

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S*The nursery is available from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.***8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, Church***A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 8 a.m. service.*

Introit: Psalm 98, BCP p.461-462; The Collect, BCP p. 174

The Epistle and Gospel, BCP p. 174-175

9 A.M. FAMILY MORNING PRAYER, Church*A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 9 a.m. service.***10 A.M. ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL, Chapel & Cranmer Hall***Last class for children & youth before the summer break.***11 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON, Church & Online****Music for This Sunday:**

Adagio in E, Frank Bridge

#98 *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*, PUER NOBIS#370 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*, GRAEFENBERG

God is my strong salvation, Richard Shephard

#376 *Come Down, O Love Divine*, DOWN AMPNEY

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit, Thomas Tallis

#371 *Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid*, MELITA (#512)

Allegro con spirito, Frank Bridge

4 P.M. CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL END OF YEAR POOL PARTY & FAREWELL TO STEVEN VANDERLIP, Ross Family Home*The entire family is invited to swim and join us for dinner to celebrate and say farewell to our Minister with Youth, Steven Vanderlip. You are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert to share! Help us plan by letting us know if you're coming. **RSVP at StJohnsSav.org/pool.*****5 P.M. COME AND SING!, Green-Meldrim House***Join us for fellowship, refreshments, and the singing of great hymns of the Church. Register online at **StJohnsSav.org/sing** or by calling the church office.***A NOTE ON ST. JOHN'S CHOIR OF ADULTS**

You may notice that, occasionally, the congregation may only see the members of the Choir of Adults sit in the Nave for worship on Sunday. This change is to alleviate the responsibilities and time commitments that the adult volunteers have for the liturgies. As we rebuild St. John's music ministry, we hope this added flexibility will enable more parishioners to join the choir as they balance their hectic weekly schedules. While

the congregation may only see the choir for an hour on Sunday, the choir commits to many hours of rehearsal and preparation for the liturgies at St. John's. The Organist & Choirmaster is happy to meet with anyone interested in joining the choir to discuss the possibility. We will share more information about the Choir of Adults and how to join in the coming weeks.

The Parish Paper

OF

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

THOU ART GONE UP ON HIGH

In the minds of many, Christmas is the chief festival of the Church's year, with Easter in second place – but after that? Most would have trouble picking out other days of importance. This impression is understandable but mistaken; because far from petering out, the trajectory that began on Christmas and continued with Easter is, in the Sundays after Easter, moving towards its consummation in the (sadly neglected) festivals of Ascension, Whitsunday (Pentecost), and Trinity Sunday.

Which is to say, the true meaning of Christmas and Easter only becomes fully apparent in the “week of weeks” that leads us up to Pentecost and its octave celebration on Trinity Sunday. It is in the Lord's Ascension (May 29th this year) that the true meaning of the Incarnation is fully apparent, not as “the conversion of Godhead into flesh”, but as “the taking up of manhood into God” (the language is that of the Athanasian Creed). Likewise it is on Whitsunday (June 8th this year), that we see the fruit of his becoming flesh for us, in the pouring out of his Spirit, by whose ministry we may share in the redemption Christ won for us in his flesh. It is in the feast of Trinity Sunday, the octave day of Pentecost (June 15th), that we see why the Spirit has been poured out on believers, precisely so that, as those reborn by the Spirit, they be lifted up see and enter into the Kingdom of heaven, to adore the inexhaustible glory for whose everlasting enjoyment we were made.

As noted, it is understandable that these final feasts of Ascension, Pente-

cost, and Trinity Sunday do not have the same immediacy of impact as Christmas and Easter do. For in Christmas, God came to us in the

**UPCOMING WORSHIP:
WEEK OF EASTER IV****Online Morning Prayer:**

8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

Monday, May 19:8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel**Tuesday, May 20:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel**Wednesday, May 21:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
Noon *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church**Thursday, May 22:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel**Friday, May 23:**Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel**Saturday, May 24:**11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel**Sunday, May 25: Easter V
(Rogation Sunday)****Summer Schedule Begins**8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9:30 a.m. *Adult Sunday School*,
Chapel & Cranmer Hall
10:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church/Online
12:15 p.m. *Coffee Hour*, Green-Meldrim

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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. Patrick Worsham (Jane)

USHERS

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

Choir of Adults

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally)
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Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara)
Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. (Penny)
Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillan
Mr. Gilbert Wells & Mrs. Jane Wells

FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Samuel P. Inglesby and Edith Inglesby Walker by their family.

