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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on Wednesday

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 15th

TRINITY 7

10:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

am now utterly alone? Fear of his anger is one possible response, but there are others: denial (I just won't think about it), bargaining (if he will relent, I promise to do better) anger (I am a good person, I deserve better from God), or depression (nothing I can do will make any difference).

These are all normal, or natural, responses: that's not to say that they correspond to reality. The gospel, however, opens up to us a very different perspective, a perspective that is both realistic and filled with hope. It is one that offers us what the old English Bible and Prayer call "comfort" - by which it means the inner spiritual strength that *fortifies* us with reassurance and encouragement, empowering us to take heart in the face of fear.

At the core of the Christian perspective on affliction is the knowledge that Christ entered into glory through the suffering of the cross; and that in so doing, he redeemed mankind from everything that separates us from God. If God can use the worst evil in the world (his Son's unjust suffering) to accomplish the greatest possible good (the reconciliation of the world to God), then God is not limited by evil. As Joseph saw, God can use it to accomplish his own good purposes (Genesis 45:7,8; 50:20).

Moreover, because of what Christ

COMFORT

When debilitating injury, illness, or infirmity arrives, a shadow falls upon the brightness of the day; the thought of mortality, normally suppressed, cannot quite so easily be banished. Modern medical science gives us all kinds of tools to fight the threat, and often overcome it, for a time; and so (naturally) we tend to treat the problem solely in terms of medical health. In our concentration upon a merely medical response to our ills, however, we miss the spiritual depth of this experience, and the opportunity it presents to grow near to God.

In its negative spiritual aspect, of course, affliction can be a deeply demoralizing experience. It can make us ask the questions, why is this happening to me? why is *God* letting this happen to me? Does this mean that he is angry with me, that he has turned against me, that I

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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 CHAIRMEN

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mrs. Martin R. Sullivan, Sr.

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Mr. John D. Riley

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Hawkins Pindar
10:30 a.m. Philip Inglesby, Jacob Perkins,
Finn Repella Daniel Sills
William Sills William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert V. Martin, Jr. and Julia Groves Martin by their family.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Miller, Sr. and Mrs. Louise Duskin Dillard by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dillard III.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard John Hoffman by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.

BAPTISM

Estelle Aline Besse
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thomas Beese
on July 7, 2018

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Mrs. Nicholas K. Farley

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

CRANMER HALL-3RD FLOOR

Upper & 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

Thursday- *Jeremiah* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m. Third Floor Cranmer Hall

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Book Study: T. H. White's "The Once and Future King" with Father O'Brien 9:15 a.m.,
CH3-Reading Room

◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CIRCLE

Wednesday, July, 11th at 6:15 p.m. following
Evening Prayer in Cranmer Hall, first floor.
The topic will be "Effective Prayer in the Bible" followed by intercessory prayers.
All are welcome!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

accomplished for us in and through his suffering, we now know that "there is now no condemnation for them that are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1) – my illness does not mean that God is permanently angry with me; moreover, "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (8:28) – God can use even my illness to accomplish his good purpose for me; and finally, "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (8:38, 39) – God has not abandoned me or ceased to care for me. The suffering of Christ for our redemption has transformed the meaning of suffering itself. Now suffering (which in itself is and remains an evil from which we will finally be fully redeemed) has become the instrument by which God works his loving purpose in me; its darkness is suffused with radiance.

The old Prayer Book put it this way: *there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain; he entered not into his glory before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life.*

As we draw near to Christ in his suffering for us, we shall know God's power in a way we have not known it before. Perhaps we shall know it in our happy recovery to health; but we shall also know it even if we do not recover health. When Paul was afflicted with a *thorn in the flesh* (an ailment whose precise nature is obscure), he was not delivered from this affliction, despite praying most fervently for deliverance. Instead, the Lord told him: *My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.* Paul's response is one that only a Christian could make: *Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* In the weakness to which suffering brings us, we have the opportunity to know and experience the saving power of God in a way that those who are strong and healthy cannot. To do so, we must approach it with hearts open to the presence and activity of God in our illness, and instructed thoroughly by his Word in the way of his working, ready to hear his word of comfort to those who put their trust in him for their health and salvation. That is why it is so important that the challenge and encouragement of Scripture's comforting words not be withheld from suffering believers; and that they embrace this comfort by a faith that is active in self-examination, repentance, patience, courage, and charity; and strengthened by the Sacrament. GGD

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

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*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*Summer Children's Nursery for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor),
is available from 9:15a.m. till 12:15 p.m.**9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)****10:30 A.M. – SUNG EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN'S CHURCH**HYMN #155 *New Every Morning is the Love* Melcombe**ANTE-COMMUNION**

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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.)