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BELONGING TO CHRIST (15)

What does it mean to belong to Christ? To answer that question, the Prayer Book Catechism begins with the Covenant to which we are admitted by Baptism, and within that covenantal structure of *belonging* to Christ it briefly and simply outlines the traditional three pillars of the catechesis - the Rule of *believing* (the Creed), the Rule of *behaving* (the Ten Commandments), and the Rule of *praying* (the Lord's Prayer). In an appendix on the Sacraments added in 1604, it revisits Baptism and addresses the Lord's Supper - what most Episcopalians now call the Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist. As we shall see, this provides a very fitting conclusion to the themes of the Covenant of Baptism which the Catechism has explored.

In its opening questions, the Catechism addressed the benefits, obligations, and the purpose of Baptism (as a "calling to the state of salvation"); and in the appendix it addressed its outward sign and inward grace. The same questions are asked of the Lord's Supper, but with a rather more explicit treatment of its purpose: *Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained? Answer. For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.* Its basis is

undoubtedly biblical. Jesus told his disciples, "Do this in *remembrance* of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25), and at the center of this remembrance is his death: as St. Paul says, "as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's *death* till he come" (11:26). In his death, as the New Testament constantly reminds us, Christ offered himself in *sacrifice* for sin, to reconcile us to the Father (e.g. Heb. 9, 10; 1 John 2:2), an act of atonement whose *benefits*, the remission of sins, and eternal life, *we receive* by means of the Sacrament.

To speak of the Sacrament as an act of remembrance of Christ's death locates that redeeming sacrifice in the past, as a fully accomplished act. The final shape of man's relation to God has been attained by the cross, and there is no other grace available to mankind than this "once for all" sacrifice. It does not need to be done again: to speak of the Sacrament as a repetition of Calvary is to suggest that his triumph should be undone, that he should again fall into the hands of wicked men, to be scourged and mocked and crucified once more. Nor does it need to be built upon, improved, or supplemented by others or ourselves: it is "a full,

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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 Joseph R. Ross, Esq.

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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy, Jr. and Mr. E. Runyon Tyler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy III.

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8:00 *volunteer welcome*
10:30 Charles Perrie, Patrick Perrie
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The Daughters of the King

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

Mallory's Mort D'Arthur:-3rd Floor
East. Led by David Noble.

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. *1 Kings* with Fr Dunbar
Reading Room, 3rd floor Cranmer Hall .

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION

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

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, figs, pears, apples, onions, 8 oz. jars, green peppers, etc. gratefully received. Please call Jane Pressly for more information 233-6551.

GREETERS NEEDED:

On Sundays at the Green Meldrim House, please help us extend a warm welcome to visitors to our parish! To volunteer your services, please call Jettie Johnson 598-7488.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

perfect, and sufficient, sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction", in which we may put our unreserved trust.

Precisely as a "once for all" redemption, completed in the past, it is not locked in the past. It is not like D-Day, or Waterloo, an event whose power fades with every passing year, as ripples diminish as they spread from the point of impact. What he accomplished in the past is present in power to redeem all men from all sins, in all places and all times, "until he comes again", and made present to the faithful, by means of the Sacrament.

The Eucharist as memorial of the once-for-all sacrifice and as sign of Christ's presence are drawn together in William Bright's Communion hymn (#189):

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
That bought us, once for all, on
Calvary's tree,
And having with us him that pleads
above,
We here present, we here spread forth
to thee,
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
And only look on us as found in him;
Look not on our misusings of thy
grace,
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so
dim;
For lo! between our sins and their
reward,
We set the passion of thy Son our
Lord. GGD

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
Monday through Thursday
9:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday closes at 12:00 noon

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*

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

To encourage prayer and witness for persecuted Christians and their persecutors, prayer cards and orange ribbons have been provided by a concerned parishioner and are available at the door.

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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SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH

Our parishioners may go away for their summer vacations, but our creditors don't take a holiday. Please continue to support your parish financially during the summer months.

THIS SUNDAY'S ANTHEM:

O brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother; / Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there; / To worship rightly is to love each other, / Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. // Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour / Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease; / Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, / And in its ashes plant the tree of peace! (Two stanzas from "Worship" by John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-1892)

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 191
Coffee is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

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

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

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #271 *Come, Thou Almighty King* Moscow
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s PrayerPrayer Book pages 3-7
 Versicles, Responses.....7-8
 VENITE #610 9
 Psalm #18:1-20 359
 First Lesson: I Samuel 9:15-10:1 *The Anointing of Saul* insert
 TE DEUM #613, #617 10
 Second Lesson: I John 3:13 and St. Luke 14:16 191
 BENEDICTUS #634 14
Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 1-5)
 Apostles' Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect for the Day..... 191
 Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace17-20
 HYMN *Come and Dine* insert
 THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *Worship*..... John Greenleaf Whittier/Geoffrey Shaw
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer for our Country 36
 Blessing
 HYMN #484 *Lift Up Your Heads, ye mighty gates*..... Truro
 ORGAN: *Toccata*.....Georgi Mushel

Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in 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 (Chapel) same as 8 a.m.