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Trinity Sunday

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

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

*Chris Heldt, Trumpet; Ben Otieno, Trumpet;
Stephen Williams, Horn; Wilson Wong, Trombone; Clare Brennan, Tuba*

BELONGING TO CHRIST (13)

The word "baptism" refers to the action of immersing or dipping, and for centuries even babies were often baptized by immersion. The present practice of sprinkling or affusion was originally reserved for children who were sickly; but whether immersion or affusion the symbolism remains the same – we go “under the water”: for the washing of baptism, like the primeval Flood, symbolizes the most radical kind of cleansing there is: it is death by drowning of the "old man", the "old Adam" of our fallen nature. As the Catechism puts it, the inward grace of baptism is *a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.* Baptism is the sign of our union with Christ in his death and resurrection (Romans 6:3-11). With him, we go down into the dark flood of death, with him we rise to new life with God – we are “born again” “by the washing of regeneration”(Titus 3:5), no longer "children of wrath" but "children of grace" (Ephes. 2:1-13).

The grace of baptism is twofold: a once-for-all *event* and a continual *process*. The event it signifies is our deliverance from the *guilt* of sin: despite our sinfulness, we are accounted righteous before God, for Christ's sake, through repentance and faith. This deliverance, our justification, is perfect and complete. The process baptism signifies is our deliverance from the *power* of sin, our sanctification, which is never complete in this life. As the Edwardine Homily puts it, "the old Adam dies hard", and the Christian life is a long counter-insurgency against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. That's why the newly baptized person is signed with a cross, "in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil...". It is also why godparents were told: "[remember] always, that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession; which is, to follow 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

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. William C. Rodgers

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Leslie Johnson

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and to the beautification of St. John's Church.

THE TRINITY BRASS

was underwritten by Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Oelschig III in honor of Fr. Gavin Dunbar, Fr. Craig O'Brien, and Fr. Jeremy Bergstrom and St. John's Church.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 *volunteer requested*
10:30 Charles Perrie
John Osborne, Patrick Perrie
Turner Stevens, Edwin Shepherd
Phillip Inglesby, Henry Osborne

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Peter W. Schmidt

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

Hebrews with Fr. Bergstrom, Mondays at Noon,
Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that, as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from [or "unto"] sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying [i.e. putting to death] all our evil and corrupt affections and daily proceeding [i.e. "growing"] in all virtue and godliness of living." Though justified from all our sins, we remain sinners, and are released from our life-long struggle against sin only by the death of the body, and its resurrection. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2, 3). Contemporary liturgists extol baptismal piety while deploring the Prayer Book's penitential emphasis - yet the baptized life *is* a penitential life - it is by death and resurrection that we are delivered from the guilt and power of sin unto righteousness and life. GGD

EYCS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Needs-based scholarships for post-secondary education. Apply by **May 31st**. 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. eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org and click on *Education Scholarships*.

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. *Eucharist*

THURSDAY -CORPUS CHRISTI

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

Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Father Patrick Hunt's Ordination Anniversary

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

For more information: contact Caroline

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JANE'S CANNERS will be cooking in the Cranmer Hall kitchen through the summer on Wednesdays beginning at 10:15 a.m. Donations of sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, raisins, figs, pears, apples, squash, onions, etc. gratefully received. Please call Jane Pressly for more 4

MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

NEW DATE – FRIDAY JUNE 5TH

At the Westin.

Contact Jules Victor at:

victor.jules@gmail.com.

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

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.

10:15 a.m. — 12 Noon NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M. — ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 a.m. —Pre-school/Three-year-olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:15 A.M. MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Voluntaries for Brass

Voluntary for Brass and Organ: *Holy Is The Lord God*Felix Mendelssohn

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

Sentences, Confession, Absolution, the Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book, page 6-7
Versicles and Responses (*sung by the choir*) John Sanders
VENITE #606 (with Antiphon) 9
HYMN #266 *Holy, Holy, Holy* Nicaea
Psalm 145 (*said with congregation*) 520
First Lesson: Isaiah 6 *The prophet’s vision and call.*
TE DEUM in Bb (Charles V. Stanford) *The congregation is seated* 10
Second Lesson: Revelation 4:1-11, St. John 3:1-15 187
JUBILATE DEO in C (Benjamin Britten) 15
Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 1-5)
Apostles’ Creed 15
Versicles and Responses John Sanders
Collect for the Day 186
Second and Third Collect, the Grace 17, 20

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
SERMON Fr Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
Anthem: *I Am Alpha and Omega* John Stainer
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
Prayer and Blessing
HYMN #285 *The God of Abraham Praise*Leoni
VOLUNTARY: *Music for Brass Quintet*

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

12 Noon —HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) same as 8 a.m.