

The Parish Paper

OF

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Vol. 42 No. 42

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 18, 2011

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

In Cranmer Hall at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:45 and a short program will follow. After a brief business meeting, Dr. Brian Taylor will speak of the Choir's Residency at Wells Cathedral. Cost is \$30. The attire is coat and tie. Tickets will be sold in advance at Coffee Hour Sept. 18th & 25th.

THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD

In English it was called *Doom*: Christ's coming again to judge the living and the dead. (The noun "doom" is related to the verb "deem", "judge".) That was also the English name of its representation in art. The most famous example of this is Michelangelo's murals on the east (altar) wall of the Sistine Chapel, but it was more commonly found on the west wall (opposite the altar) of churches or on a partition between the nave and chancel (above and behind the rood screen). Commonly it depicted Christ enthroned in majesty, surrounded by the armies of heaven, angels and saints; below whom the dead rise naked from their graves – some to be lifted up by angels to Christ's right hand, others to be dragged down by devils into the immense, gaping maw of a hideous monster at Christ's left hand, the mouth of Hell. This summer I saw this theme annealed in the stained glass of a west window in a late medieval "wool" church in the Cotswolds (St. Mary's, Fareford). Perhaps unusually, the theme was continued in the high small windows of the clerestory above the nave: the images of representative saints on the south side (Christ's right hand) and of the damned on the north (Christ's left hand) – Judas, Caiaphas, Herod, Nero. One turns

from the images of judgment at the west end of the church to contemplate the images of divine mercy at the east end, above the altar: images of Christ's advent, passion, and exaltation.

It is unthinkable both to reason and revelation that God should not exercise retributive justice in the punishment of the wicked and the reward of the good, with an exact justice meting out judgment to each according to his works (Matthew 16:27; Romans 2:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12-13). Though we may not always think so, that Christ comes in judgment belongs to the gospel. It is "good news" that all those who destroy and exploit his world, all those who set themselves against his holy will, should be bound in chains, and deprived of all power to wreak havoc and do harm. The difficulty, however, is that we so often find ourselves among the offenders against his holy will! Thus the teaching of divine judgment, and the images of the doom in glass and paint, are designed to unsettle us; they are designed to get under our skin; they are designed to awaken our consciences from the

THE PARISH PAPER
OF
St. John's Church
1 WEST MACON STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

The Parish Paper of St. John's Church (USPS 887-960) is published weekly by St. John's Church, One West Macon Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Periodicals postage paid at Savannah, Georgia. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to St. John's Church, 1 W. Macon St., Savannah, GA 31401.

The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Gavin G. Dunbar Rector
1 West Macon Street (912) 234-2209
The Rev. Craig E. O'Brien Priest Associate
201 E. 49th Street Upper flat (912) 308-4441
Mr. Michael Chastain, MRE, M.Div Family Life and College
Brian J. Taylor, DSM Organist/Choirmaster
Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. Parish Secretary
Mrs. Peter J. Smyth Financial Secretary
Mrs. William D. Harrell Parish Activities Director
Mr. Rich Mays Associate Organist
Mr. Sinisa Domazet Buildings Manager
Senior Warden *Joseph R. Ross, Esq.*
Junior Warden *Mr. David C. Barrow III*
Clerk of Vestry *Mr. J. Wesley Krulic*
Treasurer *Mrs. Stuart C. Clifford*
Chancellor *M. Tyus Butler, Jr. Esq.*

The Vestry: The Vestry: *Esqs.*, John M. Hewson III, R. Kran Riddle, Joseph R. Ross, Roland B. Williams, Dr. J. Davidson Carson, Mrs. Stuart C. Clifford, Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. R. Bartley Turner, Mrs. Neil H. Victor, *Messrs.* David C. Barrow III, Charles B. Compton, Jr., W. Barron Crawford, Edwin H. Culver, Lawrence L. Heam III, Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr., J. Wesley Krulic, J. Pride Sheahan, Paul D. Troxler, R. Gilbert Wells, Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.

Vestry Emeriti: Mr. George Fawcett, Mr. J. Earl Gilbreath, Jr., Mr. James E. Hungerpillar, Dr. Edwin C. Shepherd

President, ECW *Mrs. Henry F. Inglesby, Jr.*
President, Chancel Society *Mrs. Roland S. Summers*
President, Business Women *Mrs. Myrtice A.J. Lewis*
President, Men of St. John's *Mr. Richard L. Wright*

Church Office (912) 232-1251
Fax (912) 232-5559
Parish House (912) 233-3845
Cranmer Hall (912) 232-8887
E-mails (firstinitiallastname)@stjohnsav.org

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 and recordings of Services and Sermons are to be found on our web site:
www.stjohnsav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Joseph R. Ross

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Henry D. Stevens, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by Mrs. William W. Chisholm.

And in memory of loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Traver.

And in loving memory of Jo Francis and Edward J. Derst, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Derst III.

And in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Helmken and loved ones, and in thanksgiving for St. John's Church by Howard, Deborah, William and Jonathan Helmken and Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert.

