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## HOLY ORDERS

Christ entrusted his Church to the rule and care of the Apostles, giving them authority by his Holy Spirit to minister his word and sacraments for the remission of sins. As the New Testament shows, the Apostles in turn ordained men as bishops ('overseers'), priests ('presbyters', or 'elders'), and deacons ('servants') in the churches they established. By the end of the first century, and perhaps first in Antioch, the "monarchical episcopate" took form: one ruling bishop, or chief pastor, with jurisdiction in a city and its surrounding area (a diocese); who shared the pastoral government and priestly ministry in Word and Sacrament with a college of presbyters; and with them was served by a subordinate order of deacons. In later centuries the bishop appointed presbyters as pastors with the 'cure of souls' in local churches (parishes), with authority to rule and govern them as rectors, so that one might, I suppose, speak at the parish level of a "monarchical presbyterate"!

This pattern prevailed throughout the ancient churches of east and west for fifteen hundred years. Only during the Reformation did some Protestant churches depart from this historic pattern of threefold ministry in Holy Orders, but the Church of England was not among them. Other orders of ministry (clerk, sub-deacon, acolyte, lector, exorcist, deaconess, and so on) have at various times been instituted or abolished by the church according to the needs of the

times, but these must be distinguished from the apostolic, or, some say, dominical institution of the threefold Holy Orders of bishop, priest, and deacon. Since these were not instituted by the Church, the Church may not remodel or re-invent them. Those who serve the Church in these orders of ministry do so in obedience to Christ's calling and according to his will.

What lies behind this pattern of ministry is the understanding that Christ himself is the "Bishop and Shepherd of our souls" watching over them with wise and tender care; he is the one who came not to be ministered unto (to be served, or literally to be "deaconed") but to minister (to serve, or to deacon); and he does so by giving his life - as priest and victim - in ransom for many. All ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons is thus a participation in Christ's ministry, bestowed by him, and on his terms, in obedience to the Word of God in Holy Scripture. The right and power of ordained ministry comes from Christ, not from his Church, although it is given through his Church. It comes from above, and not from below.

Now, something specific about the diaconate to which we expect Dr. Bergstrom to be admitted on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Unlike a bishop or priest, a deacon may not celebrate the Eucharist, or pronounce absolution or

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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](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. Charles B. Compton

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Ross Haire

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Mrs. Howard Walker, Jr.

And in memory of Mrs. Patty C. Gaillard and Trish Snyder by Sally Fiveash and George Gaillard

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** Lindsay Pinder  
**10:30** Lawson Turner, Chris Dixon  
Turner Stevens, Jamie McClellan  
Mikel Kelly, Hunt Wasden

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. James C. Pedrick

**ADULT EDUCATION - SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

This Sunday, Dr. Bergstrom will complete Jeremy Taylor's "*The Marriage Ring*". (Chapel)

"*From Roaring Lions to Resurrection Life*"

Class will take a break from Aug 4—Sept 15.

**MEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**Thursday 7 a.m** *Judges, Samuel, Kings,*  
Reading Room (Fr. Dunbar).

All other Discussion Groups are in summer recess.

*The Church Office closes at Noon on Fridays  
until Labor Day.*

**JANE'S CANNERS**

Jane's Canners are once again hard at work on Wednesdays and need figs, apples, peaches, pears, mangos, peppers, onions, and sugar. If you'd like to help or get involved with this activity call Jane Pressly 233-6551

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

blessing. By custom he assists the bishop or priest in the liturgy, reads the Scriptures in the congregation and proclaims the gospel at the Eucharist, administers the chalice, catechizes new Christians, and, as necessary and where licensed, may preach and baptize. From ancient times, following the example of the Seven reported in Acts 6:1-6, he has a special ministry among the needy. As the Prayer Book Ordinal says, “it is his office... to search for the sick, poor, and impotent [literally, ‘powerless’, i.e. helpless or disabled] people of the Parish, that they may be relieved with the alms of the Parishioners, or others”. Though the days are past when churches administered social welfare for the entire community, the principle abides. The deacon has a ministry of service, both to those set in authority over him, and to those, “the least of these my brethren,” in whom Christ is to be found.

Although attempts have been made in recent times to revive what is sometimes called the “vocational” diaconate (that is, deacons who are not also priests), the practice for many centuries has been to treat the diaconate as the first step towards ordination as a priest. This does not empty the diaconate of meaning; it makes the critical point both symbolically and practically that those who are advanced to authority of pastoral government as priests or bishops do so as those who have first subjected themselves to authority in humble service. “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so”: not as earthly lords bearing down oppressively, but as servants lifting up the afflicted and bearing away burdens: “but he that is

greatest among you, let him as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? But I am among you as he that serveth” (Luke 22: 25-27). By serving God (in the authorities set over us) and man (in the needy neighbor set beside us), in humility and love, do we attain to greatness in his kingdom. GGD

### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### Monday to Friday

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer*

#### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>:

#### ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

### WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN’S

The **Women’s Board** will meet **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**, in the Green Meldrim House at 10:00 a.m.

The **Women’s General Meeting** will be **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting will be held in the Green Meldrim immediately following the 10:00 Holy Communion in the Chapel.

### G. G.S MEETING

Calling all Glamorous Gals, Gorgeous Grands, and Gracious Greeters! There will be a GG’s information meeting and luncheon following 10 a.m. Chapel Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to RSVP please contact Caroline Hayes [chayes@stjohnssav.org](mailto:chayes@stjohnssav.org) or 232-8887

**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel.....Prayer Book, p. 206  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

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

**9:30—10:30 A.M. —ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*(Chapel and Cranmer Hall)*

**9:30 A.M. – NOON— PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN SUMMER PROGRAM**

*(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)*

**10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER, HOLY BAPTISM, AND SERMON**

HYMN #272 <i>Thou Whose Almighty Word</i> .....	Moscow
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer.....	Prayer Book pp. 3-7
Versicles and Responses .....	7-8
VENITE (Hymnal #610) .....	9
Psalm #34.....	380
First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35 <i>The glory of Moses’ countenance</i> .....	insert
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (Hymnal #615, 619).....	10
Second Lesson: II Corinthians 3:4 & St. Mark 7:31 .....	206
HYMN #450 <i>As Pants the Hart</i> .....	Martyrdom

**THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM - Prayer Book, p. 273**

Eleanor Katherine Lochridge

BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634) .....	14
Apostles’ Creed .....	15
Versicles and Responses .....	16
Collect for the Day .....	206
Second and Third Collects, the Grace .....	17
HYMN #218 <i>Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest</i> .....	Mendon
THE SERMON.....	Fr Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*.....Thomas Tallis

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #776 [or: #325] *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* .....

ORGAN: *Prelude In F# Minor*.....Dietrich Buxtehude

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in honour of the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. O’Brien’s ordination to the priesthood in the Green Meldrim House immediately following the 10:30 service. If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

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