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BATTER MY HEART

From a sermon preached by Father Ralston on Trinity Sunday, 1997. Third of three parts.

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." St. John 3:3

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Our hearts are married by custom and ceremony to this world. We cling to the finite for all we are worth, not seeming to remember that we are worth so much more. The heavens wheel about us, and beyond all our grasp lies God, surrounding this whole universe like a ring of light. And yet we cling to earth as if we were worms under a rock.

Listen to the poet:

*Yet dearly I love you,
and would be loved fain,
But am betrothed unto your enemy.
Divorce me, untie,
or break that knot again.
Take me to you, imprison me,
for I, except you enthrall me,
Never shall be free; nor ever chaste,
except you ravish me.*

We must be born again and our hearts must be radically broken away from the world. They must be married to our God, if we are ever to come to that knowledge of Him, three-personed, whom to know is life eternal.

We reach this Sunday into the deepest heart of our religion. We can journey, most of us, in this life no further. Trinity Sunday is not a day for

strange arithmetic, theological fireworks, or doctrinal erudition. It is a Sunday for coming to love God all over again; to delight in His being and to take his holy Name upon our lips once more: lips burned with fire, I hope, but glad and joyous.

It is a Sunday to hold God's presence in our heart of hearts, in that inner mystery of our human nature which God Himself fashioned for us long ago. In that mystery of self, we know we do not belong to the world, to each other, or even to ourselves. In that mystery we know that in spite of every finite and corrupted love to which we have run and which we clutched desperately to ourselves all our lives – in spite of all this there is something else.

It is a deep upon which we venture very seldom, and perhaps never by conscious choice; but a deep nonetheless within us which reflects as a mirror the infinite depths of the three-personed God who made us in His image and still loves us.

On Trinity Sunday deep calls to deep and we can be born again.

The Name of God is not just theology. It is theology transformed into music and poetry. For it is not theology, but the vision of God the good, the true, and the beautiful, which yields us the highest knowledge that we have.

Therefore we sing, binding unto ourselves the strong Name of the Trinity. We make melody in our hearts – hearts broken from the world; hearts

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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. Austin O. Kennedy

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Ross M. Haire

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph and Betsy Bowden by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr.;

And in loving memory of Judith Stafford Wasden by her family;

And in loving memory of Dr. Albert J. Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Compton by the Compton family;

And on the occasion of Father Craig O'Brien's 17th Anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood.

The flowers on the Baptismal Font are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the baptism of William Lattimore IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lattimore III.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,
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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Turner Stevens Jamie McClellan
Jackson McClellan Hunt Wasden
Patrick Perrie Finn Repella

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. P. Wesley Perkins

*Please join us at a special Coffee Hour in honour
of the anniversary of Father O'Brien's
Ordination to the Priesthood.*

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. ADULT CLASSES

READING ROOM: The Book of Samuel with
Father Dunbar

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Fr. O'Brien
Why is Jesus Different?
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- *Romans* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., CH Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
11:00 a.m. CH Reading Room
Next meeting is August 24.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

battered away from their own securities; hearts divorced from their own affections.

Make in me, O God, a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me, that I may ever sing Thy praise, who art always the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever. Amen

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 15

**FEAST OF THE DORMITION
OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN**

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

Morning and Evening Prayer

With Holy Communion

Tuesday to Friday

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

Morning and Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *The Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

SAVANNAH VOICE FESTIVAL AT ST. JOHN'S

SALON SERIES:

GOODNIGHT, MY LOVE

LULLABIES AND CRADLE SONGS

Friday, August 19

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Green-Meldrim House

With this parlor concert of lullabies old and new, VOICE Society members can end their week with this lovely and charming evening. .

Salon Concert &

Meet the Artist Champagne Reception

Tickets: \$75 all inclusive

VOICE Society Member Only Event

All tickets and membership information are available at Savannahvoicefestival.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS FALL SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR CHILDREN UP TO GRADE FIVE

In the recent survey of the parishioners about Sunday worship, one of the requests from a number of families with young children was for a shorter time commitment on Sunday mornings. In response, this fall children in Grades 1-5 are invited to worship with their parents in church for the first part of the 10:30 a.m. service, then follow the cross to Cranmer Hall for Sunday School lessons.

Grades Six (Confirmation) and above will continue to meet at 9:30 a.m., as will Adult Classes.

ANTHEM: *I was Glad*

Because we shall soon be without the benefit of Ashley's Roper's very fine voice, an additional short anthem will be sung this Sunday by the Choir trebles, right after the Baptism and before the Benedictus. The text is Psalm 122:1,2,7: *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

JANE'S CANNERS

...are at work 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday. All are welcome to join them! Donations needed: half-pint jars, sugar, bell peppers, pears, apples, pecans, onions, etc. Call Jane Pressly at 233-6551.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

The final week of Summer Camp begins Monday, August 19! Register your child for "It's A Bug's Life" now. The cost is \$125.

Fall session begins Wednesday, September 7! Openings available for the 2016-17 school year.

To register, contact Cathy King:
childrensschool@stjohnssav.org.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 206
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS (Cranmer Hall)

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery (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, BAPTISM & SERMON

HYMN: #271 *Come, Thou Almighty King* Moscow
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book, pages 3-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8
 VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO: #609 9
 Psalm #34 380
 First Lesson: Exodus 34.29-35 *The Glory of Moses’ Countenance* *Insert*
 BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE #626..... 11
 Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:4 and St. Mark 7:31 206
 HYMN: #450 *As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams* Martyrdom

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

To William Lattimore IV - Prayer Book, p. 273

Anthem: *I Was Glad* (Psalm 122:1,2,7) Healey Willan
 BENEDICTUS #634 14
Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).
 Apostles’ Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect for the Day 206
 Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace 17-20
 HYMN: [*Insert*] *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly* Pleading Saviour
 THE SERMON Father O’Brien

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *God Be in My Head*..... Walford Davies
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139 and Hymn #141 Stanza 4
 General Thanksgiving (*said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing..... 19
 HYMN: #776/325 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*..... Azmon
 VOLUNTARY: *Rondeau*..... Henry Purcell

*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.)