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THIS SUNDAY - EVENSONG FOR LENT

5:05 P.M. PRELUDE/5:30 P.M. SERVICE

Reception to follow in Green-Meldrim House.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday through Friday

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

Morning & Evening Prayer

with Holy Communion

(Bring sweater on Monday; furnace will be off.)

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

In addition, Fridays in Lent

12:15 p.m. Litany & Holy Communion

Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

TEMPTATION (PART II)

The first temptation challenges Jesus to use his Sonship for himself: "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." Are we tempted to make a life of ease and comfort (both mental and physical) our primary goal? Does our calling to follow Christ take second place to it? Then we are being tempted by the lusts of the Flesh: Jesus defeats this temptation with the Scripture (Deut. 8:3): "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word which proceedeth from the mouth of God." As Jesus says, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." (John 4:34), and he does it, even though it means death for him – and death for us too, death to self-gratification, death to self. We fast from bread that we may die to the flesh and live by faith in the one the Father sent to save us.

The second temptation misuses Scripture (Ps. 91): "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down. For it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up...." It challenges Jesus to prove his Sonship by forcing God's hand. Are we likewise tempted to put God's love to the test, to demand that he proves his love? Then we are being tempted by the world's vain ambition, but Jesus defeats this temptation with the words of Scripture (Deut:6:16) - "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." God is not to be tested but trusted, even in the darkness of death. For it is not in rescuing him from an act of reckless folly, but in raising him from the dead, that the Father's love for his Son is proved. And so we live not only by self-denying faith, but also by hope in God's promise, by prayer; and if fasting is death to self, then prayer is resurrection, living unto God. We pray, that we may die to the world's vain glory, and live by hope in God's promise and power.

The third temptation challenges Jesus to claim his inheritance by worshipping the tempter: "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." Are we tempted to take a shortcut to the promised inheritance, to treat

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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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. J. Alex Jarman

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Robert F. Brannen, Jr.

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are
given to the glory of God.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Turner Stevens
10:30 a.m. Jamie McClellan
Hawkins Pindar
Phillip Inglesby
Jackson McClellan

GUEST MUSICIANS

We welcome Mrs. Melinda Rubin, Violinist, to this
morning's service. The Communion music is
A Lenten Prelude by Charles Callahan.

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Thomas C. Horne

Please stop by the table to sign up for the following:

- Coffee Hour Chairmen needed! Please see
Joyce McClellan (912-201-3895).
Greeters after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service
Please see Jettie Johnston (912-598-7488).

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Fr. Dunbar- Adult Catechism
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, Reading Room
For (1) those considering Baptism, Confirmation, or
Reception into the Episcopal Church; (2) newcomers
wishing to know more about membership at St. John's;
(3) members seeking a "refresher" course in the basics.
To receive readings, email gdunbar@stjohnssav.org.

Jack C. Wray- Do You Hear What I Hear?
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, far left room

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Is anybody listening? Can prayers be
answered? Breakfast & discussion with
Fr. O'Brien, 6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- Romans with Fr. Dunbar at 7:00 a.m.
Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
Thursday- Men's Small Group Faith Fellowship
We will brown bag lunch through Lent.
Noon Thursdays, 1st floor, Cranmer Hall

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month
11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Cranmer Hall
Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship.
Thursday- Michael D. O'Brien's novel, Sophia House
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
Speak with Father O'Brien, if interested.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

some finite good as if it were absolute, to worship the creature rather than the Creator? Then we are being tempted to apostasy - and that is the devil himself: but Jesus defeats the devil with the words of Scripture (Deut. 6:13): "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." The first principle of religion is an undivided love and loyalty for God above all things; and because Jesus loves God above all else, above life itself, the kingdom comes to Jesus, through death and resurrection: "All authority in heaven and in earth..." is given unto him, the kingdom of the love of God, the kingdom of his Spirit.

So we live not only by faith and hope of God, in fasting and prayer, but also by the love of God, in giving alms, loving our neighbor for God's sake. If the fasting of faith in God's word is our death, and the prayer of hope in God's promise is our resurrection, the giving of alms for the love of God is the kingdom and power of the Holy Ghost - in whom we have victory over the devil and all his wiles. GGD

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S MEETINGS

Monday, February 29: **Board Meeting**-10:00 a.m. in the Green-Meldrim House Dining Rm.

Wednesday March 2: **General Meeting**- after the 10 a.m. service, in the Green Meldrim House Parlor. Dr. Stephen Blackwood will speak about Ralston College and about Lent. Refreshments follow. All welcome!

Immediate following the General Meeting:

Holly Days Bazaar Committee Chairmen are invited to stay for a celebratory wrap-up meeting. Mimosas & Munchies prior to our meeting! RSVP to Cathy Baxter (912-704-5111).

WOMEN'S QUIET DAY

Wednesday, March 9, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Father O'Brien will speak on *Prayer and Practice*. A light Lenten lunch will be served. Please RSVP to 912-232-1251.

LENTEN COLLECTION

Supplies for the Fresh Air Home: *liquid laundry detergent, bleach, Pine-Sol cleaner, paper towels, and 55-gallon trash bags*. Collection bins are in Cranmer Hall.

PUBLIC LECTURE *The Beaufort Revival of 1831 - And Its Far-Reaching Consequences*

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Please let us know if you plan to attend
912-232-1251 or wcorbin@stjohnssav.org

Speaker: **John McCardell**, Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of the South, and an award-winning American historian. His topic is the revival which caused over fifty persons to enter the ministry, including Stephen Elliott, first Rector of Saint John's Church, first Bishop of Georgia, and a founder of Sewanee.

EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS

To give an Easter lily, please send \$35 check to the Church Office made payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked *Easter Lilies*.

To help with Easter music expenses, please send a check made payable to St. John's Church marked *Easter Brass*.

Include how the memorial/honorarium should read and by whom it is given. The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Thursday, March 17th

9:30 a.m. *Family Eucharist & Children's Snake Hunt, in the Mall after service.*

PARKING ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

The first 50 spaces are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a space, bring a \$20 donation to the Church Office with Name, Email and Cell Phone #. One reservation per household, parishioners and staff only. Enter from Charlton Street only. Parking lot opens 8:00 a.m.; spaces will be held until 11:00 a.m.

PASTA NIGHT AT THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Join us for food and fellowship

Tuesday, March 8 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Purchase tickets online at

www.stjohnspreschool.org.

Adult- \$12/Child- \$8

All proceeds benefit

The Children's School at St. John's Church.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel (*No Gloria in Excelsis until Easter*)..... Prayer Book 128, 124
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 Active Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten

10:30 A.M.- SUNG EUCHARIST & ADDRESS

HYMN #416 *O For A Closer Walk With God*..... Caithness

ANTE-COMMUNION

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KYRIE ELEISON: #702 John Merbecke

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HYMN: #58 *Weary of Earth, and Laden with My Sin* Langran

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

ADDRESS..... Father Dunbar

OFFERTORY

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HYMN: #551 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Ein' Feste Berg

VOLUNTARY: *Largo Cantabile* (from Sonata 1 in C)..... Jean-Baptiste Loeillet

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.