

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**, Church

(Enter by south doors on Charlton Street)

Introit: Psalm 71, BCP pp. 425-426

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel: BCP pp. 212-213

*A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.***9:00 A.M. FAMILY MORNING PRAYER**, Chapel

(Enter by north door under arches)

10:00 A.M. – SUNDAY SCHOOL (all ages), Chapel & Cranmer Hall**11:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION & SERMON**, Church & Online

(Enter by south doors on Charlton Street)

*The nursery will be available for this service***MUSIC FOR THIS SUNDAY:**Voluntary: *Sonata Dramtica*, Thomas Candlyn484 *Lift Up Your Heads* (Truro)#376 *Come Down, O Love Divine* (Down Ampney)Offertory Anthem: *O Lord, Increase our Faith*, Henry Loosemore#455 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (St. Peter)Communion Anthem: *Thee We Adore*, Thomas Candlyn#479 *Love Divine* (Hyfrydol)Voluntary: *Grand Chœur*, Théodore Salomé**Special House/Church Tour
Every Wednesday in September!**

The Green-Meldrim House and St. John's Church are offering a special combination tour every **Wednesday in September (Sept. 11, 18 and 25)**. Tours are 1 & 2:30 p.m. with William Douglas performing a recital from 2:10-2:30 p.m. and concluding with refreshments on the porch. To reserve, call 912-233-3845 or visit GreenMeldrimHouse.org.

Next P.A.C.K. Wed., Sept. 18

Join us to pack food for children in need on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 4:30-6 p.m.** at 4 Mall Terrace, Savannah. There are a variety of volunteering opportunities for all ages. Contact Stuart Clifford at stuartclifford@comcast.net with any questions.

**Upcoming Green-Meldrim Lectures
Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m.**

The Useful and the Beautiful: A Summer Adventure (with Victorian Society in America, Savannah Chapter) Friends of the GMH: Free; General Public: \$10

Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

Earthquakes, Cranes and Parapets: How a Local Architect Led the Team that Saved John Norris's Gothic Revival Roof of her Family Home! Anna Habersham Wright Smith, Architect. General Public: Free. Call 912-233-3845 to reserve your space.

Summer Sale in GMH Sophie's Shop

Save on unique items in The Green-Meldrim House's gift shop and peruse new items too. Open Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.. Interested in working a shift in the shop? Email jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org.

The Parish Paper

OF

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

**THE CATHOLICITY
OF THE PRAYER BOOK PART III**

It is in the liturgies it provides for the sacraments that the Prayer Book's claim to be fully reformed and fully catholic – without being puritan or papist – is most contested. Naturally, the chief focus is on the service known variously as the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Holy Communion, or the Eucharist – all of them terms with ancient origins, and varied patterns of use among catholics and protestants. The matter chiefly contested is the nature of Christ's presence in the sacrament, and its relation to the physical elements of bread and wine.

The most common view of the eucharist among many protestants today is memorialist and symbolic. The eucharist is a merely symbolic action, whereby Christians are reminded of Christ's saving death on the cross – and nothing more. It's all subjective, a testimony to the faith of the receiver. One might ask, then, if Christ is just a projection of your own convictions, a figment of your imagination. When a literary hostess in Manhattan discoursed enthusiastically to Flannery O'Connor about the "rich symbolism of the eucharist", the writer responded "if it's just symbolism, I say to hell with it". If Christ is not truly present, if we have no access to Christ by means of the eucharist, then it is of no value to receivers. Merely symbolic reminders of Jesus are not Jesus. They are souvenirs, tokens of absence.

