

**THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S**

*The nursery (newborns to four-year-olds) is available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Cranmer Hall.*

**8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, Church**

*A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 8 a.m. service.*

Introit: Psalm 47, BCP pp. 398–399; The Collect, BCP p. 198

The Epistle and Gospel, BCP pp. 198–199

**9:30 A.M. FR. DUNBAR'S CLASS, Cranmer Hall**

*During the summer, Fr. Dunbar's Sunday School class will meet in the Ralston Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall.*

**10:30 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON, Church & Online****Music for This Sunday:**

#158 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, PUER NOBIS

#414 O for a Heart to Praise My God, AZMON (776)

Jesu, grant me this I pray, Orlando Gibbons

Jhesu, Lord, that Madest Me, Richard Terry

#195 Father, We Thank Thee, RENDEZ A DIEU

# 371 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid, MELITA (512)

**SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP:  
Parish Provisions**

***Tuesday, August 5, from 5–7 p.m.  
Cranmer Hall Kitchen***

Parish Provisions is a new small group that will meet monthly to prepare goodies to be sold during the Holly Days Bazaar. Parishioners of all ages are invited to the first gathering on August 5 to help prepare soup mix, oatmeal, and herb mix. Let us know you are coming by calling the Church office at 912-232-1251. If you have any questions, call Meredith Peluso at 310-560-6843.

**HOPE HAVEN: Savannah Voice  
Festival Performance**  
***Tuesday, August 5***

The Savannah Voice Festival will present a special performance for Members and Guests of Hope Haven. If you know someone living with dementia or another brain change, this is a wonderful opportunity to introduce them to our program. If you are interested in attending this special performance, contact Cathy Baxter at (912) 231-7310 or savannahrespice@gmail.com for more details.

**FLOWER 101 WORKSHOP**

***Saturday, August 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cranmer Hall***

Demonstrations and hands-on participation. Lunch provided.

Bring your own flower clippers. RSVP to the Church office at 912-232-1251.

# The Parish Paper

OF

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

**A GOSPEL LITURGY (2)**

Worship at St. John's is "old school". Unlike most Episcopal and Anglican churches, we make use of the classical liturgy that originated in the church of England in the 16<sup>th</sup> century in its last American edition of 1928. (Later revisions moved away from this tradition.) There are a number of good reasons why we have made this choice, but one of them is the sheer excellence of this liturgy. Many things contribute to this excellence, but one of them is its clarity about what is happening when we worship - nothing less than our transformation by the Gospel, a transformation that delivers us from guilt to gratitude by the grace of God. The architects of the old Prayer Book brought this clarity to their revision of the church's ancient traditions of worship, and the result is a liturgy uniquely fit for its purpose. For thoughtful and responsive users, it is a precision-made instrument for spiritual renewal and transformation.

As we saw in last week's essay, the Order of Morning and Evening Prayer is itself structured by the three moments of this gospel transformation - guilt, grace, and gratitude (or repentance, faith, and works). This same triad also structures the Order of Holy Communion, but in that order there are not one but *three* repetitions of this triad, one in the Ministry of the Word (the Ante-Communion), the second in the "bridge" section that runs from the Confession of Sin to the Sanctus (the

preparation for Communion), and the third in the Ministry of the Sacrament (the Communion proper).

Here it is worth noting the differences between Morning/Evening Prayer (also called the "office", because it is the "officium" or "duty" of the clergy to recite it) and the Lord's Supper (also

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

8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Monday, August 4:**

*No in-person services today*

**Tuesday, August 5:**

Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

**Wednesday, August 6:**

**Transfiguration of our Lord**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Church  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel  
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

**Thursday, August 7:**

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

**Friday, August 8:**

Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Sunday, August 10: Trinity VIII  
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church  
9:30 a.m. *Fr. Dunbar's Class*,  
Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall  
10:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*,  
Church/Online  
11:45 a.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

10:30 a.m. Mr. Graham P. Sadler

**USHERS**

Mr. Robert L. Sparks

Mr. John G. Bradshaw

**CHOIR**

Choir of Adults

**ORGANIST**

Mollie Nichols

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. Nohl A. Braun, Jr. (Alyce)

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Mrs. Joseph R. Ross (Coren)

Mrs. Helen L. Stone

Mrs. James F. Holtzclaw (Sherry)

Mrs. Charles Youles (Betty)

**FLOWERS**

The flowers in church this Sunday

are given to the glory of God, and

in loving memory of

Ralph and Betsy Bowden

by Margaret and Johnny Wylly.

