

Society of King Charles the Martyr

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The Society of King Charles the Martyr, founded in 1894, is an Anglican devotional society. Grateful for our Anglican heritage, we honor King Charles I of England, particularly on 30 January, the date of his beheading in 1649.

Saint Charles is a martyr because, as Bp of London and church historian Mandell Creighton said, "Had Charles been willing to abandon the Church and give up Episcopacy, he might have saved his throne and his life. But on this point Charles stood firm; for this he died, and by dying saved it for the future."

We Anglicans should give thanks for his life and honor Charles for his martyrdom, which retained for us bishops in the Apostolic Succession. He is the only saint added to the Book of Common Prayer by the C of E. The service for 30 Jan. was unanimously approved by the Joint Convocations of Canterbury and York on 26 April 1661. Preaching on 30 Jan. 1831, John Keble said,

"It is as natural that we should keep this day as it is that Christ's universal Church should keep Saint Stephen's martyrdom."

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UPCOMING ANNUAL SOLEMN MASSES (SATURDAYS AT 11 A.M.)

29 JAN. 2011 – S. PAUL'S K ST., WASHINGTON DC – PREACHER, Bp. RODNEY MICHEL

28 JAN. 2012 – S. MARY'S CHPL. NASHOTAH HOUSE WI – PREACHER, VEN. SHAWN DENNEY

25 JAN. 2014 – S. VINCENT'S CATHEDRAL, BEDFORD TX

30 JAN. 2016 – HOLY COMMUNION, CHARLESTON SC – PREACHER, FR. DOW SANDERSON

SPECIAL SOLEMN CELEBRATIONS (SATURDAYS AT 11 A.M.)

350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION – 29 MAY 2010

S. BARNABAS, OMAHA NE – PREACHER, Bp. DAREN K. WILLIAMS

350TH ANNIVERSARY OF RECOGNITION OF THE CULTUS OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR

7 MAY 2011 – RESURRECTION, NEW YORK CITY – PREACHER, CANON PROF. J. R. WRIGHT