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## *Holly Days Bazaar*

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK

Sunday during Coffee Hour: *Parishioner Preview of Silent Auction*

Sunday Afternoon: *Volunteers needed to set up White Elephant, Treasure and Book Sales*

Wednesday and Thursday: *Southern Lunch, Silent Auction, Gift, Craft, & Garden Shops*

Thursday ONLY: *White Elephant Thrift, Treasure, and Book Shops (Cranmer Hall)*

### **BEATITUDES (I)**

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) are among the most famous passages in the New Testament, though perhaps more admired for their beauty than understood with much clarity. The word “beatitude” comes from the Latin “*beatus*”, which in English has historically been rendered “blessed”. In their zeal for immediate intelligibility, modern translations plump for the word “happy” instead: but, as all the commentators note, this is misleading, since in modern idiom “happy” usually describes a *subjective* state of being, and that hardly applies to those who are mourning and persecuted! We may call them blessed now, but we cannot yet call them happy!

The key to understanding these promises of Christ is to realize that the Sermon on the Mount which they begin is not a teaching about how we are saved, but a teaching about how we live if we believe in Christ and the gospel. It is not about the works that earn God’s grace and favor (there are none) but about the works and the blessings that follow the grace we begin to receive when we believe the gospel.

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* The “poor” are familiar figures from the Old

Testament: a social and economic category, but also a spiritual and religious one. They are those with meager resources, who in the face of adversity or oppression by the “proud” (another familiar category) can only appeal to God’s mercy for deliverance. By using the phrase “*poor in spirit*” Jesus moves it to a spiritual and moral plane: those who know themselves to be nothing before God, who know that God does not owe them anything, but who look nonetheless to his grace and mercy. It is precisely because they acknowledge their spiritual poverty that they are able to receive the riches of God’s free grace proclaimed in the gospel – whereas those who seek the false security of material riches, worldly power, and such – or who imagine that their moral achievements put God under obligation to save and bless them - are intrinsically incapable of doing so. And it is this place, of the poor in spirit that Jesus so surprisingly makes his own, at the cross, when he takes the place of a poor sinner.

*Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.* Mourning is like poverty, since every one experiences sorrow in one form or another. Even the devil feels the sorrow of envy at human happiness! But it is most likely that

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and Wesley Stone;  
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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.

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**  
8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 a.m. Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr.

**USHER CHAIRMAN**  
Dr. Roland S. Summers

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. Mark Allgaier, Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.,  
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Mrs. William E. Dillard III, Mrs. Warren L. Traver,  
Mrs. David C. Barrow III

**ACOLYTES**

**8:00 a.m.** Henry Osborne  
**10:30 a.m.** Patrick Perrie  
Hawkins Pindar  
Edwin Shepherd

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMEN**  
Jane's Canners

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Jack Wray- *Creation from Genesis to Revelation*  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall, far left  
Fr. Dunbar- *This Our Sacrifice of Praise*  
Meet in the Chapel this week  
David Noble- *Malory's Morte D'Arthur*  
Will not meet until further notice  
Women- Small Group Study  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall, Ralston Rm

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Cancelled- Breakfast and Discussion with Father O'Brien will not meet due to Bazaar.  
Cancelled- *2 Kings* with Father Dunbar will not meet due to Bazaar.

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Cancelled- T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets* with Father O'Brien will not meet due to Bazaar.

**VESTRY MEETING**

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Due to the Bazaar, the Vestry will meet in the Chapel  
After 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Jesus means sorrow for sin, for its consequences – not only our own, but the sin of others. “Mine eyes gush out with tears, because men keep not thy law” (Psalm 119). At the sight of Jerusalem, blind to its doom, Jesus weeps; and on the way to the cross tells the women of Jerusalem not to weep for him, but for themselves (Luke 19:42-44; 23:27-41). But Jesus is the one sent to comfort all that mourn (Isaiah 61:2), by the free forgiveness of our sins now, and the resurrection of the body hereafter. But this comfort is known only by those who truly turn to him, to ‘acknowledge and bewail their manifold sins and wickedness’, and are ‘heartily sorry’ for them. The poor in spirit and those who mourn belong together, for “the high and lofty one, that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy”, he dwells with those who are of “a contrite and humble spirit” (Isaiah 57:15). GGD

#### **SECOND HARVEST COLLECTION**

This is the *Last Sunday* to donate for Backpack ministry. Please take fruit cups, snack packs, etc. to Cranmer Hall.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

See Joyce McClellan at the Sign-Up Table on Sunday during Coffee Hour to choose a date to chair this fun, weekly event! Also, see Jettie Johnston to volunteer to serve as a Greeter after the 10:30 a.m. service.

#### **PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

##### **Monday-Friday**

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

##### **In addition, on Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Eucharist*

##### **In addition, on Thursday:**

6:00 p.m. *Choral Evensong* for

Diocesan Convention. All welcome.

#### **BAZAAR FINAL NOTICES**

The Sunday before the Holly Days Bazaar is always full of excitement! Don't miss Coffee Hour; refreshments will feature the Cannery's relishes, jellies, and preserves. View the Silent Auction upstairs and afterward, we need lots of helpers in Cranmer Hall to set up for White Elephant, Treasure, & Book Sales.

#### **DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

White Elephant, Treasure, and Book Sale donations will be accepted on Sunday until 5:00 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### **CRAFT ROOM**

Sunday is the final day to drop off donations for the Craft Room. Please call Mary Dawson at 912-657-9099.

#### **CANDLELIGHT DINNER RAFFLE**

If you would like to purchase Candlelight Dinner raffle tickets, please call Mildred Derst at 912-667-2337.

#### **HOMEMADE DESSERTS NEEDED**

Please bring in your best homemade treat (no cookies, please) on Wednesday or Thursday for the dessert table! Call Marsha Berger at 912-596-0396.

#### **STOCK THE FREEZER!**

Bring a frozen batch of soup or chili to the Cranmer Hall kitchen this Sunday or Monday for the Holly Days Bazaar!

#### **SMALL GROUP UPDATE**

##### **FOR MEN:**

**Southside/Skidaway-** *Oakridge- Friday noon*

James McClellan-355-1663/

[hmccllellan@yahoo.com](mailto:hmccllellan@yahoo.com)

**Downtown- NO MEETING** *due to Bazaar*

**Pooler-** *Sam Snead's- Thursday 11:30 a.m.*

Tom Horne- (657-4976)

##### **FOR WOMEN:**

**Cranmer Hall-** *Ralston Room- Sunday a.m.*

Betsy Howard- (398-1326)

**Chapel-** *Wednesday after Evening Prayer.*

Karen Wray- (596-2950)

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL.....222 (256)

*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon)—NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

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

**10:30 A.M. – JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS** (*Cranmer Hall*)

*(Music, Teaching, and Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten)*

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

HYMN #125 *Hark! The Sound of Holy Voices* ..... Moultrie

Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer ..... Prayer Book pages 3-7

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VENITE (Hymnal #609)..... pg. 9

Psalms #126, 130 ..... pg. 505, 507

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TE DEUM (#613, 617) ..... p. 10

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17, Matthew 22:15 ..... p. 222

BENEDICTUS (#634)..... p. 14

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

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HYMN #518 *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*..... St. Leonard

THE SERMON ..... Father Dunbar

**OFFERTORY**

Sentences

Anthem: *Immortal Invisible* (Text found in Hymnal #301) ..... Eric H. Thiman

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #549 *The Son of God Goes Forth to War*..... All Saints New

VOLUNTARY: *Finale in D Major* ..... Eric H. Thiman

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

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**12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION** (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)