

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, July 15th, 2018

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sermon & Children's Church



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH

The Truth of the Bible

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

For Guests and Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us. If this is your first visit to Saint John's, please let us know by filling out the visitor card in the pew and dropping it in the collection plate. All are invited to join us in the Parish House immediately after the service for the abundant and delicious refreshments at Coffee Hour. We look forward to getting to know you!

Summer Children's Nursery for birth - age 3 (1st floor), is available from 10:15 a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

Summer Children's Church Children (age 4 - rising 4th grade) are invited to meet Melanie Finnegan at the church door for Summer Children's Church in Cranmer Hall.

Interactive Worship. The congregation participates actively in worship, and this booklet is a guide to taking part in it. For many parts of the service it will refer you to one of the two books in red bindings in the pew racks – the **1940 Hymnal**, and the smaller **1928 Prayer Book**.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN SAVANNAH

Founded in 1841, the first rector, Stephen Elliott, was also the first bishop of Georgia, and he consecrated the present church on May 7th 1853. In 1943, one of Savannah's historic mansions, the Green-Meldrim House, became its Parish House and Rectory. Later, Macon Street in the block between the church and Green-Meldrim House was closed and laid out as the present garden Mall. Cranmer Hall, the Christian Education building, was renovated and enlarged in 2004. St. John's is one of a handful of parishes in the Episcopal Church that continues to worship using the classical Book of Common Prayer (in its 1928 edition). We are committed to transmitting unimpaired to our posterity the historic Faith and Order it sets forth, within the fellowship of the Anglican Communion.

HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY: PRAYING IN FAITH

Faith is not only *what* we believe, but also *that* we believe. As ancient and trustworthy summaries of the Bible's teaching about God and his works, the Creeds are touchstones of orthodoxy, reliable guides to a right faith in God. As personal and public professions of this faith ("I believe") they commit us to putting our faith in him. Moreover, as touchstones of the ancient faith, they provide Christians with a means of recognizing one another as believers sharing the same faith, and so they foster charity and unity in the Body of Christ. But they are also foundations to hope and its exercise in prayer. What comes before the Creed in Morning or Evening Prayer, is the lessons from Scripture, for "faith comes by hearing" (Romans 10:17); and therefore when we have heard the Scripture, it is fit we should profess our belief in it, thereby "setting our seals to the truth of God" (cf John 3:33). "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). What follows the Creed are the prayers which are grounded upon it: for we cannot "call on him in whom we have not believed" (Romans 10:14). And therefore since we are to pray to God the Father, in the name of the Son, by the assistance of the Holy Ghost, in the unity of the Holy Catholic church, for remission of sins and a joyful resurrection to life everlasting, we must first declare that we believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that there is remission of sins and a resurrection to life hereafter, for all true members of the catholic Church; and then we may be said to pray in faith.

If you have questions or topics to suggest for this feature, please send them to the rector gdunbar@stjohnssav.org

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Summer Nursery Infants to age 3 - 10:15 a.m. til 12:15 p.m.

Please silence all electronic devices. In the time before the service begins, we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Amen.

PREPARING IN PENITENCE

At the sound of the bells all kneel.

HYMN (*all stand*) #149 *Awake, My Heart, and Render*..... Selnecker

Sentences *Prayer Book, pages 3-5*

Confession (*said by all, kneeling*) *Prayer Book, page 6*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Continue kneeling as priest stands to pronounce the Absolution:

Absolution *Prayer Book, page 7*

Lords' Prayer (*said by all, kneeling*)..... *Prayer Book, page 7*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Opening Versicles and Responses..... *Prayer Book, pages 7-8*

Minister: *O Lord open thou our lips*

Answer: *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise*

(all stand)

Minister: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

Answer: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Minister: *Praise ye the Lord.*

Answer: *The Lord's Name be praised.*

VENITE Hymnal (*all stand*) #609 *Prayer Book, page 9*

Psalm #46, 47 (*all stand - read antiphonally*).....*Prayer Book, pages 396, 397*

First Lesson (*all sit*) Deuteronomy 6:10-25 *Set free from slavery, to serve the Lord in righteous*

In those days, Moses said unto the children of Israel: it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, ¹¹And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; ¹²Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

¹⁴Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; ¹⁵(For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

¹⁶Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. ¹⁷Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. ¹⁸And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers. ¹⁹To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

²⁰And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you? ²¹Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: ²²And the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: ²³And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

²⁴And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. ²⁵And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #615, 619 (*all stand*).....*Prayer Book, p. 10 or Hymnal #708*

Second Lesson (*all sit*) Romans 6:19 & Mark 8:1 *Prayer Book, pages,198, 199*

During this canticle Children (age 4 - rising 4th grade) are invited to meet Melanie Finnegan at the church door for Summer Children's Church in Cranmer Hall.

