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THIS SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

Special Collection - E. Y. C. S.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Reports & Elections. Meeting should run to about Noon.

BOYS AND GIRLS CHOIR CONCERT

4 p.m. - St. Peter's Church, Skidaway Island.

GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS

Five loaves and two small fishes were far too little for that great crowd; but in the hands of Jesus, and by virtue of his thanksgiving, they became much more than enough. In gratitude for the gifts of God he bade his disciples gather up the fragments that remained, that none be lost: and they gathered twelve baskets full - more than enough for twelve apostles to feed the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a sign that in their witness to Christ, in the gospel they went out to preach, they fed the elect, gathered out of many nations into one Church, with the bread of eternal life.

What a feast! How very little we give to God - and how very much he gives us in return! This week the Church's year of grace comes to an end, and we observe the day of National Thanksgiving. Our gratitude for the feast of God's blessings is this: that we gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Such gratitude is good stewardship, that none of God's good gifts should go to waste: we gather the fragments, so that we may have something with which to feed the hungry. God may justly bring us into want of those

gifts which we waste; he may justly take away his gifts from those who despise them; gather the fragments that remain, that no one be lost!

The communion of saints (*sanctorum*) is both the sharing of God's holy gifts (*sancta*) and the fellowship of his holy people (*sancti*) in one Body in Christ. As Christ gives his Church all that is his, so we share with one another all that he has given us. This sharing is participation, communion, or fellowship (it is the same word in Greek, *koinonia*). By "fellowship" we usually mean shared service (such as that found in the Bazaar, the Choir, the Chancel Society), shared hospitality (Coffee Hour, Receptions after Evensong, the annual Stewardship Sunday Brunch, and the Oyster Roast), and yes, shared fun (which may or may not include the Golf Tournament). Let us be grateful for these expressions of fellowship, in which the bonds of affection are indeed exercised - yet without mistaking them for the essence of fellowship itself. For there are all kinds of fellowships out there, bad and good - a criminal gang, a social club,

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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mrs. Edward J. Derst III

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. W. Barron Crawford III

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brendan Appleton Maloney and Quinn Kennedy Maloney and in celebration of the birthdays of Brendan Kennedy Maloney, Barrett Quinn Maloney, Parker Ellis Maloney and Merrick Chaffee Maloney by McBrier, Michael, Oliver, and Isabelle Maloney.

The flowers at the Baptism font are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the Holy Baptism on Saturday, Nov. 19th, of Evelyn Gray Chick, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven G. Chick.

The arrangement at the altar on Thursday, November 24th, Thanksgiving Day, is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Albert Sidney Newton, by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. David A Young, Ms. Anne H. Mingleдорff
Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell, Mrs. Philip F. Kirk
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ACOLYTES

8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Kameron Sallee
Lawson Turner, Peter Stein
Charles Perrie, Louis Palla
Patrick Perrie, Hunt Wasden

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Ms. Jeanne H. McMillan

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

Thursday Rector's Study—None this week.

Thursday Men's Forum—None this week.

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.-Noon Bible Study

Thursday: 9:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

PARISH HOUSE GUIDES AND DOCENTS

There are five or six openings for Docents at the Green-Meldrim House. If you are able to helping in keeping the House open to the public, please make contact with Martie Campbell (598-4299)

STATEMENT OF GIVING

Please let the Financial Secretary know if you have turned in an Estimate of Giving card and not received an acknowledgment card. Verbal pledges may be given over the phone, if preferred.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

an army unit – but what holds a *Christian* community together is the sharing of a common faith, a common hope and a common charity, made possible by the gifts of God's grace and mercy in Christ.

Our common faith is grounded in the Word of God; our common hope in Prayer; our common charity in the Sacraments; and thus it is the church's common prayers, the ministry of Word and Sacraments, that is the matrix of fellowship that is in Christ. Our fellowship, our service, our mission and ministry, all of these find their proper place and value within the frame of Common Prayer.

For the Church's Common Prayer to be a frame for common life, each one of us must give himself up to its requirements. The sharing of a common faith, hope, and charity requires a willingness to receive and a willingness to give; to listen and to speak; to be taught and to teach others; to forgive, and to be forgiven; to love and be loved; to take one's place and to make place for others. The opinionated person sure of his views must learn to set them to one side, submitting himself to an objective order; the reserved and isolated person must learn to open his heart and make space within for the concerns of others. In one, the self must be renounced (humility); in the other it must be expanded (charity). In such use and exercise of his gifts do we prove ourselves worthy of them.

Let us ask him for one more gift: that he preserve us from despising or presuming upon his goodness. Lord, thou hast given us so many good things; give us each one thing more: a grateful heart.

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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Wednesday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

No Supper or Class

No Choir Rehearsals

THURSDAY -THANKSGIVING DAY

10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Sitters available.

No other Services. Office Closed.

Friday

No Services. Office Closed.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL HANDBOOKS

Copies of *Lo, He Comes*, an Advent Devotional published by the Prayer Book Society, should be available by next weekend for a modest suggested donation (\$5). Based on the daily readings from St. Mark's Gospel at Morning and Evening Prayer during Advent, it is biblically sound, clear and practical – an appropriate companion for daily prayer in this season.

CLASSIC PRAYERS AND SONG FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Prayer Book Morning and Evening Prayer for Advent and Christmas season is available on CDs by Cradle of Prayer, for \$24.99. Order on line at: <http://cradleofprayer.org/purchase-seasonal-cds/> Or mail a check (\$24.95 + shipping) to: **The Cradle of Prayer** P.O. Box 220462 Charlotte, NC 28222

BAZAAR ITEMS

Remaining Silent Auction Items and other Bazaar Items will be available for purchase during Coffee Hour on Sunday morning.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL 225

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

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon NURSERY (Cranmer Hall)

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

10:30 a.m. –Pre-school Program continues—3 year olds through Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

Jr. Choir—grades 1 through 4 (Cranmer Hall)

10:30—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #484 *Lift Up Your Heads* Truro
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book 3-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8
 VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Hymnal #609)..... 9
 Psalms #130 & #143 446
 First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15 *Let us now praise famous men.*
 TE DEUM (Hymnal #615, 619)..... 10
 Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25:31—end *The least of these my brethren.*
 BENEDICTUS (Hymnal # 634)..... 14
 Apostles' Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect For The Day 225
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20
 HYMN # 350 *Rejoice the Lord is King!*..... Darwall

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *King of Glory, King of Peace*..... T. Frederick H. Candlyn
 Miss Tessa Morris, Soprano
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer and Blessing

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- Call to Order and Minutes**
- Vestry Nominations**
- Addresses and Reports to the Congregation**
- Discussion and Questions**

HYMN #357 *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus* In Babilone
 ORGAN: *Voluntary in C*..... Orlando Gibbons

*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. 225