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A LONG GROWING SEASON

The celebration of the feast of Pentecost that is completed on Trinity Sunday is not the end of the Church's year but the beginning of its longest season. The green months from Trinity Sunday to Advent occupy nearly half the Christian year. They are the Church's growing season. To understand why, we must understand the gift that Pentecost celebrates.

In the Gospel for Pentecost (John 14:15–31), Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure to the Father by promising them “another Comforter,” the Spirit of truth. Yet this gift is no mere substitute for his absence. “I will not leave you comfortless,” he says; “I will come to you.” Christ himself will be present in his people by the Spirit. Nor is it only Christ who comes. “We will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” Through the Spirit, the faithful are brought into communion with the Father through the Son. The indwelling presence is the presence of the triune God. In this way God fulfills his ancient promise: “I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

This communion is the very heart of salvation. All that Christ accomplished for us in his death, resurrection, and ascension benefits us only as we are united to him as one Body. That union with Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit. This communion in all the benefits of Christ's saving work is what Jesus means when he says, “Because I live, ye shall live also.”

The sacraments direct our attention to this mystery. Baptism is the sign of our incorporation into Christ; the Eucharist is the sign of our continuing participation in his life. We pray that those who receive Holy Communion may be

“made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.” To prepare the faithful for this sacrament of communion, the ancient Church developed a ministry of the Word, centered on two lessons from Scripture for each Sunday and holy day, an epistle and a gospel. In the twentieth century, many churches adopted a newer three-year cycle of readings designed to provide broader exposure to Scripture. The older lectionary serves a somewhat different purpose. It does not aim primarily at comprehensive coverage of the Bible—that has always been the work of Morning and Evening Prayer—but at preparing the faithful to meet Christ in Word and Sacrament. (As one observer said, “if you want to know more about the Bible, use the modern lectionary; if you want to know more about Jesus, use the ancient one”). Its readings are ordered around what St. Paul calls “the great mystery” of Christ and his Church: Christ's saving work already accomplished *for* us, and now by his Spirit, accomplished *in* us. Thus, the gospel usually proclaims what Christ has done and who he is; the epistle often shows what that grace looks like in the lives of those who belong to him. Together, they present both gift and response, faith and works, Christ for us and Christ in us.

The same two-fold pattern appears in the overall structure of the Church year. From Advent through Trinity Sunday, the focus falls upon the mighty acts of Christ in the work of redemption: his coming, his passion, resurrection, ascension, and the gift of the Spirit. But in the long season from Trinity to Advent, attention turns increasingly to what Christ is accomplishing in us by that same Spirit. This is the Church's

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SAVE THE DATE!
Upcoming Summer Concert
Wednesday, July 1st, Garden Mall

Families, friends, and music lovers are invited to bring lawn chairs and picnic baskets to enjoy the music of Jacob Evans during our upcoming outdoor concert on the Garden Mall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1st. This event is free and open to the public of all ages.

UPCOMING WORSHIP
Week of Trinity 2

Online Morning Prayer
8:15 a.m. Monday to Friday

Monday, June 15
No services today.

Tuesday, June 16
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Wednesday, June 17
Noon *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
9 p.m. *Compline*, Church

Thursday, June 18
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel

Friday, June 19
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

Sunday, June 21:
The Third Sunday after Trinity
8 a.m. *Said Holy Communion*, Church
9:15 a.m. *Nursery*, Cranmer Hall
9:30 a.m. *Fr. Dunbar’s Class*, Chapel
10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*, Online/Church
with a children’s activity in the chapel during the sermon

Hope Haven Summer
Volunteers Needed

With summer in full swing, many of our Hope Haven volunteers are traveling, so we need you! If you’ve volunteered in the past, please consider signing up for June and July shifts online or contacting Karen Wray.

NOTE: The Church office will be closed at noon on Fridays during the summer.

HOLY DAYS IN JUNE

Plan to join us to celebrate the following Feast Days in June.

Wednesday, June 24

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Noon Holy Communion, Church

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel

Monday, June 29

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Noon Holy Communion, Chapel



Help Us Welcome Tyler Lonaker!

