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## BELONGING TO CHRIST (7)

In the Catechism's treatment of the benefits and obligations of belonging to Christ, the aspect of obligation is most pronounced in the third promise of baptism, *to keep God's holy will and commandments*. As Steven Ozment says of a similar 16<sup>th</sup> c. catechism's treatment of the Ten Commandments, the "goal is to empower children morally so that they might readily say no to the things that tempt them and serve those around them with true charity of spirit, abilities no one in the sixteenth century believed to be simply inherent in human nature, but gained only through careful training" [*Protestants: the Birth of a Revolution*, p. 106]. The law, with its stern prohibitions and injunctions setting the parameters of life in community with God and neighbor, sets me on the path that leads out of self-will to service, from vice into virtue.

There is, however, a difference between the Ten Commandments and the Catechism's explanation of them. All but two commandments (the 4th and 5th) take a negative form: "thou shalt not..."; but the Catechism spells out their positive as well as negative implications. In only one, the 10th, does the Commandments' scope move explicitly from outward action or word to inward desire: "thou shalt not covet..."; but in the Catechism we learn they govern inward as well as outward life. In both ways the Catechism is dependent upon the interpretation of the Law by Christ and the apostles. It is also from the New Testament that we learn that commandments are

*duties*: things to be done "not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake" (Romans 13:5): "render therefore to all their dues" - their *dues*, our *duties* - "tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Owe no man anything but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law" (13:7-8). Finally, it is from the New Testament that the Catechism learns to interpret the Commandments in terms of the law of love for God and neighbour. What I *chiefly learn by these Commandments is two things; my duty towards God, and my duty towards my Neighbour*.

So beneath the surface of a 16th century Catechism intended for children is a teaching of enduring relevance – a law of charity both positive and negative, that begins with interiority (faith, fear, love) and moves to exteriority (service). (Numbers in square brackets correspond to the number of the commandment that is being explicated.) *My duty towards God is [I] To believe in him, to fear him, And to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength: [II] To worship him, to give him thanks: [III] To put my whole trust in him, to call upon him: [IV] To honour his holy Name and his Word: And to serve him truly all the days of my life.*

In the second table of the Law, we

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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:

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8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 John M. Hewson III, Esq.

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. Benjamin J. Berger by Dr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Berger, Benjamin, and Elizabeth.

And in loving memory of Andrew Gay Labrot by his family.

And on the occasion of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism given to Charles Douglas Harlander, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Brent D. Harlander, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Harlander.

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8:00 volunteer welcome.
John Osborne, turner Stevens
Hawkins Pindar, Phillip Inglesby
Henry Osborne, need volunteer

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. David A. Young

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION
Men's Discussion Group. Led by Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle,

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

Biblical Covenant - 3rd Floor East. Jack Wray.

Mallory's Mort D'Arthur:-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., 1 Kings, Reading Room, led by Fr. Dunbar.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, Hebrews, led by Fr. Bergstrom - Parish House Library on March 9th (enter by kitchen)

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 indicate the specific intention of the gift (memorial, thanksgiving, etc.). The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

move more into the outward world: *My duty towards my Neighbour is To love him as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should do unto me: [V] To love, honour, and succour my father and mother: To honour and obey the civil authority: To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters: To order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters: [VI] To hurt nobody by word or deed: [VIII] To be true and just in all my dealings: [VI] To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart: [VIII] To keep my hands from picking and stealing, [IX] and my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slandering: [VII & X] To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity: [X] Not to covet nor desire other men's goods; But to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, And to do my duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call me.*

Some have chafed at the Catechism's emphasis on the stability of the social order and the restraint of selfish passion: it smacks of religion as a means of social control (though in a chaotic world, social control is no bad thing). Now that we have gone to the opposite extreme in the Baptismal Covenant of the 1979 Prayer Book we may perhaps better appreciate the virtues of the old Catechism. The 1979 promise "to strive for peace and justice among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being", was too easily hi-jacked by moral agendas insufficiently grounded in the New Testament. In a culture of self-indulgence and entitlement there is something appealing about the promise *to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, And to do my duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call me.*

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## 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**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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

**Saturday**

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

## THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

**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*. A light Lenten lunch will be served. Please call to reserve a place 232-1251.

**Thursday, March 26th.**

**MEN'S FORUM**

*Good food for body and soul.*

Liar, Lunatic, Legend, or Lord?

Reasons for the Hope that is in us (Pt 2)

(Fr Dunbar).

*Guests welcome. Donation suggested.*

## 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

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10:45 A.M.-NOON.**

**Adult Catechism –Day Class**, led by Fr. Bergstrom, in the Reading Room. after 10 a.m. chapel.

## PALM CROSS MAKING

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. - Noon**

Cranmer Hall. Adults and Youth welcome.

Bring scissors!

*Youth will go out for pizza afterwards  
pick up at 1 p.m.*

## LENTEN COLLECTION

Supplies for the Fresh Air Home: *liquid laundry detergent, bleach, pine sol cleaner, paper towels, and 55 gallon trash bags.* Collection bins are in Cranmer Hall.

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

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel.....Prayer Book 132, 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 Kindergartens*

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

CARILLON

HYMN #522 <i>Lord Christ, When First Thine Com'st to Men</i> .....	Bohemian Brethren
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer .....	Prayer Book, pp. 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608 .....	9
Psalm #40.....	390
First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:1-19 <i>The Calling of the Prophet</i> .....	<i>insert</i>
BENEDICITE #744 .....	<i>insert</i>
Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11 and St. John 8:46.....	132, 133
BENEDICTUS #634.....	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 1-5)</i>	
Versicles and Responses.....	16
Collect for the Day .....	132, (124)
Fixed Collects.....	17
HYMN #60 <i>With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh</i> .....	Babylon's Streams
THE SERMON.....	Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Drop, Drop, Slow Tears*..... Philip W. J. Stopford

Presentation of Alms: #732 *All things are Thine*..... Gardiner

HYMN (*Insert*) *The Royal Banners Forward Go* .....

VOLUNTARY: *Solemn Recessional*..... Colin Mawby

*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.*