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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Rogation Monday to Wednesday

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

*Morning and Evening Prayer
With Holy Communion*

In addition, on Rogation Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *The Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

In addition, on Thursday

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer
with Holy Communion*

5:30 p.m. *Sung Eucharist (Church)*

Friday

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

Morning and Evening Prayer

THE SIXTH WORD

According to Saint John, "when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost" (19:30). "It is finished" is not a cry of defeat but of victory - not "it's over" but "mission accomplished". Scripture speaks of Christ's mission in different ways. In St. John's gospel, it is defined as "bearing witness to the truth" (18:37) whereas in St. Matthew it is "to fulfill all righteousness" (3:15) and in the Epistle to the Hebrews it is in his offering himself once for all in sacrifice for sin. Yet these are, I think, just different aspects of the same reality: in revealing the truth and righteousness of God Christ accomplishes a full, perfect, final, and definitive redemption for us. In the gospel lesson for Rogation Sunday, Jesus describes the completeness of his

mission in very simple terms: "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father" (John 16:28). The one who descended has also ascended (John 3:13; Ephesians 4:9, 10): the circle is complete. By his Incarnation, he has come fully into the world, into the realm, that is, of our rebellion against God: he has come into the world, yet without becoming himself of the world's rebellion: and from the heart of the world, from its alienation from God, he has returned himself, fully and completely, to God, by means of death. And in the completeness of his return from the world to the Father, man returns to God, manhood is taken up into God, and sinners are fully reconciled to the Father by faith alone. In Christ nothing separates man from the love of God (Romans 8:38, 39).

Rogation Sunday draws out two different aspects of Christ's completed return to the Father. One has to do with "rogation" - the asking of prayer. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto [i.e. before his cross] have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23, 24). In virtue of this finished work of redemption, we have full access to the Father, and are bold to say, Our Father....

The other aspect has to do with the fulfillment in us of the redemption that

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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. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Jonathan D. Sprague, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

John M. Hewson, Esq.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Chelsea Nicholson Riddle and Reid David Castellone on April 30, 2016;

And in loving memory of Jolana Swift Bradshaw by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family;

And in celebration of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Martin on April 25, 1945 by their loving family;

And in loving memory of Ruth Peeples by her husband, Homer Peeples.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Patrick Perrie Phillip Inglesby
Jamie McClellan Mikel Kelly
Jackson McClellan Finn Repella

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. David A. Reid

THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

*Bringing the Green Family Furniture
back from Paris*

In the Ralston Room. Susan Arden-Joly will speak about bringing the Green family furniture back from Paris (slides included).

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Breakfast with Father O'Brien
Is Faith Reasonable?
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- *Romans* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., CH Reading Room
Thursday- Men's Small Group Faith Fellowship
Noon on Thursdays, CH 1st floor

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday-C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
2nd & 4th Wednesdays (May 11)
11:00 a.m., CH Reading Room
Thursday- Michael D. O'Brien's novel,
Island of the World with Fr. O'Brien
9:15 a.m., CH Reading Room

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Christ has finished and accomplished for us: and so the faith by which we are fully justified and accounted righteous before the Father for Christ's sake has its counterpart in the works of sanctification in which we are progressively made holy by his Spirit at work in those who believe. So in the epistle for Rogation Sunday, St. James exhorts us to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves". Justified by faith, our return to the Father is complete, and it is this completed return which (if it is real) must find expression in our lives. Anything else is deception. But if in fact we are justified through Christ, then our lives will reflect the reality of our reconciliation to the Father: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

These two aspects of Christ's finished work are complementary; for the asking of the Father in prayer is the key to living out our religion before him. GGD

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT- MAY 13

Marshwood Course- 1:30 p.m.

Contact Jim McClellan at 912-201-3895
or mccllellzoot@gmail.com.

Deadline for Player Names is May 2!

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

THE O'BRIEN CUP- MAY 19

The Savannah Golf Club- 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Scott Howard at 912-598-3811
or robert_s_howard@ml.com.

NEXT SUNDAY – SPECIAL COLLECTION
for Anglican Relief & Development Fund

LIVING VINE COLLECTION

Please donate items for *The Living Vine* (paper towels, napkins, bath tissue, and Kleenex). New or gently-used car seats, strollers and bassinets are also needed.

SAVANNAH BAROQUE IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, MAY 13 AT 7:30 P.M.

*A debut concert of instrumental and vocal works
by Purcell, Bach, Handel, Blavet,
Telemann and Monteverdi.*

Tickets begin at \$20 each and are available during Coffee Hour TODAY and May 8. Tickets are also available at Church Office, on www.savannahbaroque.yapsody.com, or at the door the night of the event.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

BOARD MEETING- MAY 2 AT 10:00 A.M.

ECW PICNIC- MAY 4 AT 11:00 A.M.

Nita Ann Klein's Home (144 Schley Avenue)

Bring a covered dish to share.

Please RSVP by May 2 to 912-232-1251.

THE EAGLE- DEADLINE IS MAY 2!

EYCS SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

APPLICATION DEADLINE - MAY 31

College scholarships available through the Episcopal Youth and Children's Services. Awards are based on financial need and are for undergraduate education only. A Rector's letter of recommendation is required.

Apply at eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org.

JANE'S CANNERS

The Canning Ladies will be cooking in the kitchen beginning at 10:15 a.m. each Wednesday throughout the summer. All are welcome to join them! Donations needed: sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, raisins, figs, pears, apples, squash, onions, etc. Please call Jane Pressly at 912-233-6551 for more information.

TRUMPETS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Donations towards the cost of the brass ensemble on Trinity Sunday are gratefully received. Please send your contributions to St. John's Church marked "Trinity Brass". If you would like to give in memory or honor of a loved one, please give details. These will be published in the Parish Paper after Trinity Sunday.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL.....Prayer Book, page 238, 175
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. - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES (*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

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Everyone is invited to attend 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 in the Chapel (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8:00 a.m.)