BENEDICTUS Hymnal (*all stand*) #634.....*Prayer Book, page 14*

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Apostles' Creed (*all stand*)..... *Prayer Book, page 15*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Versicles and Responses16

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*
Answer: *And with thy spirit. Minister: Let us pray.*
Minister: *O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.*
Answer: *And grant us thy salvation.*
Minister: *O God, make clean our hearts within us.*
Answer: *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Collect of the Day (*all kneel*)..... *Prayer Book, pages 198*

Fixed Collects, others Prayers and the Grace..... *Prayer Book, pages 17-20, 41*

SERMON

Welcome and Announcements (*all sit*) The Rector

HYMN (*all stand*) #378 *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heav'nly Dove*..... Mendon

Sermon (*all sit*)..... Father Dunbar

OFFERING AND GIVING THANKS

Sentences (*all stand*)

Anthem: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*..... Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Philip W. J. Stopford

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Thou O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name:
I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am;
thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Presentation of Alms Doxology #139 (all stand):..... Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

America, Hymn #141, Stanza 4 (all stand):.....America

Our fathers' God to thee, / Author of liberty, / To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright / with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, / Great God, our King. Amen

General Thanksgiving (said by all, kneeling)*Prayer Book, p. 19*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Aaronic BlessingNumbers 6:24-26

HYMN: #302 O That I Had a Thousand Voices.....Mentzer

VOLUNTARY Trumpet Voluntary I in Bb..... William Rowan

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.)

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Church)
8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Fellowship Room, Cranmer Hall)
9:30 a.m.	Adult Classes: 2 Kings Class with Father Dunbar (Chapel)
	Collects Study with Father O'Brien and Will & Mary Helen Burdell (Cranmer Hall 3rd Fl. - Reading Rm.)
	Youth Classes: Middle and High School with David Svihel (Cranmer Hall - 3rd Fl.)
10:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Summer Nursery for children, infant - age 3 (Cranmer Hall - 1st Floor)
10:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Sermon and Children's Church (Cranmer Hall)
Noon	Holy Communion (Chapel)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers on this Sunday are given to the glory of God:

And in honor of the 26th Anniversary of the Reverend Gavin G. Dunbar's ordination on July 18, 1992.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P Howell III and Kathrynne Howell Koritz by Jeanne, Caroline and Claire.

And in honor of Mr. Ross Hunter Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lorton S. Livingston by their family.

And in loving memory of George B. Backus, beloved husband and father by Marie Backus McGaughey and family.

If you would like to offer flowers for the Altar, please call Mrs. Robert (Mary) Burnett at (912) 351-9622. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in: if you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please call Mrs. John (Margaret) Wylly at (912) 656-6235.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Society: Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. James C. Pedrick, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff, Miss Amara DeRienzo, Mrs. Jeanne W. McMillian, Mrs. Joseph R. Ross, Mrs. Michael J. Schubert

Coffee Hour Chairman: Mrs. Jonathan C. Glenn **Roaming Greeter:** Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III

Usher Chairman: Mr. John D. Riley **Vestry Offering Chairman:** Mr. Edwin H. Culver

Acolytes: Jack Perkins, Hawkins Pindar, Jack McClellan, Jamie McClellan, Haddon Watson, Whit Watson Finn

Women parishioners of St. John's Church are invited to serve Christ and his Church in the St. John's Chancel Society, taking care of the linens, silver, flowers, vestments, and preparing the altar for services on Sunday and weekdays. For more information, contact the President, Mrs. Roland (Sylvia) Summers at ralstonpeaches@yahoo.com or through the church office at (912) 232-1251

WORSHIP THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday to Friday: 8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Morning and Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday, July 18th: St. Camillus de Lellis & 26th Anniversary of

Father Dunbar's Ordination : 9:45 a.m. Litany 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

In addition, on Thursday: 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist

Next Sunday, July 22nd, St. Mary Magdalene - Trinity 8: 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Sermon

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER To stay up-to-date with our weekly Church email, send your name and email address to: information@stjohnssav.org

MEN OF SAINT JOHN'S

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Men's Bible Study *Jeremiah* with Father Dunbar 7:00 a.m. Reading Room, Third Floor Cranmer Hall. No class on July 19th.

WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN'S

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR

Save the dates! Thursday, September 6th The Bazaar Kick - Off Meeting will be held at 6 pm. The 2018 Holly Days Bazaar will be held November 7 and 8, 10 am until 2 pm. We are currently looking for sponsors and vendors. Please see the weekly church email for additional information or contact Melanie Finnegan (912-856-6210).

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday book study, "The Once and Future King" by T. H. White with Father O'Brien. 9:15 a.m. in the Reading Room

YOUTH OF SAINT JOHN'S

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle and High school students, Summer Sunday school. Sunday Mornings 9:30 a.m., Cranmer Hall 3rd Floor. Bible 101 - This series will help youth discover the truth and dependability of Scripture, and how reading it well can draw them closer to Jesus.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES OF SAINT JOHN'S

WELCOME

Mrs. Sean (Melanie) Finnegan has very kindly stepped in as Acting Children's Church/Sunday School Supervisor. She will be meeting children at the Church door when they leave the 10:30 service (during the Benedictus at Morning Prayer, during the Hymn before the Sermon at Sung Eucharist). If you would like to assist her please let her know! Contact Melanie Finnegan (912-856-6210).

CHILDREN'S SUMMER FUN:

Summer Reading Program: Ages newborn - rising 5th graders are invited to "Book a Trip" and check out books from the Children's Library at St. John's. Winners will get prizes at the end of the summer. Book donations welcome!

MUSIC OF SAINT JOHN'S

SAVANNAH VOICE FESTIVAL

August 4 - 26, 2018 the sixth annual season, "Stories Great and Small". The Salon Series - VOICE Society Exclusive, sponsored by St. John's Church will be Tuesday, August 7th and 21st. Guests (Voice Society Members) will enjoy an hour-long concert followed by a light supper and champagne reception in the historic Green Meldrim House, with a silent auction to take an original painting home. For more information visit SavannahVOICEFestival.org

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

TODAY'S ANTHEM

Today's anthem, *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* was given in memory of Mrs. Eileen Foran by Doug and Betty Foran.

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR

This Sunday, August 15th come by the coffee hour sign up table and let us know when you are available help or contact Joyce McClellan at mimi1joyce@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S ON THE COVER OF THE ANGLICAN DIGEST

Pictures of St. John's have been selected for front, inside front, and inside back covers of the *Anglican Digest's* Autumn issue. Published quarterly since 1958, *The Anglican Digest* is published quarterly, and draws on a wide range of contributors "to reflect the words and work of the faithful throughout the Anglican Communion." It is sent to anyone who desires to receive it, and is supported by contributions. To receive a copy go online to anglicandigest.org, or call 479-253-9701. St. John's is one of TAD's partner parishes.

PRAYER REQUEST BOXES

To encourage praying with and for one another, parishioners are invited to submit Prayer Requests (supplication or thanksgiving) to the Prayer Boxes set up in the narthex and at the Chapel entrance. These will be collected and prayed for during the monthly meeting of the St. John's Prayer Circle (to which all are welcome) – second Wednesdays after the 5:30 evening service, in the Cranmer Hall Fellowship Room. (To keep prayers up-to-date, prayer requests must be renewed each month).

*And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
Matthew 21:22*

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN - OPENING

The Part-Time position of Director of Children's Ministry is now open. A job description is posted on our website or you may contact Janice Woods in the church office (232-1251) for more information. Please be praying for someone to fill that position, with a heart for the Gospel and for children, sympathetic to the liturgical and sacramental tradition of Anglicanism, and equipped with skills for organizing, communicating, teaching, and administration.

PRAYER BOOKS AND HYMNALS

Mark a special occasion, or leave a lasting memorial to a loved one, by dedicating a Prayer Book or a Hymnal for use at St. John's Church. Each dedication will be recorded by a bookplate. The charge of \$50 per book will offset the costs of replacing Hymnals and Prayer Books in the Church or Chapel. Contact the Church Office if interested.

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR - JANE'S CANNERS

NEED: We need figs, pears off the tree and jars. If you are interested in participating, please call Jane Pressly at 912-233-6551.

STANDING NOTICES

WELCOMING TALENTS

Put your welcoming talents to good use and sign up to be a Roaming Greeter at Coffee Hour. Your mission: to make every newcomer at St. John's go away feeling really welcome. No training necessary; just attentive, warm and friendly interaction with our visitors. Helpful tips to identify visitors will be provided! Please email Elizabeth Schubert (banklady10@bellsouth.net) to sign up.

