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THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church

Introit: Psalm 84, BCP p. 445-446

The Collect, BCP p. 209

The Epistle: Galatians 5:16, BCP p. 209

The Gospel: St. Luke 17:2, BCP p. 209-210

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

9 A.M. – FAMILY MORNING PRAYER, Church

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, Chapel/Zoom

Fr. Dunbar's study of Jeremiah moves to the chapel this week. To participate remotely, email hharvey@stjohnssav.org for a link.

This Sunday, Sr. High Sunday school students will join Fr. Jameson's class in the Reading Room of the third floor of Cranmer Hall.

11 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church & Online

The nursery will be available for this service.

Music for this Sunday:

#151 & 152 *Awake, My Soul*, Tallis' Canon (#165)

#376 *Come Down, O Love Divine*, Down Ampney

Offertory Anthem: *O Taste and See*, R. Vaughan Williams

Communion Motet: *Alleluia for Trinity XIV*, Tone Vi, English Gradual

#462 *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*, Windsor

#302 *O That I Had a Thousand Voices*, Mentzer

Final Voluntary: *Postlude*, Bryan Kelly

2022 HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR, NOV. 9-10TH

Sponsored by the Women of St. John's Church, this bazaar is one of the oldest traditions in Savannah, celebrating almost 80 years of fundraising for area charities. We will share details about this year's event, including volunteer opportunities, in the weeks ahead. You may also visit their webpage at StJohnsSav.org/hdb and sign up for email updates.

Building God's House. **2023 Stewardship Season**

Our Stewardship Campaign runs through Oct. 23rd. This is a time for us to reflect on the use of our own gifts in the service of Christ and his Church. Pledge cards have been mailed and are available at the Church door.

BUILDING THE HOUSE OF GOD (I)

Scripture is replete with building projects. Entire chapters detail the building of the Tabernacle of Moses, the Temple of Solomon, the House of David, and after the return from exile, the rebuilding of the Temple and of the walls of Jerusalem, not to mention visionary versions of the same in Ezekiel. Grand building projects do not feature in the New Testament, where Jesus points to their inevitable fate: "there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not thrown down" (Mark 13:2). Yet the imagery of building pervades the New Testament: "whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock..." (Matthew 7:24). Most significantly the language of building, temple, and city, is applied metaphorically to the structured communities that grew up in response to the gospel. "Know ye not that ye [i.e. Christians collectively] are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). And the "edification" of the neighbour – what "builds up" others in the faith and unity of the church – becomes one of the chief criteria for action. "Let us follow after the things wherewith one may edify another" (Romans 14:19).

The Bible's building story starts, however, not with the action of men, but of God. The world, which he creates by his Word and Spirit, is a kind of building, covered by the vault of the firmament, providing a place in which all creatures can live and flourish, but especially the human beings who bear his image and act for him among other creatures. It is also a garden – a place that nourishes and delights – in which God himself is present, "walking in the garden in the cool of the day" (3:8), and talking with human beings. His presence vouchsafes to them the gift of communion and fellowship with him, a presence that enables us to glorify and enjoy his infinite goodness and beauty and truth. Man is made to live in God's presence, to grow up in his grace, to glorify and enjoy his infinite goodness, and only thus can he attain full humanity. Apart from God's presence, man cannot be fully human, cannot be all that he is meant to be.

The fall therefore is a calamity, a non-reversible, self-inflicted wound that separates man from God, that sets him at odds with Creator and the whole order of creation, and everything in it, including himself. From man's side there is no way back: the angel stands at the gate with 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. 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. Mrs. Benjamin Baxter (Cathy)

USHER CHAIR

Mr. Robert L. Sparks

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. (Laura), and Dr. Linda Ann McCall

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Meldrim Coy and Sally McAdoo Coy by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Coy.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. Edward John Derst, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Derst III and family.

And in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Helmken and loved ones, and in thanksgiving for St. John's Church by Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Helmken, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert.

And in loving memory of Pauline T. Layman on her birthday by R. Leslie and Robin Johnson.

To offer flowers for the Altar, call the Church office at 912-232-1251. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in.

MEN OF ST. JOHN'S

The annual meeting is **Thursday, Sept. 29th**, at 6 p.m., in the Green-Meldrim House. A representative from the Georgia Ports Authority will present the future of the ports. Appetizers and beverages will be provided. RSVP by **Sept. 27th** by emailing savfinn@gmail.com. The cost is \$15 at the door.

EVENSONG FOR MICHAELMAS

Plan to join us **Sunday, Oct. 2nd** at 5:30 p.m. for Solemn Choral Evensong for Michaelmas. Prelude music begins at 5:05 p.m. If you've never been to an evensong, discover the beauty of this ancient tradition of worship in song.

flaming sword. The long history of salvation set forth in the Scripture maps the rescue operation and recovery plan of the Creator, which unfolds throughout history, but is centered in the history of one people, wherein the promise and pattern of man's return out of alienation from God into communion and fellowship with him is slowly unfolded until it comes to fulfillment. It is the story of God's building a spiritual house, a place of communion and fellowship with man.

This long story begins with the story of Abraham (Gen 12-25). God speaks a word of promise and of command to Abraham: for the sake of the promised blessing he is to abandon his homeland for a land that God would show him. Abraham obeys with the obedience of faith, and in the land God once again speaks to him, to promise possession of the land to his "seed" (a term that means offspring or descendants). In response, Abraham "buidled there an altar unto the Lord who had appeared unto him"; and again, in a new location in the land, "buidled an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord". An altar is not a temple or a city, but it is indeed something "buidled"; and the purpose of this building is directed to the presence of God. For in the building of the altar, in the offering of sacrifice, in calling on the name of the Lord, Abraham acknowledges the Lord who spoke to him words of promised blessing as his own God, and demonstrates his resolve to cling to the promise God, in faith and love, in prayer and thanksgiving. That's what sacrifice is: a means of clinging to God, of cleaving to God, of adhering to God, of having fellowship with God. As Augustine said, a sacrifice is every act that is done for the sake of communion with God. When we make

over to God something of our own that is precious to ourselves, with prayer or thanksgiving for some good, we are acknowledging our dependence on him, and our desire for his favor and fellowship. We are surrendering ourselves to him, that he may take us as his own.

The building of the spiritual house where God dwells among his people in favor and fellowship begins with the building of the altar, in calling on the name of the Lord in prayer, and in the offering of sacrifice. We are not our own, we belong to the Lord; and the gifts we give – the alms and oblations we offer – are the tokens of our allegiance, our desire and gratitude for his presence.

– GGD

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday – Friday, Sept. 19–24th
8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

In addition, Monday

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

In addition, Tuesday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
(with *Holy Communion* on Tuesday)

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
(with *Holy Communion* on Thursday)

In addition, on Wednesday
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel
[Moved to the Chapel this week.]

In addition, on Friday
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 25th, Trinity XV
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Holy Communion*, Chapel
10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*,
Cranmer Hall/Chapel/Zoom
11 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church/Online
12:15 p.m. *Coffee Hour*, Green-Meldrim

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