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THIS SUNDAY – 5: 30 P.M.: Franz Schubert: *Mass in G*

Sung by the St. John's Choral Scholars.

Soloists: Lucy Sheils, Vonté Abrams, Matthew Jones, Wesley Perkins

Supporters of the Choir's residency this July at Wells Cathedral, England, will be acknowledged in the programme.

CHARITY, TRUTH, & LIFE

We know little about Alban (feast, June 22), who lived and died in the Roman province of Britain in the third or early fourth century. Centuries after Alban's death, the British were conquered by English barbarians: yet Alban's memory was not lost. Some contemporary account of his trial and execution was preserved, notably by the 8th century English monk Bede. Nor was the site of Alban's death and burial forgotten: the shrine on the site known to have been in existence in 429 (and well before) had been restored and rebuilt by the 8th century, and became the most important abbey in England, whose mitred abbot had a seat in the House of Lords. The abbey church, converted into a cathedral at the Reformation, stands to this day in the town of St. Alban's. By a pleasing irony, he was known as the First Martyr of the English – the invading nation adopting the saints of a conquered people.

To hear the accounts of Alban, therefore, is to look back through time, to the very roots of English-speaking Christianity in the intermingling of Roman, Celtic, and Germanic peoples and cultures. What we see when we look back may be disconcerting in its otherness, its difference from the present time. If we can

resist our own age's arrogant assumption of superiority to the past, it has much to teach us.

According to the account preserved by Bede (an historian regarded even today for his objectivity), in one the persecutions of the Church, a pagan named Alban who lived in the town of Verulamium (now St. Alban's) near London gave shelter to a Christian priest. We do not know what prompted this decision, but it was an opening for grace. "He that receiveth you" says Christ to his disciples, "receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me" (Matthew 10:40). For within a few days, impressed by his guest, Alban was converted: "divine grace suddenly shone upon him" says Bede, "and he learned to imitate his guest's faith and devotion."

Word of Alban's guest leaked out before long, and soldiers were sent to search the house. When they arrived, however, Alban appeared at the door, dressed in the priest's long robe (the ancestor of the chasuble worn by priests at the altar to this day), and gave himself up to them in the place of his guest and teacher, in order to allow the priest to escape. The brilliant simplicity and daring of this imposture - a blazing

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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. R. Kran Riddle

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Don McElveen

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustav Clausen and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raymond Tear by Col. and Mrs. Harry Raymond Tear, Jr.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Moody Culver by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.

And in loving memory of Mrs. Edward Richard Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter White by Mrs. Harriet Parker Page.

And on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Edith Page Oelschig and Mr. James Conner Ryan.

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8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Kelley Compton
Austin Nichols
Cord Helmken, Clayton Compton

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Benjamin W. Baxter

ALL-AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

... CONTINUES ALL SUMMER!

9:30 AM--NOON Nursery
9:30 A.M.-- Child Care for ages 3—5.

9:30 A.M. ADULT CLASSES

➤ THE CANTERBURY TALES—taught by David Noble (Reading Room, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall)
➤ THE FAITH OF PHYSICISTS - taught by Jon Sprague (Chapel)
➤ BIBLE BASICS (Commandments, Creed, the Lord's Prayer and More) - taught by Mike Chastain (South Classroom, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall) - all welcome

10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

➤ For Preschool--Kindergarten ages 3 to 5. (Teen Helpers and Adult volunteers needed)

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups
Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Study (Mike Chastain & Fr Dunbar), Parish House).
Thursday 7:00 a.m. *St. Mark's Gospel* (Fr. Dunbar), Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

emblem of Christian love, and its substitutionary dynamic - seems to have deceived the arresting soldiers, but could not be maintained for long. Enraged by the trick, the examining judge threatened to punish Alban instead of the priest, if he attempted to forsake the worship and religion of Rome. He demanded to know Alban's 'family and race', but Alban refused to be defined by natural loyalties, and turned the judge's questions to his own purpose: "What concern is it of yours to know my parentage? If you wish to hear the truth about my religion, know that I am now a Christian and am ready to carry out Christian duties." The word translated 'duties' is *officiis*, which is also the word for "rites" and "religious ceremonies". Alban's point is that he is not only dressed as a priest, he is ready to do what a priest does, by offering a sacrifice, by dying as a Christian, the adherent of a forbidden religion. The judge, not satisfied by that riposte, demanded his (family) name, to which Alban responded, "My parents call me Alban and I shall ever adore and worship the true and living God who created all things". If it is a question of natural origins, Alban refers the judge to the one true Creator God - a slap at the Roman gods before whose images the examination was taking place. Naturally, the judge then demanded that Alban offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, 'if he desired to enjoy a lasting (*perennis*) life'. Alban responded that they were not gods, but devils; that the desires invested in them were futile; and that far from giving 'lasting' life, such sacrifices were worthy of *eternal* damnation. After a futile attempt to break Alban's spirit by flogging, he was sentenced and led away to be beheaded.

No doubt this all seems strange. Next week we will consider why such testimony had the stunning impact it did. (To be continued) GGD

HELP NEEDED FOR PANTRY AIDES

Anyone wishing to help with Pantry aides this summer, please call Caroline Warner at 354-3242. Pantry aides delivers food to families with newborns, illness or bereavement.

PICTORIAL PARISH DIRECTORY APPOINTMENTS

You may sign up for photographs taken in two ways:

1. Sundays in Cranmer Hall or the Green Meldrim House—sign-up tables will be set up in their foyers.
2. Sign up on-line and choose a sitting time. The web link is:

<https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=60979>

Please do not call the church office to sign up.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK Monday- Friday (Chapel)

8:15am & 5:30pm

Morning or Evening Prayer

Wednesday: The Feast of SSPeter and Paul the Apostles and Martyrs

9:45 a.m. *Litany*—10a.m. *Sung Eucharist* (Chapel)

BAZAAR CANNING

The canners need fresh veggies and fruits (figs, peppers, pears, peaches, apples, mangos, etc) sugar, mint, pecans and half-pint jars. Jane Pressly 233-6551.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Office closes at Noon on Fridays. Open 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

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A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (Cranmer Hall)

9:30-10:15—CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CONFIRMED YOUTH (Chapel)

9:30-10:15—Pre-School through Kindergarten Summer Program (Cranmer Hall)

10:30—Activities for Pre-School & Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CARILLON

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THE SERMON..... Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Jubilate Deo in C*..... Charles Valliers Stanford
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #279 *Praise to the Lord* Stralsund Gesangbuch

ORGAN: *Toccata in E minor* Johann Pachelbel

Everyone is invited to attend the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel. (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as 8 a.m.)