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THIS SUNDAY FROM ST. JOHN'S

8 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, BCP pp. 215-217

A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

Music for this Sunday:

Finale (Op. 65, No. 6), Felix Mendelssohn

Andantino in A, W. G. Alcock

Communion I, Alexandre Guilmant

9 A.M. – FAMILY MORNING PRAYER, Church

Bishop Logue preaching

The nursery will be available for this service.

A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

10 A.M. – ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL, Cranmer Hall

Note: Faith & Fellowship will not meet this week.

The nursery will be available during Sunday school.

Masks are required for children ages 3 to 12.

11 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & BAPTISM, Church

(In-person and online)

Bishop Logue preaching

The nursery will be available for this service.

Music for this Sunday:

#272 *Thou Whose Almighty Word*, Moscow

#450 *As Pants the Hart*, Martyrdom

#414 *O For a Heart to Praise my God*, Azmon (#776)

Anthem: *Blessed Is The Man*, Maurice C. Whitney

#109 *Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come!*, Veni Sancte Spiritus

Fanfare, Op. 85, C. S. Lang

THE HOLY ANGELS

In the *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, the children meet an old man, a star of the heavens at rest, awaiting his rejuvenation to take his “rising again ... and once more ‘tread the great dance’.” “In our world,” says a scientifically-minded child, “a star is a huge ball of flaming gas”. The old man replies, “Even in your world, my son, that is not what a star is but only what it is made of.”

Thus Lewis neatly disposes of the narrow materialism of our age, its assumption we can account for the whole of reality in terms of atoms and molecules, and can explain all human behavior simply in terms of evolutionary adaptation. Such reductionist accounts omit the very things that give meaning to existence, and make it bearable: beauty and truth, love and justice. If morality is simply an evolutionary adaptation, then there is no moral order, and there can be no ethical obligation. “That is not what a star is but only what it is made of”.

In the Creed we confess God as the creator of “all things visible and invisible” – a quotation of Colossians 1:16-17: “by [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him”. God is Author not only of the material creation, but of the spiritual, which consists of the living spiritual powers and principles by which the created order is governed. These have various names in

Scripture (seraphim, cherubim and thrones; dominions, virtues, powers, and principalities) – but they are most commonly known as “angels” (or archangels) from the Greek word for “messenger”, because they impart to men in words what they know directly of God and of his will. Their existence and activity is taken for granted in the Bible, and by Jewish and Christian writers of antiquity. An extended treatment of them was the work of the great angelologists of the Christian tradition, Dionysius the Areopagite, Augustine, Gregory the Great; and Thomas Aquinas. Though the Reformers sometimes reproved the older accounts for “speculation”, they

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday, Oct. 11th:

Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day

The Church office will be closed.

No services today.

Tuesday – Friday, Oct. 12-15th

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, online

In addition, Tuesday – Wednesday

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

In addition, Thursday, Oct. 14th

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with*

Holy Communion, Chapel

Sunday, Oct. 17th: Trinity 20

(ARDF Collection),

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Church

10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*,

Cranmer Hall (In-person)

11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

(In-person and online)

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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 CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mr. Jonathan D. Sprague

USHER CHAIR

9 a.m. Mr. Robert L. Sparks

11 a.m. Mr. Jonathan D. Sprague

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Joseph R. Ross, Mrs. William T. Moore, Mrs. James F. Holtzclaw, and Mrs. John P. Sheahan

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Altman and in honor of Sarah Elizabeth DeWeese's birthday by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family.

And in honor of, and in gratitude for Mr. and Mrs. William A. Schaller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Schaller and their families for their wonderful support by Mrs. Marie H. Simmons.

And in loving memory of JoAnn Clark Troxler by her husband, Paul Drewry Troxler and her children and grandchildren.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edmund Stevens, Jr. by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers at the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and on the occasion of the baptism of Greyson Clifton Hester by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifton Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dadin Stevens, and by his great grandfather, Paul Drewry Troxler.

BISHOP LOGUE

We are excited to welcome The Rt. Rev'd Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia, to St. John's this Sunday, Oct. 10th. He will preach at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Morning Prayer services.

ARDF COLLECTION

On Sunday, Oct. 17th we'll have a special collection for ARDF. Please give generously to strengthen faith communities in the developing world.

acknowledged the important role of the angels in our redemption. Only in the modern materialistic world have the angels been reduced to saccharine sentimentality.

Scripture testifies that God created the angels (Ps. 148), and that their nature as created was unflawed in its goodness (Gen. 1:31). God moves the holy angels by love of his beauty, as Hooker says in language of remarkable intensity: "for beholding the face of God, in admiration of so great excellency they all adore him; and being rapt with the love of his beauty, they cleave inseparably for ever unto him. Desire to resemble him in goodness maketh them unwearable and even insatiable in their longing to do by all means all manner good unto all the creatures of God, but especially unto the children of men: in the countenance of whose nature, looking downward, they behold themselves beneath themselves; even as upward, in God, beneath whom they themselves are, they see that character which is now where but in themselves and us resembled".

Having attained "that high perfection of bliss, [the holy angels] are without possibility of falling". Not so the fallen angels more commonly called demons (after the pagan word for angels) or devils. They were not by nature evil; they became evil through their own choice. Scripture testifies to their fall (Rev. 12:7-9; Luke 10:18). Enraptured by his own created beauty, and forgetful of his dependence upon the Creator, Satan sought to make himself like God, and drew many others after him into his disobedience. The fall of the angels was pride (Isaiah 14:12-15), and in their fall, and in the awareness of the eternal chains that await them in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:17), their wrath breaks out in malice towards his creatures, and especially to the faithful in Christ (Rev. 12:7).

The story of the fall of the angels stirs the imagination and inspired literature like Milton's *Paradise Lost* – but it is not a mere myth. Symbolic elements are there in the language of scripture, but what they symbolize is the structure of spiritual reality. The fall of the angels illuminates the nature of evil. Evil is no substance, as good is, it is not an ultimate reality, it exists only as a perversion of the good; and in the end it cannot prevail. God's good and perfect will shall be done among men on earth as it is already done among the holy angels in heaven. To think otherwise is to open the door to despair. May Michael the Archangel defend us in battle, and be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil!

– GGD

BRASS FOR MICHAELMAS 2021

In addition to the donors listed last week, the Music of The Brass Quintet is also given by:

- Angela M. Fisher
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KIDS' BOUTIQUE AT PACK

Starting this month, the Outreach Committee will begin collecting new outfits for the 6-year-old girls' rack. Parishioners are encouraged to purchase new outfits for 6-year-old girls. (Checks and Target or Amazon gift cards are also welcome.) Donations may be dropped off at 4 Mall Terrace during the times St. John's volunteers are there (1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m.). Please make sure all donations still have the tags on them. Contact Elaine Barrow at ehbarrow@aol.com or 912-856-1774.

Please remember St. John's Church in your will.