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## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY - Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF)

*Millions of refugees have fled war and terror in Syria since 2011. This collection is designated for their relief. Please give generously.*

This offering will be taken up by recently confirmed youth: Katherine Ezelle, Olin Anne Hayes, Phoebe Mayo, & Anna Wylly

### THE SEVENTH WORD

After the sixth word from the cross is a word of victory: "It is finished." Fittingly, the seventh word is a word of peace: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46): "and having said thus, he gave up the ghost", as one with power to lay down his life and power to take it again (John 10:18). His labour finished, the victor now comes to rest in the Father's hands. The Son comes home from the world to the Father - and man comes home to God, in the peace of sins forgiven, of enmity overcome, of wrath propitiated, guilt expiated, of reconciliation perfected. For we too are commended by the Son into the Father's hands, that there we may attain to the peace of God, where all fears are banished and the desire of our heart is satisfied.

The seventh word has a close connection to the Ascension of the Lord just celebrated this past Thursday - that great but neglected feast of Christ's victorious homecoming to the Father. In Christ's ascension, manhood attains to God. Paradoxically, it has two opposing consequences for the

members of his Body - one in heaven, and the other on earth; one of rest, and the other of motion.

First we are in heaven *already*, already welcomed into the Father's presence. "God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in our sins, hath quickened us together with Christ - by grace ye are saved - and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (2:4-6). We are, as Jesus promised, where he is, in the Father's house (John 14:1-3), received with delight and honour by the Father. Of course we don't see this, we don't feel it, it is a reality known by faith alone; but in that faith, we have attained to that rest, that peace of God which passeth all understanding, and this is the basis of our entire life on earth. That's why in Colossians St. Paul can base his ethical exhortation on this fact: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1-3).

Paradoxically, the fact of resting by faith in the peace Christ has won for us, means that on earth we are stirred into action. For before his ascension Christ charged his disciples to bear witness to him, to preach the gospel to all creatures, to make disciples of all nations. And because they are insuf-

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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 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings

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John M. Hewson, Esq.

**ACOLYTES**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Richard White Miller by Mrs. John M. Sayler;  
And in memory of family and loved ones by Dr. Robert Howell;

And in loving memory of Dr. Mary Neal Sanders, Professor of Music at Davidson College by Roland Steven Summers, Jr.;

And in loving memory of Julie B. Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Greer and their sons, Miles and Owen Greer.

The flowers on the Baptismal Font are given to the glory of God and in honor of Catherine Ostby Ezelle by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wynton Jackson Ezelle, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal McManus Strange.

The flowers in the Chapel on Wednesday, May 11, for the Votive of St. Mary in Ascensiontide are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Merrill Summers Griffis and Doreen Bailey Summers by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers;

And in memory of The Reverend William H. Ralston, Jr. by the Compton family.

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**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

The Men of St. John's

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

Fr. Dunbar- *Christ's Ascension in Scripture*  
(Acts 1, Mark 16 et al.) CH Reading Room

**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 Lunch at Noon, May 12, CH1  
Stephen Blackwood will join us to give a brief update on Ralston College!

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship  
May 11, 11:00 a.m. CH Library  
Thursday- Michael 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

ficient for these things, in a world that does not comprehend the gospel and indeed rejects it, there is the promise of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, to bear witness with them (as this Sunday's gospel tells us, John 15:26), and by whose gift the entire life of the church becomes a continual act of witness (as today's epistle lesson testifies, 1 Peter 4:7-11): "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

What is the content of this witness we are given to proclaim? Precisely what we know by faith: that in Christ, crucified, risen, ascended, exalted to the right hand of the Father, made King of kings and Lord of lords, and now calling all men to his allegiance, man has come home to God, man has attained to the end for which he was made. "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." It is the attainment of this peace which energizes our motion. GGD

### **PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday to Friday**

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

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

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

**VOTIVE OF ST. MARY IN**

**ASCENSIONTIDE**

9:45 a.m. *The Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

### **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Please join the DOTK on Wednesday, May 11 after Evening Prayer (6:00 p.m.) in CH-1<sup>st</sup> floor. For information, please call Karen Wray at 912-398-8006.

### **THIS SEASON'S OUTREACH**

Paper towels, napkins, bath tissue, and Kleenex for *The Living Vine* (a Christian ministry for women in crisis pregnancies) until May 22. New or gently-used car seats, strollers and bassinets also are greatly needed.

### **SAVANNAH BAROQUE IN CONCERT FRIDAY, MAY 13 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Buy tickets Sunday at Coffee Hour, in St. John's Church Office, at the door. or at [www.savannahbaroque.yapsody.com](http://www.savannahbaroque.yapsody.com).

### **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT- MAY 13** Marshwood Course- 1:30 p.m.

Contact Jim McClellan at 912-201-3895 or [mccllellzoot@gmail.com](mailto:mccllellzoot@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:robert_s_howard@ml.com).

### **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](http://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. Call Jane Pressly at 912-233-6551.

### **TRUMPETS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY**

Please send your donations for the brass ensemble on Trinity Sunday to St. John's Church marked "Trinity Brass". If you would like to dedicate your gift in memory or in 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 179 (177)  
*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. - MORNING PRAYER & SERMON**

HYMN: #104 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* ..... Llanfair  
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer ..... Prayer Book, pages 3-7  
 Versicles and Responses ..... 7-8

VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO: #608 (*with antiphon for the Ascension*) ..... 9  
 Psalm #27 ..... 371  
 First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-13.....*Insert*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #613, 617 ..... 10  
 Second Lesson: 1 St. Peter 4:7-11 and St. John 15:26-16:4..... 179

BENEDICTUS #638 ..... 14  
*Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).*

Apostles' Creed ..... 15  
 Versicles and Responses ..... 16  
 Collects for the Day ..... 179, 177  
 Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace ..... 17-20

HYMN: #359 *Golden Harps Are Sounding* ..... St. Theresa  
 THE SERMON ..... Father Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences  
 Anthem: *Come, O Creator Spirit, Come*..... Josquin Des Prez  
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)  
 General Thanksgiving and Aaronic Blessing ..... 19

HYMN: #357 *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*..... In Babilone  
 VOLUNTARY: Two settings on *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*... F.W.Zachaw & A.N.Vetter

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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.*

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**12:00 P.M. (Noon) HOLY COMMUNION** in the Chapel (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8:00 a.m.)