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THIS SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. - SOLEMN MATTINS

WITH BRASS ENSEMBLE

10:15 A.M. MUSIC FROM THE BRASS ENSEMBLE

ARTICLES OF RELIGION

This week I begin a series on one of the doctrinal foundations of classical Anglicanism, the "Articles of Religion" (in the Prayer Book beginning on page 603). Since 1801 they have been taken as one of the authorities defining the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church, which the clergy at their ordinations solemnly vow to uphold. To judge from their inclusion in the appendix to the 1979 Prayer Book, the Articles should still be taken as authoritative in this way.

The Articles of 1801 are an adaptation of the English Church's "Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion" first compiled by Archbishop Cranmer in the 1550's. We therefore must consider them in two historical settings - the first, that of the English church in the Reformation, which we will discuss next week; and the second, that of the American church after the Revolution, which we will discuss this week. After the Revolution, the American churches of the Church of England found themselves in an unprecedented situation: cut off from the institutional authorities of the Church

of England, including the Royal Supremacy, and free to do anything they wanted to do, in defining doctrine, discipline, and worship. Rather than pursue a path of radical experimentation - guaranteed to cut them off from their heritage - they chose a path of what has been called 'freedom-in-relation'. As established by the General Convention in 1801, the Articles represent the resolve of the American church to exercise its new freedom of self-government in continuity with its origins in the Church of England and with its ongoing fellowship with that church (a fellowship which would eventually grow and be formalized in the 19th and 20th centuries as the Anglican Communion). A similar idea appears in the Preface to the first American Prayer Book of 1789. After affirming the American church's freedom to adapt to its new circumstances, it adds, "this Church is far from intending to depart from the Church of England in any essential point of doctrine, discipline, or worship" (p. vi). Hence, from its inception, the Episcopal Church

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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.

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8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. R. Scott Howard

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Mr. R. Gilbert Wells & Mr. William S. Willingham

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Loran Spurbeck, Professor of Cello, Master Artist and Pedagogue, by Lane Newton Summers;

and in honor of Wendy and Decie by Mary Burnett; and in loving memory of Dr. Robert A. Burnett by Mrs. Robert A. Burnett, Decie and Wendy;

and in loving memory of William Finn Summerell by Mrs. Timothy E. Coy;
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10:30 Clayton Compton
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ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

St. John's Gospel Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room
Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays—David Noble, Cranmer Hall, Third Floor.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast & Study*—Fr. O'Brien (Parish House, enter by Kitchen)

Thursday 7 a.m., *Samuel*, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Rm

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday 9:15 a.m. Fr. O'Brien, *The Imitation of Christ* - Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER MORNING!

Parents & Grandparents are asked to sign up for one Sunday this summer, to teach a simple story-lesson to the Pre-School/ Kindergarten class at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up in Cranmer Hall or call Maryan Harrell 232-8887 or 272-7925.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9 A.M. – NOON **JULY 14TH—18TH**

Register Now! Volunteers welcome. The cost for VBS is \$30. (Some Scholarships are available upon request.) Open to children from three years old (and potty trained) through those who have completed 1st grade and are moving into 2nd grade.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

sought to locate itself both in time and space within a larger community of faith than that merely of itself. As late as the 1960's, the same idea appeared in the preamble to the church's constitution: "The Episcopal Church ... is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion ... in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer." These constitutional commitments to the responsibilities of membership in the Communion (most obviously, not to act unilaterally on matters that concern the Communion as a whole), and to uphold the historic faith and order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, are in direct line of development with the Prayer Book of 1789 and the Articles of 1801.

Thus the Articles of 1801 do not take the sectarian, nationalistic, or revolutionary approach to defining the doctrine of the Episcopal Church, which sadly we have seen in recent years. Moreover, in this regard they are consistent with the principles that shaped their 16th century source, the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England, as we shall see next week. GGD

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13)

Silent Auction Chairman Needed!

With an operation and display team in place, we need an organized go-getter to solicit and gather donations for the Silent Auction. Training and support provided. Please call Erica Jarman 912-398-0138.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

MONDAY 16TH - ST. BARNABAS (tr.)

& THURSDAY 19TH - CORPUS CHRISTI

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. *Morning or Evening Prayer & Holy Communion*

Please note that the Church Office closes at noon on Fridays until Labor Day.

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In its May collection the congregation gave \$1,826.43 to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 186, 187
The Exhortation (p. 85) is read. Breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

9:30-10:15—ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

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

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

10:15 A.M. VOLUNTARIES FOR BRASS

Invocation Ernest Bryson
Ricercare Giovanni da Palestrina
Chorale (Opus 37, No.4)..... Joseph Jongen

10:30 A.M.—CHORAL MATTINS, PROCESSION, & SERMON

Sentences, Confession, Absolution, the Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book, page 6-7
 Versicles and Responses John Sanders
 VENITE #606 (with Antiphon)..... 9
 HYMN #266 *Holy, Holy, Holy* Nicaea
 Psalm 145 520
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 TE DEUM in Bb (John Ireland) *The congregation is seated*..... 10
 Second Lesson: Revelation 4:1-11, St. John 3:1-15..... 187
 BENEDICTUS #638 14
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 Collect for the Day..... 186
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PROCESSION

Minister. Let us go forth in peace. *Answer.* In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN #268 *I bind unto myself today* St. Patrick’s Breastplate
Children in Kindergarten to Grade 4 may exit following the Clergy Cross for Music.
 SERMON Fr. O’Brien

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *Jubilate Deo in F* (John Ireland)..... Prayer Book, p. 15
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer and Blessing
 HYMN #285 *The God of Abraham Praise*..... Leoni
 ORGAN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour the Green Meldrim House immediately after the 10:30 service.
 If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

12 Noon —HOLY COMMUNION same as 8 a.m.