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THIS SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. - CHURCH SCHOOL AWARDS

PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE

This Sunday a photographer will be taking pictures of the congregation and the liturgy for use on our website and other publications. No person in these images will be identified by name. If you would rather us not use an image in which you or a member of your family is prominent please notify the church office.

BELONGING TO CHRIST (10)

As an explication of the Baptismal Covenant, a high view of Baptism is implicit in the Prayer Book Catechism. Nonetheless in its original form there was no discussion of the Sacraments as such, perhaps to avoid the controversy that had raged over them, not only between Protestants and Roman Catholics, but also among Protestants themselves. But in the later 1500's a certain consensus had emerged among the reformed churches, including the Church of England; and in 1604, at the instigation of King James I, an appendix on the Sacraments was added, which is one of the cornerstones of Anglican doctrine on the subject.

Like other reformed teaching on the Sacraments the Catechism is essentially conservative in its character. In line with the Latin west during the Middle Ages, it retained the teaching of Augustine that sacraments are "visible signs of invisible grace", and, moreover, not mere

symbols, but signs that effect what they signify. The Catechism follows Augustine and the medieval Latin west in its definition of a sacrament: "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given to us; ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof". In the Sacraments, the grace of Christ proclaimed audibly in the Word of God, is made visible and indeed tangible to men, in such a form as they are able to receive it. A modern Roman Catholic Thomist (Herbert McCabe) puts it this doctrine this way: 'in the Sacraments God shows us what he does, and does what he shows us'.

Although there was ferocious disagreement between Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Reformed about the *mode* of Christ's presence; from the 1540's onwards almost no Christian church denied the reality of *participation* in Christ by means of the sacraments - none, that is, except the radical, anabaptist, edge of the reformation whose present day heirs are found among many (though not all) North American evangelicals (especially Baptists) and some progressive Catholics. For such Christians, the sacraments (usually referred to as ordinances, because they were ordained by Christ) are *merely* symbolic, and what they symbolize is not the grace of God that is given in Christ but the faith and love of Christians (that is, the

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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 www.stjohnssav.org
ON FACEBOOK: St. John's Church in Savannah

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Richard L. Wright

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Leslie Johnson

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Samuel P. Inglesby and Edith Inglesby Walker by their children.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Ms. Jayne G. Holland,
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ACOLYTES

8:00 *Volunteer welcome.*
10:30 Charles Perrie, Patrick Perrie
Turner Stevens. Edwin Shepherd
Phillip Inglesby, Henry Osborne

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

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 Reading Room. Led by Fr.
Dunbar.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study—
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m. Bible Study—Reading Room

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

Monday at Noon with Fr. Bergstrom

JANE'S CANNERS

will be cooking in the kitchen through the
summer on Wednesday's beginning at 10:15
a.m. They will be accepting donations of sugar,
brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, raisins, figs,
pears, apples, squash, onions...etc. Please call
Jane Pressly for more information 233-6551.

EYCS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Needs-based scholarships are awarded for
post-secondary (undergraduate) education.
Applicants must apply each year by **May
31st** for the following academic year. All
applicants must be Episcopalians, 22
years of age or under, and legal residents
of, and members in good standing within,
the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. To
apply, go to eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org and
click on *Education Scholarships*.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

effects of grace). In contrast, the Catechism affirms that the ordinances of Christ are rightly called sacraments; that they are not only testimonies to man's faith and love (grace received) but more importantly efficacious signs of God's grace, with the preaching of the Word of God they are means ordained by Christ whereby grace is *given*.

Reformers made a stronger distinction of sign and grace than Roman Catholics did (about which more in a future essay), but they also reduced them in number. In the Middle Ages, the Roman Catholic church had settled on seven Sacraments ordained by Christ. In the plain reading of Scripture, however, the Reformers found explicit scriptural warrant for two, and it is this reformed note that is struck by the Catechism's insistence on "two only, as generally necessary to salvation". There were other ceremonies "commonly called sacraments", for which there was some scriptural precedent - confirmation, visitation of the sick (which included particular confession and absolution), solemnization of matrimony, and ordination - but only Baptism and the Lord's Supper had the authority of Christ's own explicit institution, and their power lay in his promises. The others had value through the promises and prayers made by the Church. In this way they affirmed that the grace of God in the sacraments is nothing else than union with Jesus Christ. GGD

ARDF COLLECTION

On Sunday, May 10th the sum of \$2,494 was collected for the Anglican Relief and Development Fund.

TRUMPETS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Donations towards the cost of the brass ensemble on Trinity Sunday are gratefully received. Please send your cheque to St. John's Church with "Trinity Brass" in the memo line, and note any intention (memorial or otherwise) you wish to be published in the Parish Paper.

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. *Eucharist*

Next Sunday:

the Feast of PENTECOST, commonly called WHITSUNDAY

With Easter and Christmas, Pentecost is a principal feast of the Church's year, and deserves the devout attendance of all the faithful. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and Noon.

MEN OF ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT STEAK & BOURBON NIGHT

Thursday, May 28th at Forest City Gun

Club, 9203 Ferguson Avenue

5pm – Skeet 6pm – Social Hour

7pm – Dinner

\$25 Donation – \$15 Skeet shooting fee

Guests are welcome & complimentary

Guest Speaker – Captain Erik Alfson

Chaplain, 1st Ranger Battalion

Tickets available at Coffee Hour or by
emailing Scott Howard

at Robert_s_howard@ml.com

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(RISING KG TO GR 5) :

July 27th - July 31st 9:30am until noon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP

(12 MOS – 5 YEARS OLD)

July 27th - July 31st 9:00am until 1:00pm
Offered by The Children's School at St. John's

For more information: contact Caroline

Hayes: chayes@stjohnssav.org

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL.....179
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, Chapel*)

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

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

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

HYMN #104 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* Llanfair
 Opening Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer... Prayer Book, pp. 3-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8
 VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608 (With Antiphon for Ascension)..... 9
 Psalms 27..... 371
 First Lesson: Proverbs 10:1-14 *Solomon teaches the right use of speech*.....*insert*
 TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #613, 617..... 10

CHURCH SCHOOL AWARDS

HYMN #557 *Onward Christian Soldiers*St. Gertrude
The first stanza is sung by the children alone.
Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 1-5)
 Second Lesson: 1 St. Peter 4:7, St. John 15:26-16:4..... 176
 BENEDICTUS #638 14
 Apostles' Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect for the Day..... 179
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 HYMN #359 *Golden Harps Are Sounding* St. Theresa
 THE SERMONFr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *I will Not Leave You Comfortless*..... Everett Titcomb
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer and Blessing
 HYMN #357 *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus*..... In Babilone
 VOLUNTARY: Two settings on *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*.... F. W. Zachaw & A. N. Vetter

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

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