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

**P.A.C.K. RESUMES**

**Wednesday, August 20, 4:30 p.m.**

St. John's volunteer's will resume  
Wednesday, August 20 and continue  
its 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday rotation,  
from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at P.A.C.K.'s  
facility: 4 Mall Terrace in Savannah.  
Questions? Contact Stuart Clifford at  
[stuartclifford@comcast.net](mailto:stuartclifford@comcast.net)

called the "eucharist", or thanksgiving).  
The Office is focused on the immer-  
sive reading of the Bible as a whole, to  
the praise and glory of God's grace.  
That's why it includes psalms, longer  
readings from both the Old and New  
Testaments, and canticles of praise  
and thanksgiving for God's action in  
creation and redemption. The Eucha-  
rist is focused not on the Bible as a  
whole, or the grand sweep of God's  
action in history, but at the very center  
of his gracious action in history, and  
the heart of Scripture, which is the  
Gospel itself - the sacrificial love of  
Christ the bridegroom for the Church  
his bride. In the Office we learn about  
*the Bible*; in the Eucharist, we learn  
about *Jesus*. Both, it should be noted,  
are necessary. You can't make sense  
of the Bible unless you see it in relation  
to its Christological center, the Gos-  
pel; the Christological center has  
nothing to be center of, if it is not seen  
in relation to the entire unfolding of  
God's gracious action in history set  
forth in the Bible. It is an error to  
prioritize one over the other, as both  
are integral and complementary  
elements of the church's tradition of  
worship from ancient times.

At the end of the 1928 Prayer Book  
Order of Morning and Evening Prayer  
is a General Thanksgiving. It was not  
part of the first Prayer Books of 1549  
and 1552, but was written about a  
century later by Edward Reynolds, a  
bishop of Norwich with Puritan  
sympathies. The Puritan influence can  
be seen in the way it frames scriptural  
ideas and images in a rationalized  
discourse. It was first printed in the  
appendix to the Office in the English  
Prayer Book of 1662, but from the  
first American edition of 1789 it was  
printed with the Order of Morning and

Evening Prayer, and is probably one  
of the best-known and loved prayers  
in the whole liturgy.

Reynolds' prayer makes explicit the  
Christological center of the Office's  
praise and thanksgiving. "We bless for  
our creation, preservation, and all the  
blessings of this life, but above all, for  
thine inestimable love in the redemp-  
tion of the world by our Lord Jesus  
Christ; for the means of grace, and for  
the hope of glory". Moreover, it draws  
out the implications of this gratitude  
for our own lives in the language of  
offering: "And, we beseech thee, give  
us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly  
thankful; and that we show forth thy  
praise, not only with our lips, but in  
our lives, by giving up our selves to  
thy service, and by walking before  
thee in holiness and righteousness all  
our days". The language of "service in  
holiness and righteousness" is a direct  
quote from the canticle Benedictus;  
but the language of the church's  
grateful self-offering echoes similar  
language in the Prayer of Consecra-  
tion: "we earnestly desire thy fatherly  
goodness, mercifully to accept this our  
sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving....  
And here we offer and present unto  
thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and  
bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and  
living sacrifice unto thee". Thus the  
General Thanksgiving is a kind of non-  
-sacramental eucharistic memorial and  
offering, that connects the Office with  
the Eucharist, the Bible with the  
Gospel, the thanks we render Christ in  
our worship with the obedience we  
render him in our lives. In the gift of  
ourselves, making our lives over to the  
service to God, the transformative  
work by the gospel is being accom-  
plished in us.

— GGD