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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2015

This Sunday 5:30 p.m.—CHORAL EVENSONG FOR LENT

No reception after the service.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday through Friday

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer
with Holy Communion*

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. Litany, 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

BELONGING TO CHRIST (4)

The Baptismal Covenant concluded, and its obligations acknowledged with gratitude and prayerful resolve, the Christian is asked to *Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief* as they are set forth in the Apostles' Creed. (Note it is 'Thy belief' - the Catechism is all about *ownership*.) The name, origins, nature, and authority of the Creed are not discussed, and its contents explained with almost dismaying brevity. (We must remember this is a *Shorter* Catechism, an instruction for beginners, which in due course would have been followed by a Middle and Larger Catechism, such as the catechisms of Heidelberg and of Alexander Nowell, which were widely used in the Church of England for this purpose.) But if the explanation is concise, it is also comprehensive: if we don't learn much about the trees (the individual Articles of faith) we do get to see the forest (the shape of the Articles as a whole).

In passing, however, we should note what the Catechism assumes but does not itself

explain: that the Creed originated in the early Church as a confession of faith for use at baptism; that it is rightly called the Apostles' Creed, not because it was composed by the apostles, but because it summarizes their doctrine; and that it has long been received on this basis as an authoritative statement of the Church's Rule of Faith. The Creed grounds the personal faith of the individual Christian in that which is of ancient continuance and has been widely received in the Church as a true testimony to the faith of the apostles. The objectivity of the Creed thus guards against idiosyncrasy, sectarianism, or error into which merely private confessions may fall.

After the Creed is rehearsed - and what Christian is incapable of learning to do so by heart? - comes the question: *What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?* **Answer.** *First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world. Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind. Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the [elect] people of God.* (The 1928 Prayer Book timidly omits the word 'elect'; but the word is still found in the collect for All Saints, so we may restore it in good conscience.)

Brief as this explanation is, it goes straight to the core of the Creed's teaching. First there is a teaching about the *author* of salvation history: God in

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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 Mr. Charles B. Compton Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Scott Howard

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson Walker, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson Myers, by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Walker, Jr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hill.

and in memory of Lois V. Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick.

and in thanksgiving for the 45 years of beautiful romance and marriage of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard from Mr. and Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Jr. and Clara Hubbard.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 need volunteer
10:30 John Osborne, Mikel Kelly
Jamie McClellan, Hawkins Pindar
Finn Repella, Jackson McClellan

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION
Men's Discussion Group. Led by Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle, will NOT meet this week.

Women's Discussion Group Reading Room, Cranmer Hall. Led by Carol Hewson, Susan Donahue, Linda Sheahan, and Laura Wimbish.

Do I REALLY Have to Keep My Promise?, A Biblical Study of Covenant - 3rd Floor East. Led by Jack Wray.
King Arthur, His Knights of the round table and his quest for the Holy Grail-3rd Floor East. Led by David Noble.

Middle and High School Youth. Third Floor Resource Room. (Mrs. Jennings and Fr. Bergstrom).

St. John's Gospel Chapel. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Discussion in Green Meldrim House, led by Fr. O'Brien.

Thursday 7 a.m., 2 Samuel, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall, led by Fr. Dunbar.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, Hebrews, led by Fr. Bergstrom
Thursday 9:15 a.m., Phaedo, led by Fr. O'Brien

NEXT Men's Forum - March 19th

EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS

To give a lily for the Church at Easter, send a check for \$35 payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked "Easter Lily".

To contribute to the cost of the brass players on Easter, please send a check payable to St. John's Church marked "Easter brass".

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

himself - God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, whom theologians call the immanent or theological Trinity. Second, there is a teaching about the *history* this author shapes and governs, and into which, indeed, he enters by his Incarnation: his works of creation, redemption, and sanctification. Theologians call these works the divine "economy" - literally God's good house-keeping, his wise management of his plan of salvation. Third, we are taught to recognize ourselves as *characters* in this history: the Christian interacting with the other *dramatis personae* - all creatures, all mankind, all the elect -within the divine economy of the triune God. In the Creeds we acquire the first principles for making sense of who we are, and what we may hope for.

