoicefestival.org](http://www.savannahvoicefestival.org)*

**AT THE GREEN MELDRIM HOUSE**

Monday August 4th 6:30 p.m.

*The Legacy of Callas*

Monday August 11th 6:30 p.m.

*Opera Composers in Song*

**AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

Thursday August 7th 6:30 p.m.

*Voices Around the World*

Sunday August 10th 5:30 p.m.

*(Free will offering)*

*Evensong for the Transfiguration*

**8:00 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel ..... Prayer Book pg. 198  
*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 #271 *Come Thou Almighty King* ..... Moscow  
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer ..... Prayer Book, pages 3-7  
 Opening Versicles & Responses ..... 7-8

VENITE #610 ..... 9  
 Psalms #47, 48 ..... 397, 398  
 First Lesson: 1King's 17:1-24 *Elijah and the Canaanite widow of Zarephath* ..... *insert*

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE #626..... 11  
 Second Lesson: Romans 6:19 & St. Mark 8:1 ..... 198-199

BENEDICTUS #634 ..... 14  
 Apostles' Creed ..... 15  
 Intercessory Versicles and Responses..... 16  
 Collect for the Day..... 198  
 Other Collects and the Grace ..... 17-20

HYMN #345 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ..... St. Columba  
 Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade children may exit following the Cross for music.

THE SERMON .....Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences  
 Anthem: *Rise up my love, my fair one* ..... Healey Willan  
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)  
 Prayer and Blessing

HYMN *And Can It Be* (insert) ..... Sagina

ORGAN: Fanfare for Organ..... Ronald Arnett

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*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.*

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**12 Noon — HOLY COMMUNION** (Church) - as 8 a.m.