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## BELONGING TO CHRIST (18)

Though it is sometimes alleged that the Prayer Book is deficient in the doctrine of Creation, I don't think this is true. Morning Prayer devotes no less than three canticles to the praise of God as Creator; and though the Lord's Supper is indeed narrowly focused on the Cross, yet precisely in that context, the reference to "these *thy gifts and creatures* of bread and wine" is telling. It is as gifts and creatures, in the integrity of their nature, that they are made effectual signs and instruments of Christ's presence. The same idea underlies the Catechism's account of the benefits of the Lord's Supper: "The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine." This language echoes Scripture's thanks to the Creator for the bread that strengthens the hungry and the wine that refreshes the thirsty (Psalm 104:15, Ps. 78:66). Their natural efficacy as creatures is the key to understanding the spiritual efficacy that is added to them by the Word and Spirit of the Creator. This supernatural efficacy is set forth in saying of Jesus: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35); and, more shockingly, "For my flesh is meat [i.e. food]

indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." (6:55). The Eucharist is not a church supper - it is the feast that follows sacrifice, in which we share in its benefits.

Now it is true that the body benefits from the Sacrament as well as the soul - but only at the resurrection, and only in the body united to the soul which has received Christ. Precisely because it is a *soul* - whose dimensions are mind and will - it does not "automatically" receive Christ the same way a body digests food and drink. To receive the outward sign while despising the inward grace, is to invite judgment. The mind and will must be *receptive*, and for this we prepare ourselves by (habitual and ongoing) self-examination on three points: the first of which is "whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life". As Austin Farrer puts it ("Fish Out of Water", in *Said or Sung*), "it is hard to prepare for Communion, because it is hard to face the truth. But it is not at all complicated or puzzling. You have merely to accept what you know God demands of you, and to renounce what you know he forbids you, and to be sorry."

The second point of examination is "whether they have a lively faith

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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 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. J. Matthew Solana, III

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in grateful honor and appreciation of Mrs. Roland S. Summers by the Chancel Society of St. Johns Church.

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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** *volunteer requested*  
**10:30** Charles Perrie, Patrick Perrie  
Turner Stevens, Hunt Wasden  
Edwin Shepherd, *volunteer requested*

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Sharon Davis Alva

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS**

**Mallory's Mort D'Arthur:-3rd Floor East.** Led by David Noble.

**St. John's Gospel Reading Room.** Led by Fr. Dunbar.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**Tuesday** Men's Breakfast - *Will resume at later date.*

**Thursday** 7 a.m. 1 Kings, led by Fr. Dunbar, in Reading Room.

**WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUP**

*Classes will resume in the fall.*

**JANE'S CANNERS - in the Cranmer Hall**

kitchen on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Donations of sugar, figs, pears, apples, onions, 8 oz. jars, green peppers, etc. gratefully received. Please call Jane Pressly 233-6551.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday through Thursday*

9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

*Friday 9:00a.m. to 12:00 (noon)*

**FR. DUNBAR'S VACATION**

Fr. Dunbar will be on vacation July 4th — July 23rd. In his absence please refer any urgent matters to Fr. O'Brien, Fr. Bergstrom, the Senior Warden, Mr Rodgers, or the Business Manager, Mrs. Woods.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death". If repentance is facing the truth about ourselves before God, and acknowledging our need of his mercy, faith is facing the truth about God toward ourselves – the revelation of his mercy at work at the cross to rescue us from sin and self-righteousness, and to reconcile us to himself.

And since by "lively" faith is meant "faith working by love" (what St. James means when he says that "faith without works is dead"); it is no surprise that the third point on which communicants are to examine themselves is "whether they are in charity with all men". To harbor ill-will, to refuse to forgive or to be forgiven, to harden the heart against need, these are the chief practical failures of charity.

The required points of this preparation are those which structure the Prayer Book Order of Holy Communion: repentance, faith, and charity; so if we are participating attentively in the service – and a Sermon of the right sort is a big help in this process - we are indeed being prepared. By a neat symmetry, they also correspond to the three promises of Baptism. Thus the Eucharist is the culmination of the process that begins in Baptism and progresses in Catechism and Confirmation. GGD

**FR. BERGSTROM**

By long-standing arrangement, Fr. Bergstrom is supplying this Sunday at St. Elizabeth's, Richmond Hill.

**PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**Monday June 29th**

**FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
THE APOSTLES & MARTYRS**

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

*Holy Communion with Morning or  
Evening Prayer*

**Tuesday- Friday**

8:15 & 5:30 p.m.

*Morning or Evening Prayer*

**In addition, on Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Holy Eucharist (said)*

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER!!**

**MONDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

(RISING KG TO GR 5) :

**July 27th - July 31<sup>st</sup>** 9:30am - noon

*Unless minimum enrollment is attained  
by Monday June 29<sup>th</sup>, VBS will not take  
place this year. If you have been  
meaning to register but have not done  
so, please do so at once.*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP**

(2 – 6 YEARS OLD)

**July 27th - July 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am until 1:00pm

*Offered by The Children's School*

For more information: contact Caroline

Hayes: [chaves@stjohnssav.org](mailto:chaves@stjohnssav.org)

**SUMMER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Nursery:** 10:15 to end of 10:30 Service

**At 9:30 a.m.** No Sunday School classes  
for children or youth. Adult classes  
continue.

**At 10:30 a.m.** Preschool/Kindergarten.  
**Psalm-Psingers** (Gr 1-5) are invited to  
meet at 10:15 a.m. to vest, process, and  
sing with choir for first part of 10:30  
service, then exit for music and fun.

**Parents and Grandparents** are asked to  
give ONE Sunday to lead the 10:30 a.m.  
Pre-School/Kindergarten. Sign up in  
Cranmer Hall or call Caroline Hayes 233-  
8887 or 429-2195

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**8:00 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel ..... Prayer Book, p. 194  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

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

10:15 a.m. — 12 Noon NURSERY *(Cranmer Hall)*  
10:30 a.m. —Pre-school/Three-year-olds through Kindergarten *(Cranmer Hall)*

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

CARILLON

HYMN #288 *O Worship the King*..... Hanover  
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer ..... Prayer Book, pp. 3-7  
Versicles and Responses ..... 7-8

VENITE #610 ..... 9  
Psalm #27 ..... 371  
First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 *All is vanity* ..... insert

TE DEUM #613, #617 ..... 10  
Second Lesson: Romans 8:18, St. Luke 6:36..... 194  
BENEDICTUS #638 ..... 14

*Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 1-5)*

Apostles' Creed ..... 15  
Versicles and Responses ..... 16  
Collect for the Day..... 194  
Other Collects, Prayers, and The Grace ..... 17-20

HYMN #106 *The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns* ..... St. Magnus  
THE SERMON .....Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences  
Anthem: *Almighty God, Which Hast Me Brought*..... Thomas Ford  
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, Hymn #141 (verse 4)

PRAYER and BLESSING

HYMN [Insert] *All My Hope In God Is Founded*..... Michael  
ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Carillon* ..... Christopher Tambling

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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** (Chapel) - Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8 a.m.