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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. Litany

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

In addition, on Thursday

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday, July 22nd

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

(TRINITY 8)

10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

PRAYER BOOK REVISION

The triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church is meeting in Austin, Texas. I have read somewhere that this gathering it is second in size only to that of the Republican Party - a comparison both ironic and significant. Much of its proceedings are of the most predictable character - "diversity" in everything but thought, where conformity is rigidly exacted. In my impetuous youth I was given to denouncing outbreaks of ecclesiastical folly, but I have long since recognized the folly of doing so. It's wasted breath. Or too much like shooting fish in a barrel.

As of the time of writing, the proposal for a twelve-year, eight-million-dollar, comprehensive revision of the 1979 Prayer Book is moving forward, though not without thoughtful opposition - an opposition that includes the delegation from

the Diocese of Georgia. Of course it is true that the 1979 Prayer Book needs revision. Most of it needs to be thrown out. Its vague doctrine, flat prose, and rootless antiquarianism have enervated the mind and heart of the Episcopal Church long enough. The Cranmerian texts it retains in Rite I should be liberated from the mutilations and illogical rearrangement foisted on them. But even the 1928 Prayer Book needs revision - there were some unhappy (though thankfully minor) alterations of the rites of Baptism and Holy Communion in it, and the daily office lectionary is weak. But, as everyone acknowledges, I am a person noted for his moderate views, and though there is much to be said in favor of a return to the 1559 Prayer Book, I would settle for the second American Prayer book of 1892. But strangely, this is not what is being proposed.

Instead, the resolution is a laundry list of Episcopalian pieties and preoccupations. In its current form, it calls for a revision that (take a deep breath) "will continue in faithful adherence to the historic rites of the Church Universal as they have been received and interpreted within the Anglican tradition of Common Prayer - and mindful of our existing ecumenical commitments while also providing space for, encouraging the submission of, and facilitating the perfection of rites that will arise from the continual

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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. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mr. Edwin H. Culver

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. John D. Riley

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. William Taylor
10:30 a.m. Jacob Perkins Hawkins Pindar
Jack McClellan Jamie McClellan
Haddon Watson Whit Watson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 26th Anniversary of the Reverend Gavin G. Dunbar's ordination on July 18, 1992.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P Howell III and Kathryne Howell Koritz by Jeanne, Caroline and Claire.

And in honor of Mr. Ross Hunter Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lorton S. Livingston by their family.

And in loving memory of George B. Backus, beloved husband and father by Marie Backus McGaughey and family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland,
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COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Jonathan C. Glenn

ROAMING GREETER

Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

CRANMER HALL-3RD FLOOR

Upper & Middle School – D. Svihel

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study With Father O'Brien and Will & Mary Helen Burdell. CH3-Reading Room
Father Dunbar's Class on 2 Kings - Chapel

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- *Jeremiah* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m. Third Floor Cranmer Hall

No Class on July 19th

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Book Study: T. H. White's "The Once and Future King" with Father O'Brien 9:15 a.m.,
CH3-Reading Room

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR , JANE'S CANNERS

We need: Figs, pears off the tree and jars. If you are interested in participating, please call Jane Pressly at 912-233-6511.

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR: This

Sunday, August 15th come by the coffee hour sign up table and let us know when you are available help or contact Joyce McClellan at mimi1joyce@aol.com

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

movement of the Holy Spirit among us and growing insights of our Church". It will "utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church's liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship". Moreover it will "continue to adhere to the four tenets of "the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral", "utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity", and "incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God's creation". Only Episcopalians, still oddly confident of their indispensable place in God's plans, could exhibit such confidence in their capacity to square the circle, sure that they can somehow harmonize the authority of Scripture, the universal Church, the Anglican tradition of common prayer, ecumenical commitments, the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral, the "continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us", the "growing insights of our Church", and the agendas of inclusivity, diversity, and "creation-care". Kitchen sink, anyone? We will have altars for Yahweh, Asherah, Moloch, and Baal. Notice too the anxiously self-congratulatory insistence on the *continual* movement of the Spirit among *us*, and the *growing* insights of *our* Church. It is unthinkable that God is not behind the latest Episcopalian pre-occupations. Unexpectedly, "all materials in Rite I" - that is, the remnant Cranmerian texts retained in the 1979 liturgy - are to be exempted from revision (at least, in the current form of the resolution). The memory of the blood shed in the suppression of the 1928 Prayer Book perhaps has a restraining influence.

What's odd about the Episcopal Church is how little it has changed since the early 1980's, when I was first drawn into the Anglican world. The same self-congratulatory self-confidence in its own wisdom and importance, the same contempt for and ignorance of its own history, the same obsession with fruitless liturgical tinkering and progressive agendas. The dwarfs are for the dwarfs.
GGD

◆ WELCOME ◆

Mrs. Sean (Melanie) Finnegan has very kindly stepped in as Acting Children's Church/Sunday School Supervisor. She will be meeting children at the Church Door when they leave the 10:30 service (during the Benedictus at Morning Prayer, during the Hymn before the Sermon at Sung Eucharist). If you would like to assist her please let her know! Contact Melanie Finnegan (912-856-6210).

◆ UPCOMING EVENT ◆

Savannah Voice Festival August 4 - 26, 2018 the sixth annual season, "Stories Great and Small". The Salon Series - VOICE Society Exclusive, sponsored by St. John's Church will be Tuesday, August 7th and 21st. Guests (Voice Society Members) will enjoy an hour-long concert followed by a light supper and champagne reception in the historic Green Meldrim House, with a silent auction to take an original painting home. For more information visit:
SavannahVOICEFestival.org

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL Prayer Book, page 198
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

Summer Children's Nursery for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor),
 is available from 9:15a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)**10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

HYMN: #149 <i>Awake, My Heart, and Render</i>	Selnecker
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE: #609	9
Psalms #46, 47	396, 397
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:10-25 <i>Set free from slavery, to serve the Lord</i>	<i>insert</i>
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #615, 619	10
Second Lesson: Romans 6:19 & Mark 8:1	198, 199
BENEDICTUS #634	14
Apostles' Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect of the Day	198
Collects for Peace and for Grace, other prayers	17-20, 41
Welcome and Announcements	The Rector
HYMN: #378 <i>Come, Gracious Spirit, Heav'nly Dove</i>	Mendon
Sermon	Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i>	Philip W. J. Stopford
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)	
General Thanksgiving (<i>said by all</i>) and Aaronic Blessing	19
HYMN: #302 <i>O That I Had a Thousand Voices</i>	Mentzer
VOLUNTARY: <i>Trumpet Voluntary I in Bb</i>	William Rowan

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House
 immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.*

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)