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LIVE THIS SUNDAY FROM ST. JOHN'S

10 A.M. – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: ST LUKE'S GOSPEL

Will meet via Zoom with Fr. Dunbar.

Email mnelson@stjohnssav.org for connection information.

10 A.M. – YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will not meet this Sunday.

10 A.M. – CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

A short video lesson will be posted to St. John's Children's Facebook group at www.Facebook.com/groups/StJohnsSavChildren.

11 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Live-streamed on St. John's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/StJohnsSav and available after 1 p.m. on YouTube.com.

Have your Prayer Book ready.
Additional resources will be in Friday's email.

Morning Prayer begins on page 6
of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

First Lesson: Ezekiel 36:16-28
Second Lesson: Revelation 4 (BCP, pages 186-187)
John 3:1-15 (BCP, pages 186-188)
Collect of the Day (BCP, page 186)

Voluntaries:
Nicaea, Calvin Hampton
Variations on 'Leoni', G. Winston Cassler

Hymns:
Hymn #266 *Holy, Holy, Holy!* (Nicaea)
Hymn #285 *The God of Abraham Praise* (Leoni)

*If you need help getting on Facebook, please call
the Church office at (912) 232-1251.*

WRATHS AND SORROWS

It has been hard to feel anything but anger, sorrow, and fear for our country this past week. At a time when political polarization, epidemic disease, mass quarantine, and economic contraction had already strained the nerves of the nation, an act of brutal police violence caught on video shocked the country to its core; the justifiable outrage it provoked was expressed in legitimate protests that were exploited by extremists and anarchists who instigated outbreaks of rioting, vandalizing, burning, and looting; and as neighbourhoods were torched and pillaged, policing struggled to find the balance between the ineffectual and the over-aggressive. While the leadership of the mayor of Savannah this past weekend was impressive, elsewhere, too much leadership seemed ineffectual, hamfisted, or enabling.

Attention has turned to the dangers of militarized policing, police unions that thwart needed disciplinary action, and inordinate legal immunity for police bad actors; perhaps there will be some useful reforms there. At the same time, the anger now directed at the police may well degrade morale and recruitment, and the likely pull-back from policing African-American neighbourhoods will leave them even less protected from crime than they already are. Moreover, history shows that the neighborhoods torched by riots won't recover. As Martin Luther King observed, riots may be understandable as "the anger of the unheard" but he also said they were "self-defeating and socially destructive".

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

All in-person services are cancelled until further notice. Services will be available on [Facebook.com/StJohnsSav](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsSav).

This Sunday, June 7th Trinity Sunday

10 a.m. *Adult & Children's Sunday School* (Youth will not meet this week.)

11 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
Live-streamed on St. John's Facebook.
Have your Prayer Book ready.
Additional resources in Friday's email.

Midweek Live-stream Services

Wednesday, June 10th

9:50 a.m. *Litany* (p. 54)
10 a.m. *Ante-Communion*
("Table Prayers" – p. 67)

Thursday, June 11th

St. Barnabas, Apostle
11 a.m. *Morning Prayer* (p. 6) with
Ante-Communion (p. 67)

Next Sunday, June 14th First Sunday after Trinity

10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*
11 a.m. *Ante-Communion*

Rage against injustice may be intoxicating, but it must be tempered by sober judgment, or it will turn (like almost all revolutionary fervors) into its opposite. (See: *Animal Farm*, *Darkness at Noon*, and the history of too many revolutionary movements.) A host of political and social "solutions" – left or right – will be offered that may be worse than the disease. Racism is real, ugly, and insidious. Still, I am skeptical about the sweeping claims made for its influence in American society, and the radical ideologies of anti-racism that prey on chest-beating

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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.

Services may be suspended for now, but your Church ministry is not on hold. Please continue to support St. John's financially. Also, please remember St. John's Church in your will.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Coke S. and Helen S. Blume; C. Redmond and Lorraine B. Gill; and the Reverend Jeffrey Gill by their family.

And in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Victor.

And in honor of the 39th anniversary of the ordination of Father John Patrick Hunt on June 6, 2020.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MASKS

The Outreach Committee has been busy making masks. If anyone needs a face mask, call Martha Sullivan at 912-663-6221 or email her at msullivan73@comcast.net. Please include your name, number of masks needed, address, and phone number.

ONLINE SERVICES

Live-streamed services will be available as videos after their broadcast on Facebook. As an alternative, we are adding videos to **St. John's YouTube** channel. Visit [StJohnsSav.org/sah](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStJohnsSav) for links. Services are also available as podcasts at [sj1928.podbean.com](https://www.podbean.com/sj1928).

WAYS TO GIVE

Your continued financial support of St. John's is appreciated. You may mail a check or give electronically at [StJohnsSav.org/give](https://www.stjohnssav.org/give). You may also text 1928BCP to 73256.

YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S

Wednesday's Faith + Fellowship

The Youth of St. John's will chat remotely via Zoom. Please email dsvihel@stjohnssav.org for details.

guilt threaten a bondage from which no expiation will ever set us free. Yet, those who reject such solutions cannot take refuge in reaction or inaction, nor excuse themselves from coming up with better remedies.

In the waste of our wraths and sorrows, we very much need leadership that rises to the great challenges of this moment – and a people that demand such leadership and supports it. So there are things we can do, but they begin with our humbling ourselves in earnest prayer, for our country, and for those in authority in it, “that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue”.

For Peace.

O God, who wouldest fold both heaven and earth in a single peace; Let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts; through thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THANK YOU

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank the over 40 volunteers who touched the lives of over 200 parishioners of all ages by calling, texting, and writing. Feedback was tremendous and people really enjoyed this type of fellowship. We encourage everyone to continue reaching out.

ONLINE DAILY OFFICE SERVICES

Please note during the summer our friends at All Saints' Episcopal Church will only live-stream Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. (1928 BCP), on [Facebook.com/AllSaintsThomasville](https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsThomasville)

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ ou Lord. *Amen.*

— GGD

ST. BARNABAS APOSTLE

Next **Thursday, June 11th** we will celebrate the Feast of St. Barnabas, the Apostle with an 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion. Plan to join us on Facebook at 11 a.m. or you may wish to watch later in the day on Facebook or YouTube.com.

CRADLE OF PRAYER WEBSITE

Started by a former St. John's parishioner, **CradleofPrayer.com** is a free resource of daily readings from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, with hymns and canticles from the 1940 Hymnal. It is designed to refresh your mind, heart, and soul.

For changes and updates, sign up for our weekly emails at [StJohnsSav.org](https://www.stjohnssav.org).