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Pentecost, commonly called Whitsunday

May 20, 2018

THIS SUNDAY – 5:30 P.M. PENTECOST CHORAL EVENSONG

5:05 Music Before the Service

Reception to follow in Green Meldrim House

UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Whit Monday to Whit Friday

OCTAVE OF PENTECOST

Morning and Evening Prayer

With Holy Communion

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Whit Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

In addition, on Whit Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Sunday, May 27th is TRINITY SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. *Choral Mattins* with Brass Ensemble. If you would like to donate to the cost of the brass, please make checks payable to St. John's Church - "Brass"

◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆

MEN'S ANNUAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23RD

After 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

RSVP to Martin Sullivan, Jr.

912-547-4608

EYCS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE - MAY 31ST

College scholarships are available through Episcopal Youth and Children's Services.

Apply: eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org

**The Church Office will be closed
and there will be no services on
Memorial Day, May 28th**

VENETIAN POSTCARD II

Characteristic of Venice are the *Scuole* - confraternities or brotherhoods that existed for religious and charitable purposes, and they were pervasive in Venetian society of old (and are still influential today). There were few Venetians who did not belong to one, though they were voluntary associations - in this regard more like modern American congregations than were their parish churches, in which membership was obligatory. Many were modest affairs, but some were large, and their wealth overflowed in charitable benefaction and religious ceremony, in patronage of music and of the arts, and in the architecture of the halls in which they met, usually built right next to a church with which they were closely associated.

The greatest of these buildings - the scuola grande di San Rocco - is very grand indeed, its upper hall, reached by a grand ceremonial staircase, panelled with richly carved allegories of the virtues and vices, its ceiling also richly carved and gilded; but the wonder are the paintings by Tintoretto that are an integral element of this decorative scheme, and which explore the redemptive work of Christ. In size, unity, ambition, and excellence, it holds its own with Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. San Rocco (St. Roch) was a patron saint of victims of the

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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.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Dr. J. Davidson Carson

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Martin R. Sullivan, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Thurifer: Jamie McClellan
Philip Inglesby Jack McClellan
Hawkins Pindar Finn Repella Edwin Shepherd
Turner Stevens William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and upon the occasion of the marriage of Siria Clarixa Underwood and Charles Emory Lawson Turner as well as to honour the memory of their grandparents, Christina Sloan Underwood and Maryann Gardner and Robert Noble Randall.

And in loving memory of Samuel P. Inglesby and Edith Inglesby Walker by their children;

And in loving memory of Peter Loran Spurbeck, Professor of Cello, Master Artist and Pedagogue by Lane Newton Summers;

And in thanksgiving for Walter C. Carson, Jr. because he loved us by Beverly S. Carson, Paige Carson Cook, Walter C. Carson III, and children;

And in loving memory of George Anderson Mercer III and George Anderson Mercer IV by Elizabeth Mercer Gilbert, Wayne Mercer Willis, Bessie Mercer Halsey and their families;

And on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the institution of Father Gavin Dunbar as Rector of St. John's Church.

And on the occasion of Father Craig O'Brien's birthday on May 24th.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland,
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Ms. Linda H. Pounds

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

CRANMER HALL-3RD FLOOR

Upper School - D. Keane & F. DeRienzo

Middle School - D. Svihel

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study With Father O'Brien and Will & Mary Helen Burdell. CH3-Reading Room

Father Dunbar's Class on 2 *Kings* - Chapel

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- *Men's Breakfast, St. Mark*
with Father O'Brien

6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar

7:00 a.m. Third Floor Cranmer Hall

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- Book Study with Father O'Brien 9:15 a.m.,
CH3-Reading Room

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

plague which so frequently devastated Venice, and Tintoretto's paintings subtly interweave the mysteries of Christ with the service of the sick and poor, a testimony to confraternal purpose.

For membership in a confraternity or *scuola* came with serious obligations in religious observance, moral conduct, charitable service, and (as means allowed) generous giving. The *confratelli* were required to eschew blaspheming, gambling, adultery, anger, keeping bad company, frequenting prostitutes, illicit enrichment, and bearing arms. Strict religious observance was enjoined, including confession, communion, fasting, abstinence, observance of feasts and participation in the Sunday liturgy. Attendance at meetings of the *scuola*, the provision of moral and financial support for its activities; prayer for one another, and the care of its members who were sick, infirm, impoverished, dying, or bereaved. In short, each brother was expected to be an exemplary Christian and citizen exercising religion toward God, and justice and charity to his neighbor. As a result, the *scuole* fostered social cohesion of Venetian society and provided a social welfare net for it.

Voluntary associations similar to the confraternities of Venice - especially churches and service clubs - were once a much-remarked on element of American society, and served a similar purpose. But these have long been in decline; for American culture now teaches us to be individualistic consumers, moved by personal taste and inclination. Though such consumers preen themselves on their autonomy, in practice, their autonomy presupposes big government's stepping into take the place of the voluntary associations. In a culture of atomized

individualism, commitment community is thought to be irrelevant and stifling, inauthentic and unfree, but it actually leaves us dependent on vast impersonal and unresponsive institutions we resent. Voluntary associations, above all, the churches, used to provide people with an experience of community beyond their own immediate relationships. Now we have the pale shadows of community provided by spectator sports and social media. Our political community is riven by partisan conflict and factional interest, and there is little sign that we recognize one another as citizens serving one common good of one country. To see where that leads, read the last four chapters of the book of Judges (17-21): they trace a descent into evil both individual and social. It ends: "every man did that which was right in his own eyes".

That's a grim prospect: but it throws into sharpest relief the wonder of a church that is a church, not just a collection of religious consumers, but a unified, interdependent Body of Christ, comprised of mutually supportive members, committed by covenant promise and obligation to Christ and to one another, united in confession of the truth and in charity, reconciled and reconciling, committed to the observance of common worship, to a common rule of obedience to the commandments, to giving and to mutual service. That is what it means to receive the Body of Christ in the Sacrament; it means to be sustained in the covenant privileges and obligations of membership in his Body. There are religious consumers, for whom their own tastes, inclinations, and needs to a

are primary; and there are members of a covenant community, who know they do not belong to themselves but to Christ; and there is a world of difference between them. GGD

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and GospelPrayer Book, page 180
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

Nursery for birth – Kindergarten until 10:15 a.m.

10:30 A.M. – SOLEMN EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Nursery for birth – age 4 until end of the service.

HYMN #107 *Hail Thee, Festival Day*Salve Festa Dies

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, page 67

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KYRIE ELEISON: #710Healey Willan

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Children age 4 – rising 4th graders are invited to meet Ms. Susanne at the church door for

Summer children’s Church in Cranmer Hall

SERMON Father Dunbar

OFFERTORY

Sentences

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Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:00 P.M. (NOON)-HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) as at 8:00 a.m.