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THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church

Introit: Psalm 85, BCP p.446 ;

The Collect, BCP p. 225 ; The Epistle, Jeremiah 23:5-8, BCP pp. 225

The Gospel : St. John 6:5-14, BCP pp. 225-6

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

9 A.M. – FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION, Church

10 A.M. – SUNDAY SCHOOL

See list of classes and locations online at StJohnsSav.org/grow

11:00 A.M. – CHORAL MATTINS & SERMON, Church & Online

The nursery will be available for this service.

Music for this Sunday:

#484 *Lift Up Your Heads* (Truro)

Canterbury Responses, Set Two, Martin How

Venite, William Boyce

Psalm 85: *Benedixisti, Domine*, Kellow J. Pye

Te Deum in B flat Major, C.V. Stanford

Benedictus: Tonus Peregrinus, Philip Moore

O Thou the Central Orb, Charles Wood

#285 *The God of Abraham Praise* (Leoni)

#357 *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus* (In Babilone)

Final Voluntary: *Nun danket alle Gott*, Franz Liszt

MEETINGS & EVENTS UPCOMING

THURS. NOV. 23:	11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
FRI. NOV. 24:		Church Office closed.
SUN. NOV. 26:	11 a.m.	Choral Mattins & Sermon
FRI. DEC. 1:	5:30 p.m.	Anniversary Celebration of the Green-Meldrim House Purchase RSVP/register at stjohnssav.org/gmhparty
SAT. DEC. 2:	4:30 p.m.	First Saturday at Starland Yard (2411 De Soto Ave 30401)
SUN. DEC. 3:	10 a.m.	Advent Wreath Making for All Ages. Cranmer Hall First Floor
	5-7 p.m.	Sunday Night Sessions #7: Dave Zahl (see: stjohnssav.org/sns)
	5-7 p.m.	Youth Group: The Royal Priesthood, Cranmer Hall
FRI. DEC. 8:	6 p.m.	Coelorum Gaudia: Ralston College Seasonal Choral Concert, Free admission. Church.
WED. DEC. 13:	5:30 p.m.	Faith + Fiction Book Group. <i>The Scarlet Letter</i> , Green-Meldrim House

GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS

In Tolkien's great mythic parable, *The Lord of the Rings*, the races of hobbits and men are latecomers in a history that began long before they arrived on the scene, and whose deeper significance is not readily apparent. So one of the significant moments is when the representatives of hobbits and men meet in council at Rivendell with those like Elrond, whose memories go back to the "elder days", and who can set the challenges the hobbits and men both face in a larger and illuminating perspective. Only thus can they know what and how their own mission must be accomplished.

Robert Crouse was not of elven race, but in him the memory of the "elder days" lived on, with rare perspicacity of understanding, and a gift for imparting its deep spiritual wisdom. Born in a mill village of his ancestors, Crousetown, Nova Scotia, he was a Canadian Anglican priest; held a doctorate from Harvard; was a professor of Classics at King's College, Halifax; a profound scholar of the Platonic and Augustinian tradition right up to Thomas Aquinas and Dante; Vice-President of the Prayer Book Society of Canada (along with the great evangelical teacher J. I. Packer); the teacher and mentor of Prayer Book Anglican clergy like me and many others. He had a rare gift for concise and lucid utterance conducive both to understanding and to prayer. Both in conversation and

UPCOMING WORSHIP WEEK OF TRINITY XXV

Mon.-Fri., Nov. 27th – Dec. 1st
8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

Monday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Wednesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

Thursday: Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle & Martyr

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with*
Holy Communion, Chapel
12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with*
Holy Communion, Chapel

Friday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Sunday, December 3rd (Advent I)

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*,
Church

10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. *Holy Communion*,
Church/Online

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour,
Green-Meldrim House

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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

11:00 a.m. Mrs. Paul M. Pressly (Jane)

USHER CHAIRS

Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr. (Chip);

Mr. Robert L. Sparks

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. (Sally), Mrs. Jeanne Howell McMillan, Mrs. Clarkson C. Logan (Meta), Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. (Laura), Ms. Linda H. Pounds, and Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr. (Margaret).

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar on Thanksgiving Day are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Albert Sidney Newton by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers;

And in church this Sunday, the flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Johnston;

And in loving memory of Louis Woodbury (Ray) Schmidt on the 108th anniversary of his birth, by his daughter, Susan; and his son, Peter.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Belford, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford.

And in loving memory of Jettie Johnston from her husband Dr. Thomas S. Johnston and her daughters Jettie Lynn Hearne and Julia Umberger.

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

in teaching, his words were few, but always worth waiting for.

Notoriously, he did without a telephone, but accepted the new invention of the fax machine, because it allowed for reflection before making a response to the questions that came his way on points of faith and theology. I have my own treasured file of faxes to the questions I posed him, and I only wish I had sent him more.) In his later years, his reputation grew, and as his students multiplied and scattered across North America and Europe, so his invitations to speak increased, and he found ready audiences not only among high church Anglicans like himself but among Evangelicals and Roman Catholics. Notably, in his later years, though a Prayer Book Anglican to his bones, he was a regular visiting professor at the Augustinianum in Rome, the only non-Roman Catholic to be so honored.

Until his death in 2011, he was a frequent visitor to St. John's, a cherished friend of this parish, and a regular conductor of the Elliott House clergy seminars on classic works of theology like Dante, Augustine's *Confessions* and Boethius' *Consolation of Philosophy*. I know he is remembered by many parishioners from that time; but along with a number of his other former students, I have been involved in a project of publishing his works, and making them available to larger audiences. The first work has just been published, a slim volume of spiritual meditations called *Images of Pilgrimage: Paradise and Wilderness in Christian Spirituality*. It will be followed by two volumes of selected sermons, entitled *The Soul's Pilgrimage*. These are volumes for the general reader, but they nonetheless demand a reflective,

unhurried reading: Crouse knew that the most effective communication often is found as much in what is not said explicitly, but only implied.

This Sunday's gospel lesson (John 6:5-14) was one to which he often referred. When the multitude have eaten and are full, Jesus bids the disciples "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost", an act of gratitude, but also of provision, for when they do so, they fill twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves so wondrously multiplied by Christ – enough, that is, for the twelve apostles of the Lamb to feed the twelve tribes of God's new Israel, the Church and people of God among all nations. "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost": this spoke too to his work of ingathering the great legacy of spiritual wisdom, which has come down to us from the witnesses of Christ in every age, that it may continue to nourish the spiritual hungers of our own age, and sustain the renewal of the Church so sorely vexed and distressed in our time. Fr. Crouse's learning – his memory of the elder days – was never mere nostalgia, or antiquarianism: it was always directed to the renewal of the Church, of its faith, and hope and love for God, by these gifts of God the Holy Spirit.

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URGENT NEED: CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR P.A.C.K. (BY DECEMBER 11)

Personal care kits, board games, art kits, basketballs, and footballs are needed for 500+ kids by our Outreach Partner, PACK. Gifts may be sent directly to Melanie Finnegan (mfinnegan@moffattnichol.com) or brought to Cranmer Hall by Dec. 11. <https://tinyurl.com/PACKChristmas>