Over against such subjective memorialism, among the catholic-minded, the presence of Christ in the elements themselves in realistic terms that are vaguely ("mystical") quasi-

**UPCOMING WORSHIP:
WEEK OF TRINITY 16****Online Morning Prayer:**

8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

Monday:5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel**Tuesday:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel**Wednesday, Ember Day:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church**Thursday:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel**Friday, Ember Day:**5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel**Saturday, St. Matthew,
Apostle & Evangelist:**11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel**Sunday, September 22: (Trinity 17)**8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church9 a.m. *Family Holy Communion*, Chapel10 a.m. *Sunday School*, Chapel & Cranmer Hall11 a.m. *Morning Prayer & 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.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mrs. James F. Holtzclaw (Sherry)

USHER CHAIRS

Mr. Mark D. Stevens
and Mr. Frank Somoskey

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FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Peter Meldrim Coy and Sally McAdoo Coy on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Coy.

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 Mrs. Elizabeth H. Schubert.

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

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL Cranmer Hall (10-11 a.m.)

- **Breakfast**, 1st Fl, Fellowship Hall
- **Nursery** with Ashley Rhetta and Grier Ring, 2nd Fl, Front Room
- **Children's (Pre K+K)** with Ms. Margaret Wyly, 2nd Fl, off children's chapel
- **Children's (1st-5th)** with Ms. Sarah Ross, 2nd Fl, Children's Chapel
- **Sr. High Sunday Class (6-12th)** with Mr. Steven Vanderlip, 3rd Fl, Middle Classroom #1 (off Ralston Room)
- **Devotional Classics Class** with Bishop Lambert, 3rd Fl, Reading Room
- **Faith and Fellowship Class** with Father Jameson, 3rd Fl, Ralston Room
- **5-7 p.m. Youth Group + Nursery** (Parents' Night Out) with Mr. Steven Vanderlip (Select Sundays)

St. Mary's Chapel (10-11 a.m.)

Study of St. Matthew's Gospel with
Father Dunbar, St. Mary's Chapel

physical or material. It's all objective, so objective, that the faith of the receiver may seem irrelevant. The "magic mouthful" is all that is needed, a merely formal participation in a ceremony, a sign of group solidarity or institutional membership. The presence of Jesus is so completely identified with the material elements and ceremony of the community as to be indistinguishable.

These are of course one-sided sketches to the point of caricature, but they bring out the limitations of common accounts of the sacraments. The eucharist is indeed a memorial of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice on the cross ("do this in remembrance of me"), but it is also the church's daily sacrifice ("let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually" Heb 13:15 cf. Rom 12:1); it is a symbol of Christ's body and blood given for us, but also a means of real participation in them ("The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" cf 1 Cor 10:16). If, following a conventional "via media" model of Anglicanism, you tried to blend symbolic memorialism with mystical realism, you end up with an incoherent mystical muddle. In the classical Anglicanism of the Prayer Book we find something much better: an account of the sacraments that integrates without muddling objective and subjective, symbol and reality, Christ's once for all sacrifice for us and the Church's continual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; one that does justice both to reformed and catholic imperatives. The humanity of the ascended Christ is at the Father's right hand in heaven, but according to his promise his presence is truly manifested in the world by means of his Spirit, work-

ing in the hearts and minds of men by means of the Word and Sacraments. His presence in the sacraments is "true and spiritual", not fictive or material; and it is given to faith alone; Christ once dead dieth no more; he does not fall again in the hands of wicked men.

The earliest generation of reformers shied away from calling this a "real presence" – to them the word "real" meant "carnal" or "material"; yet Hooker speaks of "real participation" in Christ, and Andrewes of "real presence". But there can be no doubt that a real presence "after an heavenly and spiritual manner" was held by the English reformers. As Cranmer said in his trial, "In my book I have written in more than an hundred places, that we receive the self-same body of Christ that was born of the Virgin Mary, that was crucified and buried, that rose again, ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and the contention is only in the manner and form how we receive it. For I say (as all the old holy fathers and martyrs used to say), that we receive Christ spiritually by faith with our minds, eating his flesh and drinking his blood: so that we receive Christ's own very natural body, but not naturally nor corporally". – GGD

(to be continued)

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family of Cynthia Spencer Young Bowman who died August 27. A graveside service was held in Columbus, GA on August 31, 2024.

THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Join us in observing the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist on **Saturday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m.** with Holy Communion in the Chapel.