***This Sunday, June 14, during Coffee Hour
in the Green-Meldrim House***

Join us for Coffee Hour this Sunday, June 14, as we offer a festive welcome to Tyler Lonaker, who will be leading our Youth and Young Adults ministries. Come greet Tyler, meet his family, and celebrate the beginning of this exciting new chapter in our parish life. We hope you can join us!

Share St. John's History & Holiness

Visitors enjoy learning about our beautiful, historic church, but we can't keep these tours open without volunteer docents. Consider offering a few hours each month to share our sacred history. Tours are Tuesdays & Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call the church office at 912-232-1251 to learn more.



MUSIC ON MADISON SQUARE Brass Ensemble:

Patriotic Extravaganza

Sunday, July 5, at 5 p.m., St. John's Church

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with a brass ensemble as they perform uplifting and patriotic works.

Tickets: stjohnssav.org/mms

Looking for Altar Flower Volunteers

Enhancing Worship Through the Beauty of Flowers

Enhance the beauty and worship at St. John's by assisting with arranging altar flowers for Sunday services in the Church and Chapel, as well as for weddings and funerals. This meaningful ministry offers a creative and reverent way to serve. Volunteers are always welcome and no experience is necessary. Please contact Jeanne McMillan, Linda Pounds, or the church office to learn more.

Turn Altar Flowers into Moments of Grace

After Sunday, the beautiful altar flowers are made into smaller arrangements and delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-ins. You may choose to deliver one week a year, once a month, or any frequency that fits your schedule. We are always looking for volunteers to deliver flowers. Please contact Margaret Wylly or the church office to learn more.

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Summer schedule runs until Sept. 6th.

The nursery (infants to four-year-olds) is available on the 2nd floor of Cranmer Hall from 9:15 a.m. until after the 10:30 a.m. service.

8 a.m. Said Holy Communion, Church

Breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following the 8 a.m. services this Sunday.

Introit: Psalm 18, BCP pp. 359–361

The Collect, BCP p. 191

The Epistle and Gospel, BCP pp. 191–192

9:30 a.m. Fr. Dunbar's Class, Chapel

Discuss "The Weight of Glory" by C.S. Lewis

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church/Online

with a short children's talk during Morning Prayer

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Green-Meldrim

Join us to welcome Tyler Lonaker, who will be leading our Youth and Young Adults ministries.

growing season. Week by week, the Scriptures teach us what life in Christ looks like in practice: faith working through love, growth in holiness, steadfastness in prayer, generosity in serving, patience in suffering, and perseverance to the end. The question before us is not simply whether we know the gospel, but whether the gospel is bearing fruit in us. Are we growing in faith, hope, and charity? Are we becoming more like Christ?

The months ahead invite us into that growth. As we hear the Scriptures, offer our prayers, and receive the Sacrament, Christ is not merely reminding us of what he once did. By his Spirit, he is conforming us to himself. The green season is long because Christian growth is slow. Yet God is patient, and he is faithful. The One who has begun a good work in us will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Vestry Offering Chair

8 a.m. Mr. B. Ray Summerell

10:30 a.m. Mrs. Duncan Pindar (Terry)

Ushers

Mr. Robert B. Turner (Bart)

Mr. Joseph R. Ross (Rusty)

Choir

10:30 a.m. Choir of Adults

Coffee Hour

Mrs. Graham P. Sadler (Dolly)

Chancel Society

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea)

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Laura C. Wimbish

Ms. Linda H. Pounds

Mrs. Mark Stevens (Chambliss)

Jane's Canners

Jane's Canners are busy canning and creating their delicious homemade jams and jellies for the St. John's Holly Days Bazaar. They are looking for donations of empty, 8-oz canning jars with lids, mint, mangos, and figs. If you'd like to donate, please call Jane Pressly at 912-667-1584.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY

The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of

Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy, Jr.

and Mr. E. Runyon Tyler, Jr. by Mr.

and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy III.

And in loving memory of

Lt. Col. Norman Laird

by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sullivan and his family.

To offer flowers for the altar, please call the Church office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-ins. To volunteer for this ministry, call Margaret Wyllly at 912-656-6235.