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SUNDAY OF EXPECTATION

Before Christ was taken up into heaven, he charged his disciples to preach the gospel in all the world and promised them the empowering gift of the Holy Ghost for this mission. St. Luke tells us that they waited in Jerusalem, and there “all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren”. There can be no question what they were praying for in those nine days before Pentecost – the mission with which they had been charged, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, to perform it. This Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of Expectation, and this week before Pentecost is a fitting time for the church to be “with one accord in prayer and supplication” for our mission, and the empowering gifts of the Holy Ghost.

To think about ourselves as engaged in mission does not perhaps come naturally. For many Christians, their religion is chiefly a matter of having their needs met, not of meeting the needs of others. And of course, our needs must be met first – for it would be foolish pride to imagine that we could serve our neighbor or Christ on the basis of our own meager spiritual resources. Yet if Christ has met our needs, then the result should be that being set free from self-concern, we are free to serve others, ready, willing, and able to serve others. There is a stage of Christian life when we are spiritual infants, spiritual children, just learning to

walk, in the ways of Christ. But we cannot remain frozen at that stage of spiritual infancy – we should be growing up into spiritual maturity, to the point where we can meet the needs of others. The ascended Lord gave spiritual gifts to his church, “for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: that we be henceforth no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ” (Ephesians 4:12-15). The sign of our having received grace, is that we share it with others. If we don't share it, then we must question whether we have received it.

So there is much for us to pray about and we might begin with the ancient hymn to the Holy Spirit, *Veni Creator Spiritus* (translation by A. Farrer), and a prayer for the Parish:

Come down, Creator Spirit, find
A harbour in thy people's mind;
With grace celestial consecrate
The heart of clay thou didst create.

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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

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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan Jamie McClellan
Patrick Perrie Hawkins Pindar
Edwin Shepherd William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick and Hunter Philbrick;

And in loving memory of Jane Philbrick by Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Harlander;

And in appreciation for the talents and creativity of Father Gavin Dunbar, Laura Wimbish, Linda Pounds, Tracey Inglesby, and Kim Scott by Gilbert and Jane Wells;

And in appreciation for the Sensational Seven by the Men of St. John's.

The flowers at the chapel altar on May 31 are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary and in loving memory of Merrill Summers Griffis and Doreen Bailey Summers by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
READING ROOM: *II Samuel*- Father Dunbar

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Father O'Brien
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3
Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

EYCS SCHOLARSHIPS
Apply: eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org by 5/31.

JANE'S CANNERS
Canning begins at 9:30 a.m. on May 31!
All are welcome!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Thy very name is Comforter,
The highest gift the skies confer,
The flow of life, the fire, the love,
The unction poured from God above.

Thou finger stretched from heaven's throne,
Whose touch is sevenfold benison;
Thou promise of the Father, rich
In sudden dower of golden speech;

Infuse our soul with kind desire,
Our senses light with shining fire;
Confirm with lasting hardihood
The cowardice of flesh and blood.

Bring peaceful hours, and banish far
All enmities that augur war.
With such a guide to go before
No hurtful thing can harm us more.

Make through thyself the Father known,
Reveal the person of the Son,
And grant a constant faith, to see
Their Spirit equally in thee. Amen.

O GOD the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: Sanctify this parish by thine abiding presence. Bless those who minister in holy things. Enlighten the minds of thy people more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Bring erring souls to the knowledge of God our Saviour; and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast unto the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted, and renew them in body and soul. Guard from forgetfulness of thee those who are strong and prosperous. Increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace, and make us all to be fruitful in good works; O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday, May 29

Church Office closed in observance of Memorial Day. No services.

Tuesday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday
ST. MARY IN ASCENSIONTIDE

9:45 a.m. *Litany*
10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*
5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
and Holy Communion

◆ SAVE THE DATES ◆

Next Sunday, June 4 is the Feast of Pentecost, or Whitsunday – one of the chief feasts of the year, it commemorates the pouring out of the Holy Ghost, and the first publishing of the Gospel.

Also, June 4 – Choral Evensong -

Prelude begins at 5:05 p.m. and Service begins at 5:30 p.m. Reception to follow.

Sunday, June 11 is Trinity Sunday - Choral Mattins at 10:30 a.m. with Brass Ensemble, in honor of Holy Trinity. If you would like to donate to the cost of the brass, please make checks payable to St. John's Church with "Brass" in the memo line and include a note of intention (memorial or thanksgiving).

CONGRATULATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Henry Walker Bowden
Clara Gibbs Kennedy
John Groover Kennedy IV
Emily Anne Osborne
Patrick Lansdale Perrie
Noah Devan Scott
Katharine Drayton Warner

CHORAL PRELUDE

Now shall my head be lifted high, / above
my foes around. / And songs of joy and
victory / within thy temple sound.
(William Billings, Psalm 27:6)

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. – ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery (Cranmer Hall)**

10:30 A.M.— SUNG EUCHARIST & ADDRESS

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*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.