The flowers at the baptismal font are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the Holy Baptism of Miss Elizabeth Catherine Love Schubert, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Schubert by Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Philip F. Kirk, Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings
Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff,
Mrs. Sanford G. Simmons, Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell
Mrs. L. Dale Hendrix, Jr., Mrs. Morgan W. Murray
Mrs. J. Pride Sheahan

ACOLYTES

8:00 Lindsay Pindar
10:30 Lawson Turner
John Osborne, Charles Perrie
Chris Dixon, Henry Bowden
Hunt Wasden, Patrick Perrie

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. R. Kran Riddle

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Study (Mike Chastain), Parish House.

Thursday Rector's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. *Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.*

Thursday Men's Forum—12:00 -1 p.m.

BAZAAR NOTICE

As you are cleaning your closets this summer, please remember the Holly Days Bazaar—White Elephant, Treasure Room, Books, etc...Storage is available. Instructions for use of the storage facility are available in the church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

sedation of self-justification. In the ministry of the prophets, and of John the Baptist, the preaching of judgement to come awakens man out of his complacency and indifference, and stirs him to repentance and amendment of life, to confession (repentance in word), contrition (repentance in thought), and satisfaction (repentance in deed, recompense or reparation).

Yet what measure of human repentance can appease divine wrath against sin? What standard of justice and righteousness can we possibly realize in our lives sufficient to escape the severity of his judgement? By the least of our willful sins we offend against an infinite divine majesty. Of what value is the repentance of a finite man, be it never so sincere? "Enter not into judgement with thy servant" pleads the psalmist, "for in thy sight shall no man living be justified" (Psalm 143:2). The justice of God is absolute; it brooks no compromise; it accommodates itself to no transgression. "Who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth?" (Malachi 3:2). Even so eminent a saint as the heroically ascetic Bernard of Clairvaux acknowledged that his righteousness could not withstand the divine justice, and that he could not have confidence in his own holiness.

How then is the justice of God related to his mercy? For mercy is God's proper nature, whereas wrath is merely his response to the evil outside himself. Yet if we fall under his just condemnation of absolute justice, where is the work of his mercy? A further dimension of God's justice, and its relation to his mercy, must be explored. (*To be continued*). GGD

PARISH KALENDAR

Monday- Friday (Chapel)

8:15am & 5:30pm

Morning or Evening Prayer

Wednesday (Chapel)

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Thursday

NOON *MEN'S FORUM*

To be announced.

Lunch and Talk: Guests welcome.

Ember Friday

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

Holy Communion

Ember Saturday

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

PICTORIAL PARISH DIRECTORY

APPOINTMENTS

LAST CHANCE!!!

New photographs are needed.

sign up for photographs taken in two ways:

1. Sundays in the Green Meldrim House
2. Sign up on-line and choose a sitting time. The web link is:

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

Sign-up participation has been slow. In order to make this a useful and successful directory we need EVERYONE to be in it, so please sign-up.

The shooting dates are:

🇺🇸 **Thursday, September 22nd through September 24th.**

ST. JOHN'S AT A GLANCE

St. John's swings into high gear this month, and you can find out what opportunities there are for worship, education, and service in our trifold pamphlet available in the Church office, at the Church front door, Cranmer Hall and the Parish House.

8:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel.....Prayer Book pg. 207
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 a.m. —ADULT, YOUTH and CHILDREN’S CLASSES (*Cranmer Hall, and Chapel*)
9:30 — 12 Noon: Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30—Pre-School program continues—3 year olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)
Jr. Choir for grades 1—4 (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 a.m. —SUNG EUCHARIST and SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #479 *Love Divine, all Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity..... Prayer Book pg. 67
 Summary of the Law 68
 KYRIE ELEISON (Hymnal #710)..... Healey Willan
 Collect and Epistle 207
 HYMN #369 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heav'nly Dove*..... St. Agnes
 The Holy Gospel..... 208
 The Nicene Creed 71
 HYMN #409 *Just as I am*..... Saffron Walden
1st through 4th Grade children enrolled in Junior Choir exit following the cross
 SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERTORY

Sentences
 Anthem: *Enter Not Into Judgment*..... Thomas Attwood
 Presentation of Alms #139
 Prayer for the State of the Church..... 74

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession and Absolution..... 75
 Sursum Corda (Hymnal #734)..... 76
 SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #711)..... Healey Willan
 Prayer of Consecration: Institution, Oblation, Invocation..... 80
 The Lord's Prayer..... 82
 Prayer of Humble Access (*said with the congregation*)
 AGNUS DEI (Hymnal #712)..... Healey Willan
 HYMN #201 *Strengthen for Service, Lord*..... Malabar
 MOTET: *Verily, Verily I Say Unto You* Thomas Tallis
 Thanksgiving (*said with the congregation*)..... 83
 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal #739)..... Old Scottish Chant
 The Blessing (*Kneeling*)..... 84
 HYMN #554 *Lead on, O King Eternal*..... Lancashire
 ORGAN: *Offertory, from Mass for the Parishes*..... François Couperin

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in 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 (Chapel) Collect, Epistle, Gospel p. 207