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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2016

## HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT

**Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

Works by Bach, Cooman, Hovland, and  
Woodman

Free Admission with a freewill offering to  
benefit the Ralston-Trosten Music Fund.

*Donations received by January 18 will be  
published in the concert brochure.*

If you can provide a billet for singers, please  
contact Angela Fisher at 341-0688 or  
[a.fisher414@comcast.net](mailto:a.fisher414@comcast.net).

### GIVING AND RECEIVING

There's a paradox of the Christian Faith that does not often get much attention. On the one hand Jesus is the Son of God incarnate: which is to say, whatever we say of God's glory, we must also say of his Son. Is it the prerogative of God to save his people from their sins (as Psalm 130 says)? Yet this is true also of Mary's child, indeed it is the very meaning of his name: "and thou shalt call his name Jesus" [i.e. Saviour], "for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). It is as co-eternal, co-equal, and consubstantial Son of the Father that Jesus forgives sins, heals the sick, casts out demons, cleanses lepers, raises the dead, and bestows the Spirit on those who believe in him. In so doing, his deity, his divine nature as Son of God is manifest.

And yet on the other hand (here's the other side of the paradox) Scripture also testifies that Jesus does these works by the power of the Spirit which he receives

in his human nature: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD" (Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:18,19). He is indeed the Messiah, the Christ, that is, the one anointed by the Spirit to exercise the full authority of God's kingdom in heaven and in earth.

It is in his Baptism of John in Jordan that this becomes apparent - the second of the three chief moments of Epiphany celebrated in the Church's liturgy, along with the star that led the magi, and the first miracle at the wedding at Cana. John the Baptist came "baptizing with water" so "that he [the Messiah] should be made manifest to Israel". What happened in Jesus' baptism to make it a moment of manifestation, of epiphany? John said:

I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God (John 1:31-34).

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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. R. Gilbert Wells

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Robert A. Vinyard, Esq.  
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The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. William J. Deal and Mr. Edward J. Derst, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Derst III and family.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00 a.m.** Henry Osborne  
**10:30 a.m.** Mikel Kelly  
Patrick Perrie  
Finn Repella  
Jamie McClellan  
Jackson McClellan  
Turner Stevens

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Christopher L. Osteen

**9:30 A.M. SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION**

Fr. Dunbar- *This our Sacrifice of Praise*  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall, far right room  
Jack C. Wray- *Do You Hear What I Hear?*  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall, far left room

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday- Breakfast and Discussion with Fr O'Brien at 6:45 a.m. in Parish House  
Thursday- *Romans* with Fr. Dunbar-  
WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK  
Thursday- Men's Small Group Faith Fellowship,  
Noon Thursdays, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship  
11:00 a.m.-Noon - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
Fellowship Room, Cranmer Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Thursday- Bernanos' *Mouchette* with Fr. O'Brien  
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, Cranmer Hall

**C.S. LEWIS WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

All Women are Welcome to Join this  
Group Discussion of C. S. Lewis',  
*Mere Christianity.*

*Beginning January 27, this group will meet  
from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Noon),  
every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the  
Fellowship Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Cranmer Hall.  
Anyone who wishes to enjoy lunch together  
afterward, please bring a bag lunch!*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

The one who goes down into the Jordan, in solidarity with the sinners John has called to repentance, is manifested there as the Spirit-bearing, Spirit-baptizing Son of God.

Hence the paradox. Precisely in the weakness of his humanity, as the one who *receives* the Spirit for us, is he manifest in his divinity, as the one who *gives* it to us. His Spirit-anointed human nature is the instrument by which he bestows his own divine Spirit upon us. "And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace" (1:16).

This is the central theme of the Epiphany. The glory of God is manifest to us in the humanity of Christ Jesus, that it may be manifest *in* us. Baptized into him, we are endued with his Spirit, and that means a completely different basis and direction for our lives, a new mission and a new energy. It is to Zion, to the Church, that the prophet proclaims the gospel of the Epiphany: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee." GGD

## THANK YOU AND WELCOME

Mr. Wesley Johnson has retired after ten faithful years of service as St. John's Sexton. He is succeeded by Mr. Clinton Littlefield who will work Sunday-Thursday each week. Please help us to welcome Clinton to St. John's Church!

### THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**Saturday, February 6**

**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

If you are cleaning out your closets, please keep this sale in mind! Drop off donations NOW at the Storage Unit or beginning Sunday, January 31 at Cranmer Hall. Call Nita Ann Klein at 658-1005 for information.

### CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

**Sunday, January 17 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church**

The Choirs of St. John's will be featured in this fundraising concert for the completion of Sacred Heart's pipe organ. No admission charge. Freewill offering.

### MEN'S CLUB

**ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST**

**Saturday, January 30**

**12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Camp Villa Marie**

(Directions: LaRoche Avenue to Isle of Hope, Turn left onto Grimball Point Road, to 6 Dolan Dr.)

**\$30 donation- all inclusive**

Tickets on Sale at Coffee Hour, at Church Office, and at the Oyster Roast.

To help in planning, please purchase tickets in advance, or RSVP to the Office.

In response to the recent rise in Savannah's high levels of violent crime, the proceeds of this year's Oyster Roast will go to the **200 Club of the Coastal Empire**, which provides financial assistance to the families of local law enforcement and fire-fighting personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty, and to the **Savannah Chatham Police Foundation** for additional training and equipment not provided in the city or county budgets.

### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Office Closed Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>**

*No Daily Prayer*

**Tuesday - Friday**

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

*Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer*

**In addition, on Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

### SENIORS LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, January 20 at 11:30 a.m.**

All Ladies 70 and older are invited to join the Women of St. John's for a luncheon in their honor in the Parish House. Call the Church Office to make your reservation or if you need transportation.

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL ..... Prayer Book, page 111  
*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 A.M.-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 children in Preschool through Kindergarten*

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

**CARILLON**

Hymn #46 *Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning* ..... Morning Star  
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution, and Lord’s Prayer ..... Prayer Book, pages 3-7  
 Versicles, Responses, and Gloria Patri ..... 7-8

VENITE (Hymnal #610) ..... 9

Psalm #66 ..... 417

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25 ..... *Insert*

JUBILATE DEO (Hymnal #645) ..... 15

Second Lesson: Romans 12:6 ..... 111

John 2:1 *note this lesson is found on the next page* ..... 113

BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638) ..... 14

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

Apostles’ Creed ..... 15

Versicles and Responses ..... 16

Collect for the Day ..... 111

Other Collects, the Grace ..... 17-20

HYMN #53 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ..... Salzburg

THE SERMON ..... Father O’Brien

**OFFERTORY**

Sentences

Anthem: *This is My Beloved Son* ..... Knut Nystedt

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #52 *As With Gladness Men of Old* ..... Dix

VOLUNTARY: *Herr Christ, der einig Gott’s Sohn* (BWV601) ..... J. S. Bach

*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.*

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