There is of course much more to be said: but the Catechism's practical perspective is one that we can already take to heart: it is as we come to know the Triune God in his threefold economy of salvation, that we come to know ourselves and are able to think rationally and realistically about the direction of our lives. It is a theme explored by George Herbert in the poem "Trinity Sunday":

Lord, who hast form'd me out of mud,
And hast redeem'd me through thy blood,
And sanctif'd me to do good;

Purge all my sins done heretofore:
For I confess my heavy score,
And I will strive to sin no more.

Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me,
With faith, with hope, with charity;
That I may run, rise, rest with thee.

In faith I run the race that is set before me by God the Father, *who hath made me, and all the world*. In hope I rise from death to life, by the grace of *God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind*. In charity I attain my rest by *God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God*. GGD

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 13, 2015 6:30 p.m.
Prize-winning Austrian Concert Organist
Stefan Donner

LENTEN COLLECTION

Please join the Women and Sunday School of St John's in collecting supplies for the Fresh Air Home's camp season: *liquid laundry detergent, bleach, pine sol cleaner, paper towels, and 55 gallon trash bags*. Collection bins are in Cranmer Hall.

THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

Board Meeting: Monday March 2nd at 10:00 in the Green Meldrim Dining Room.

General Meeting: Wednesday, March 4th after Chapel. Speakers from The Living Vine, which cares for women with crisis pregnancies, and Shelter from the Rain, which assists low-income single mothers and their children. All are welcome.

Women's Quiet Day, Wednesday, March 25th 9:30am until 2:00 pm. Father O'Brien will speak on *The Life of Francis as an Exemplar of the Cross*. Light Lenten lunch. Please call to reserve a place 232-1251.

PARKING ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

The Men of St. John's are accepting reservations for parking spaces on March 17th. The first 50 spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Any remaining spaces will be assigned by lottery on March 10th. To reserve a space, mail a suggested donation of \$20 to the Church Office with name, email address and cell phone number. One reservation per household, for parishioners and staff only. You will be notified by email as soon as your check is received. Entrance from Charlton Street only. Parking lot opens 8 a.m. and reservations will be held till 11 a.m.

THURSDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Adult Catechism, led by Fr. Dunbar, in the Fellowship Room

W. H. Auden's Christian Poetry, led by Fr. O'Brien, in the Reading Room

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8:00 A.M. –HOLY COMMUNION—(No Gloria in excelsis during Lent)

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel..... Prayer Book 127, 124
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

9:30-10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M: JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS

Music, Teaching, and Active Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten

CARILLON

HYMN #56 <i>Kind Maker of the World</i>	Jesu Dulcis Memoria
Sentences, Confession, Absolution, Lord’s Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 6, 7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #606	9
Psalm #25	369
First Lesson: Genesis 27: 1-46; 28: 1-4 <i>Jacob obtains a blessing from Isaac.</i>	<i>insert</i>
BENEDICITE <i>Insert</i>	Hymn Book p. 835
Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 4:1, St. Matthew 15:21	127, 128
BENEDICTUS #638	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 1-5)</i>	
Apostles’ Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect for the Day	127 (124)
Fixed Collects	17
Other Prayers, Prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace.....	17- 20
HYMN #449 <i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	Olivet
THE SERMON	Fr. Bergstrom

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>Blessed are the Pure in Heart</i>	Eric De Lamarter
Presentation of Alms: #732 <i>All Things are Thine</i>	Gardiner
Prayer and Blessing	
HYMN #562 <i>Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus</i>	Webb
VOLUNTARY: <i>Deo Gracias</i>	Stephen Gabrielsen

*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, and gospel same as 8:00 a.m.*

5:30 P.M.—CHORAL EVENSONG for Lent--no reception.