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5:15 P.M. "EXULTATE, JUBILATE" (MOZART)

5:30 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ASCENSION

Followed by ICE CREAM SOCIAL in Cranmer Hall. Nursery Available.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (II)

The Ascension completes Christ's return to the Father. Clothed still in the humanity he assumed from Mary, offered upon the cross, and in which he rose again on the third day, he is taken up into heaven on our behalf, ascending in glorious triumph over our enemies, to be our Mediator, Advocate, and Intercessor, to plead our cause before the Father, to obtain and pour out upon his Church the gifts of the Spirit, to prepare a place for us in heaven, and so to claim for us the inheritance of the children of God. In prayer we, too, ascend with him in heart, mind, and spirit, and are bold in his Spirit to call upon his Father as ours, and to make the Son's priorities our own.

Hallowed be thy Name. When we speak of the Father's *name*, we speak of God as he has in Christ revealed himself to us in perfect holiness – "the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth", mighty to save and defend his people, great in his mercy to those who repent, exact in his justice to those do not. The first priority of the children of God is that the Father's name be *hallowed* ('made holy') – that is, that the

holiness of his name might be known, worshipped, thanked, praised, and glorified among all nations. It is thus a prayer for the gift of *faith*, and a prayer for faithful witness and works: that the holiness of his name may not be profaned on our account, but rather that men seeing our good works may glorify our Father in heaven.

Thy Kingdom Come. The holiness of the Father's name is revealed in the *coming of his Kingdom* in Christ, in the overthrow of the power of the world, the flesh, and the devil, in the frustration of all their seductions, in the deliverance of his people from temptation, sin, and (at the last) death itself, "that God may be all in all". To pray this prayer is to ask for the virtue of *hope*, whereby with confident assurance and expectation we look for the coming of God's kingdom *on earth as it is in heaven*, both now in grace, and hereafter in glory.

Thy Will be Done. The Father's Name is hallowed and his kingdom comes, where his *will is done* in obedience as complete *on earth as it is in heaven*. Since his will is love, this is a prayer for the virtue of *charity*, whereby we make God's

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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.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site:
www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mrs. Stuart C. Clifford

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Mr. Don McElveen

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Meldrim Coy by Mrs. Peter Meldrim Coy and Mr. Timothy E. Coy.

And in loving memory of Coke S. and Helen S. Blume, C. Redmond and Lorraine B. Gill and the Rev'd Jeffrey Gill by their family.

And in loving memory of Alfred William Sadler by his family, William, Kate, Dolly and Graham.

And on the occasion on the marriage of Leonora Harris Victor and Brian Elliott Lesesne, and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr., Commander and Mrs. Thomas Crymes Jones, Jr., Mr. Thomas Crymes Jones III, and The Reverend William Henry Ralston, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor III.

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8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Austin Nichols
Kelley Compton
Clayton Compton, Cord Helmken
Lawson Turner, Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Edwin C. Shepherd, Jr.

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. ADULT CLASSES

➤ Fr Dunbar - The Books of Moses (Chapel)
➤ David Noble—*The Canterbury Tales*—Reading Room, ^{3rd} Floor.

NEW CLASS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY:

THE FAITH OF PHYSICISTS
Taught by Jon Sprague, in the Chapel.

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING
Men's Bible Study & Discussion**

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study.
Thursday 7:00 a.m. St. Mark's Gospel (Fr. Dunbar), Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9—4:30
Friday 9—12 (noon)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AND MUSIC CAMP**

June 20—24

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

saving purpose our own. Human willing and choosing does not pass away, but is taken up into the divine willing. We attain our desires by subordinating them to his will: for then he turns to us and says, "great is thy faith! Be it unto thee even as thou wilt" (Matt. 15:28). *(To be continued)* GGD

**MEN'S SUPPER WITH THE RECTOR
THURSDAY JUNE 9TH AT 6 P.M.**

All Men of St. John's are invited to supper in Cranmer Hall, with wild duck on the menu (or an alternative). A donation of \$5 towards cost of the dinner is suggested, and a collection will be taken for tornado relief. Please respond by calling the Church office or emailing Rick Wright at rick@wrightadvisorygroup.com.

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

A new parish photo directory will be compiled this summer. The first step is to collect up-to-date information for all parishioners. Please fill out and return one of the forms available this Sunday in the Church, or during the week from the office.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday –

Morning Prayer 8:15 a.m. and

Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday – *Litany* 9:45 a.m.

Sung Eucharist 10 a.m.

Next Sunday is WHITSUNDAY, or Pentecost, which is with Easter and Christmas is one of the three principal feasts of the Church's year. It commemorates the pouring out of the Spirit upon the Church for the publishing of the Gospel.

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

Suitable for daily prayer from Ascension to Pentecost -- during which time, in response to Christ's Promise of the Holy Ghost, the disciples "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:14).

Come down, Creator Spirit, find
A harbour in thy people's mind;
With grace celestial consecrate
The heart of clay thou didst create.

Thy very name is Comforter,
The highest gift the skies confer
The flow of life, the fire, the love,
The unction poured from God above.

Thou finger stretched
from heaven's throne
Whose touch is sevenfold benison;
Thou Promise of the Father, rich
In sudden dower of golden speech;

Infuse our soul with kind desire,
Our senses light with shining fire;
Confirm with lasting hardihood
The cowardice of flesh and blood.

Bring peaceful hourse, and banish far
All enmities that augur war.
With such a guide to go before
No hurtful thing can harm us more.

Make through thyself the Father known,
Reveal the person of the Son,
And grant a constant faith, to see
Their Spirit equally in thee. Amen.

9th c. Latin hymn transl. Austin Farrer.

A CHURCH'S SCHOOL OF FISH

The Church School's painting of colourful fish – one for each child in the past church year – is on view in the foyer of Cranmer Hall.

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel 179 (177)

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

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY (Cranmer Hall)

9:30 A.M. — ADULT, YOUTH, & CHILDREN'S CLASSES (Chapel & Cranmer Hall)

10:30 — Pre-school/Three-year-olds through Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M. — SUNG EUCHARIST AND ADDRESS

CARILLON

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