DOCENTS NEEDED FOR CHURCH TOURS

Church tours are off to a great start this year. We are in need of three more docents interested in this outreach project. Contact: Jack Wray at jcwright12@gmail.com or 912-596-2950 if you are interested.

ST. JOHN'S IS PODCASTING!

You can now listen to St. John's Sunday lessons and sermon on your smartphone, any time you like, using the free Podbean App. For details visit the Church website at www.stjohnssav.org, pick up a how-to leaflet at the Church, or call the church office at 232-1251.

FOR ACCESS TO THE CHURCH DIRECTORY USE THE CHURCH LIFE APP

For access to the Church Directory create your St. John's Access ACS members login by going to the church website at www.stjohnssav.org.

Alternatively you may go directly to the Access ACS login at <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=158821>

After you have created your St. John's members login download the Church Life app on your phone and enjoy easy access to the Church Directory. If you have any questions or your email address is not recognized please contact the church office for assistance.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY PSALMS & LESSONS

The list of this week's daily psalms and lessons is available on the website, and in the weekly e-newsletter. Paper copies are available by the Church door and in the Chapel.

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

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.

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

PRAYER BOOK REVISION

The triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church is meeting in Austin, Texas. I have read somewhere that this gathering is second in size only to that of the Republican Party - a comparison both ironic and significant. Much of its proceedings are of the most predictable character - "diversity" in everything but thought, where conformity is rigidly exacted. In my impetuous youth I was given to denouncing outbreaks of ecclesiastical folly, but I have long since recognized the folly of doing so. It's wasted breath. Or too much like shooting fish in a barrel.

As of the time of writing, the proposal for a twelve-year, eight-million-dollar, comprehensive revision of the 1979 Prayer Book is moving forward, though not without thoughtful opposition - an opposition that includes the delegation from the Diocese of Georgia. Of course it is true that the 1979 Prayer Book needs revision. Most of it needs to be thrown out. Its vague doctrine, flat prose, and rootless antiquarianism have enervated the mind and heart of the Episcopal Church long enough. The Cranmerian texts it retains in Rite I should be liberated from the mutilations and illogical rearrangement foisted on them. But even the 1928 Prayer Book needs revision - there were some unhappy (though thankfully minor) alterations of the rites of Baptism and Holy Communion in it, and the daily office lectionary is weak. But, as everyone acknowledges, I am a person noted for his moderate views, and though there is much to be said in favor of a return to the 1559 Prayer Book, I would settle for the second American Prayer book of 1892. But strangely, this is not what is being proposed.

Instead, the resolution is a laundry list of Episcopalian pieties and preoccupations. In its current form, it calls for a revision that (take a deep breath) "will continue in faithful adherence to the historic rites of the Church Universal as they have been received and interpreted within the Anglican tradition of Common Prayer and mindful of our existing ecumenical commitments while also providing space for, encouraging the submission of, and facilitating the perfection of rites that will arise from the continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us and growing insights of our Church". It will "utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church's liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship". Moreover it will "continue to adhere to the four tenets of "the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral", "utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity", and "incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God's creation". Only Episcopalians, still oddly confident of their indispensable place in God's plans, could exhibit such confidence in their capacity to square the circle, sure that they can somehow harmonize the authority of Scripture, the universal Church, the Anglican tradition of common prayer, ecumenical commitments, the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral, the "continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us", the "growing insights of our Church", and the agendas of inclusivity, diversity, and "creation-care". Kitchen sink, anyone? We will have altars for Yahweh, Asherah, Moloch, *and* Baal. Notice too the anxiously self-congratulatory insistence on the *continual* movement of the Spirit among *us*, and the *growing* insights of *our* Church. It is unthinkable that God is not behind the latest Episcopalian pre-occupations. Unexpectedly, "all materials in Rite I" - that is, the remnant Cranmerian texts retained in the 1979 liturgy - are to be exempted from revision (at least, in the current form of the resolution). The memory of the blood

shed in the suppression of the 1928 Prayer Book perhaps has a restraining influence.

What's odd about the Episcopal Church is how little it has changed since the early 1980's, when I was first drawn into the Anglican world. The same self-congratulatory self-confidence in its own wisdom and importance, the same contempt for and ignorance of its own history, the same obsession with fruitless liturgical tinkering and progressive agendas. The dwarfs are for the dwarfs. GGD

SERMON NOTES

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

Worship in the Anglican Tradition

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That is grounded in historic faith and reverent worship
And is committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel.***

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