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THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church

Introit: Psalm 33, BCP pp378-379 ; The Collect, BCP p.171-172;
The Epistle, 1 St. Peter 2:19, BCP p.172 ; Gospel, St. John 10:11, BCP p. 172.
A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9 A.M. – FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION, Chapel

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

10 A.M. – ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

*A full list of Sunday Classes and room assignments is available
online at StJohnsSav.org/grow*

11 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON, Church & Online

The nursery will be available for this service.

*The music of pipes before & after service is given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Martha Dennison Somoskey by Frank Somoskey.*

12:15 P.M. – COFFEE HOUR, Green-Meldrim House

*All are welcome to this time of refreshment and fellowship.
Sophie's Gift Shop will be open for browsing during Coffee Hour this week.*

Music for this Sunday:

Prelude: *Ave Maria*, Pietro Mascagni

*In honor of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (celebrated April 8)
and in memory of my late wife Denny Somoskey by Frank Somoskey.*

#89 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (Salzburg)

Canticles: *Venite, exultemus ; Te Deum laudamus; Benedictus*

The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23), Howard Goodall

(featuring members of the St. John's Boy's Choir)

#345 *The King of Love my Shepherd Is* (St. Columba)

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

APRIL 17 Wednesdays at P.A.C.K. 4 Mall Terrace 4:30- 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 27 Men of St. John's Work Day at The Living Vine

Saturday, 9 a.m. Landscaping. Call or email Sean Finnegan at
912.441.3267 or savfinn@gmail.com to sign up

APRIL 27 Georgia Southern Symphony String Camerata. Church, 7 p.m.

This concert is free and open to the public.

MAY 12 Family Evensong with the St. John's Boy's Choir Church, 5 p.m.

MAY 13 Links for the Living Vine Golf Tournament stjohnssav.org/golf

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EATING AND DRINKING

In Acts 23:12-14, we hear of a conspiracy of forty men, who had “bound themselves by a great curse”, not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. Oddly enough, it is a detail that illuminates a feature of the gospels – that they never (almost never) show us Jesus engaged in eating or drinking. There is no suggestion that he did not need to eat and drink: to the contrary, it is implied that eating and drinking were normal activities for him, which is just what we should expect of someone truly human, and truly embodied, as Jesus was. So for instance, we are told he fasted in the desert – which implies that he was not fasting before – and that it was a real temptation to him to turn stones into bread; and he is frequently present at meals, either as guest or host. But there is never (almost never) any report of his eating and drinking anything, even if he must actually have done so. The fact that there is never (almost never) any report of his eating and drinking is not, I suspect, without theological significance.

What this significance might be is made explicit in the 4th chapter of John. When the disciples return with food from the city of Sychar to Jacob's well where they had left Jesus, they urge him to eat; and when he replies, “I have meat [that is, food] to eat that ye know not of”, they ask each other, “Hath any man brought him ought to eat?” Jesus clarifies what he means: “My meat [food] is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:31-34). Like the forty

men who had bound themselves with a curse to kill Paul, the abstention from food and drink is a sign of devotion to his own mission. In the case of Jesus, however, the mission is not to kill his enemies, but to sustain life in others. Indeed, one of his most

UPCOMING WORSHIP: WEEK OF EASTER 2

MON.-FRI ., April 15th – 19th
Online prayer will resume April 29th.

Monday: 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

**Sunday, April 21: Easter 3
(the Third Sunday after Easter)**
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Church
10 a.m. All Ages Sunday School
11 a.m. *Sung Eucharist & Sermon*,
Church/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.

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11 a.m. Mr. R. Scott Howard

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Mrs. Glen M. Darbyshire (Connie)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in memory of Denny Somoskey and the celebration of their marriage on April 16, 1966 by her loving husband, Frank Somoskey;

And to the glory of God and on the occasion of the baptism of Holly Ann Helton by her parents Drs. Matthew and Sally Helton.

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

CALLING THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHNS

The Women of Saint John's (WSJ) is an organization of the parish open to all adult women who wish to be involved. There are no dues and no obligations – just an opportunity to grow in faith and in fellowship with other women as we come together to support the mission of St. John's Church. For more information, see our recent letter in this week's eblast, or online at stjohnssav.org/women. Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 9 at 5:30** at the Green-Meldrim House.

characteristic miracles – the only one recounted in all four gospels – is the miraculous provision of bread and fishes in the wilderness.

The food and drink that he provides, however, is not provision for the belly and its appetites. “Labour not for the meat which perisheth” (John 6:29). The earthly paradise of gratified appetites promised by Marxism and delivered by Capitalism is not the paradise he promises. The food he provided for the body is a sign of the true food and drink of the soul, which we receive by faith alone: “I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst” (6:35). Moreover the food and drink he provides are not other than himself: “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” (6:51). “Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day” (6:54). “He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him” (6:56). The consummation of his mission is to provide spiritual food and drink by means of his own death on the cross. In the Lord's Supper, we truly partake in this spiritual food and drink. In the accounts of Christ's death, it is drink that becomes more prominent than solid food. In Luke's account of the last supper, Jesus says to his disciples “With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until

the kingdom of God shall come” (22:16-18). At the Passover meal, of course he must have eaten and drunk – but what we hear is the fast from food and drink until his mission is accomplished – in the coming of the kingdom of God. But that requires he drink of the cup of wrath, about which he prays in the garden: “Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me” – the cup of God's wrath – “nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done” (Luke 22:42). On the cross “they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh” (to deaden the pain): “but he received it not” (Mark 15:23) – he is going to drink the bitter cup of wrath to the dregs. Yet after his cry of dereliction, “one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink” (Mt 27:48). John reports, that at this point, “Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished” (John 19:28-30). This single direct report of Jesus receiving something to drink is a sign the cup of wrath has been drunk to the dregs. In his resurrection, Jesus appears to two disciples, and is recognized by them, “in the breaking of bread”, in his characteristic act of hospitality; yet it is only that same evening, when he appears to the assembly of the disciples, that he asks for and eats before them “a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb” (24:42, 43), proof he is not a ghost, but the risen Lord, whose mission is now done.

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