And in loving memory of Alice Lee Johnson by Joseph Oliver Mercer.

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

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

(Begins Memorial Day Weekend)

Starting Sunday, May 25, we will offer one combined service at 10:30 a.m. with a children's activity in the chapel during the sermon. Only the Adult Sunday School classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. The children and youth Sunday classes will take a break during the summer. We will offer nursery for newborns to four-year-olds in Cranmer Hall from 10:15 a.m. to noon. Sunday Holy Communion will continue at 8 a.m.

humility of the flesh, in the familiar conditions of our own earthly existence, with the result that in Easter, he might breach the frontier of death (that's harder, but still connected to the ordinary human experience of earthly existence), but all this is done for the sake of moving far beyond those frontiers into the life of eternal Spirit himself (which completely beyond ordinary earthly experience). Perhaps that's why we tend to assume that what these feasts celebrate has little to do with us. But that is precisely to miss the most important point of all – that the Son of God became Son of Man (Christmas), and in that humanity suffered, died and rose again (Easter) precisely so that we children of men might become children of God, and share in the life of divine Sonship (Ascension and Pentecost). That's the mountaintop to which we are climbing steadily in these Sundays after Easter, and to turn back now when the peak is within reach is a mistake. For in attaining to this exalted end, we find a new beginning. After earthly "mountain-top experiences" we return unchanged to our familiar dwellings in the lower worlds, fundamentally. But we ascend with Christ, and are reborn by his Spirit, precisely so that we might make our permanent home among the mountains, as the Sundays after Trinity teach us. (In writing about this, I find myself using the images of the final chapter of Lewis' *Last Battle*, and I do not think it is a coincidence.)

In broad strokes, that is our present location in the trajectory of the Church's year. No doubt it seems rather remote from the quotidian struggle to make a living, maintain relationships, bring up children to live responsible and happy lives, deal with aging, loss, and grief, contain or meet the challenges of disaster, build institutions that serve the common good, and so on. All of these efforts are of immense importance and naturally absorb much of our time, energy, and ingenuity. But

they are all utterly in vain, they are all completely futile, if in fact those efforts (even the most successful of them), all finally peter out in darkness. Only if in reality we *are* called life in the Spirit, to share in the life of the son of God, are these efforts not in vain.

That these efforts are not in vain is not a matter we can prove scientifically. If anything, science may suggest that all these efforts are indeed ultimately futile and meaningless, because science has no way to detect ends and purposes. For us to know and believe that all our efforts are not in vain is knowledge that is not accessible to science; though deeply embedded in the natural order, the reality of a purpose and end can only truly be known by revelation – by the coming forth of the Word.

All very high-falutin' talk, to be sure, and someone may wonder if this exalted language really describes the meaning of his or her earthly life. But if the rain drops beading the flower beneath our feet is beautiful, if the song of the bird lifts our hearts, if we cherish another human being, or find something of satisfaction in the work that has been given to us to do – if beauty, delight, love, and work are *real*, this is why. "Thou art gone up on high". Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD". "Further up and further in".
– GGD

BRASS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY
Sunday, June 15, at 10:30 a.m.
Choral Matins with Brass

Trinity Sunday is a time to focus on the Christian doctrine that there is one God in three Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We will celebrate with a morning of sacred choral music sung by the Choirs of St. John's with brass at 10:30 a.m. Contributions are welcome toward the cost of the brass. You may visit StJohnsSav.org/brass for a form or contact the office to arrange memorial/honorary intentions for the Parish Paper and bulletins.