



SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG
FOR THE FEAST OF
ALL SAINTS

November 7, 2021



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
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5:05 P.M. PRELUDE

Short Fanfare in B Flat.....Eric Harding Thiman (1900-1975)

Sicilienne..... Maria Theresia von Paradis (1759-1824)
Arr. Charles Callahan

(Kristi Kiene, Oboe)

A Memorial Prelude on “Shall We Gather At the River” Charles Callahan (1951)

(Audrey Allgaier, Flute & Sarah Eliasoph, Bells)

Litany “Rest In Peace” Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)
Arr. Clarence Dickinson

Adagio (from *Zwei Adagio*, Op 39) Rudolf Bibl (1832-1902)
Ed. von Otto Biba

(Brant Harlacher, Cello)

In ParadisumRichard Proulx (1937- 2010)
(Kaleb Wimes, soloist & Sarah Eliasoph, Bell)

May the angels take you into Paradise; may the holy martyrs welcome you on
your way; and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

May the choir of angels welcome you, and with Lazarus who once was
poor, may you have everlasting rest.

Andante Pastorale (Op. 98)..... Gabriel Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
Ed. Hermann J. Busch

(Kristi Kiene, Oboe)

Jerusalem, My Happy Home “Land of Rest” Wilbur C. Held (1914-2015)
(Brant Harlacher, Cello)

5:30 P.M. SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG

THE PENITENTIAL PREPARATION

SENTENCES, CONFESSION (*said by all, kneeling*) *Prayer Book*, pp. 21-23

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.**

ABSOLUTION *Prayer Book*, p. 24

LORDS' PRAYER (*said by all, kneeling*) *Prayer Book*, p. 25

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.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S PRAISE

THE OPENING PRECES (*sung by choir*) William Smith

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(*please stand*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN #125 *Hark! The Sound of Holy Voices* Moultrie

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit.* (*Prayer Book*, p. 345) C. Hubert H. Parry

(Congregation stands for *Gloria Patri*)

PSALM 34 *Benedicam Dominum* (*Prayer Book*, p. 380) Thomas Norris

(Congregation stands for *Gloria Patri*)

FIRST LESSON Wisdom 3:1-9

MAGNIFICAT in A Flat (*Prayer Book*, p. 26) Basil Harwood

(Congregation stands for *Gloria Patri*)

SECOND LESSON Revelation 19:1-10

NUNC DIMITTIS in A Flat *Prayer Book*, p. 28) Basil Harwood
(Congregation stands for *Gloria Patri*)

THE PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*said by all, standing*)

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.**

THE RESPONSES (*sung by choir*)..... William Smith

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

(*please kneel*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung by the choir alone*)

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the state;

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee;

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness,

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS.....*Prayer Book*, pp. 256, 222, 31

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Holy Is The True Light* Gerald Near

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict.

From Christ they inherit a home of unfailing splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.

CLOSING PRAYERS (responses said by all)

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

(please kneel)

For the Communion of Saints

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy holy name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear; for the Blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, for John the Divine, Apostle and Evangelist; and for all thy righteous servants, known to us or unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, strengthened by their fellowship, and assisted by their prayers, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For the Saints of the Anglican Communion

God, whom the glorious companies of the redeemed adore, assembled from all times and places of thy dominion: We praise thee for the saints of our communion who stand before thee, and for the many lamps their holiness hath lit; and beseech thee that we also may be numbered as the last with them that have loved thy will and declared thy righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Faithful Departed

Remember, O Lord, we beseech thee, the souls of them that have kept the faith, both those whom we remember and those whom we remember not: Grant them rest in the land of the living, in the joy of Paradise, whence all pain and grief have fled away, where the light of thy countenance shineth forever; and guide in peace the end of our lives, O Lord, when thou wilt and as thou wilt, only without shame and without sin; through thine only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

For Those Who Died for Their Country

Remember in thy kingdom, O Lord Christ, those who counted not their lives dear unto themselves, but laid them down for their friends: Shed forth upon them the light of thy countenance, and grant that they may be numbered among the hosts of thy redeemed, going forth conquering and to conquer with thee, their everlasting Lord; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve you this night and for ever more. **Amen.**

(please stand)

HYMN #597 *Jerusalem the Golden*.....Alexander Ewing
VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* (Op. 85).....Craig Sellar Lang

*The Prelude is offered in memory of Glenn Keville Richards.
This Evensong is offered in memory of all who have lost their lives this past year.*

*Due to an event in the Green-Meldrim House tonight, we will not hold
a reception after the Evensong service.*

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

- Father Gavin G. Dunbar, Rector
- Father J. Patrick Hunt, Assisting Priest
- Mr. Steven Vanderlip, Assisting Priest
- Mr. R. Steven Branyon, Organist and Choirmaster
- Mr. Wesley Perkins, Assisting Conductor
- Mrs. Angela M. Fisher, Assistant Organist
- Joseph Flanders, Usher
- Mr. Arthur Weed, Usher

A NOTE ON THE SERVICE OF EVENSONG

The Order of Evening Prayer, like the rest of the Prayer Book, is based on the ancient Latin liturgy of the western catholic church, but in the Reformation simplified, condensed, purified in doctrine, and rendered into plain, dignified, rhythmic English prose. In its structure it follows the Pauline gospel triad (derived from Luther's reading of the Epistle to the Romans) of repentance, faith, and works (or charity), also known as "guilt, grace, and gratitude".

First, in a *penitential preparation* - the moment of *repentance*, in which we acknowledge our *guilt* and our need of absolution to loose us from the bond of sin.

Second, and on this basis of our repentance, we are moved to *proclaim the praise of God's glory* - the doxology, "Glory be to the Father", which runs like a refrain through this part, is the key motif. This is the moment of *faith*, by which we receive God's promises of *grace* set forth in his Word, and our guilt is taken away.

Third, after confessing our faith (the Apostles' Creed), we make our *prayers* to claim the grace we have sought in repentance. These prayers are good works of *gratitude* for the grace promised by God in his Word.

When Evensong concludes with an Anthem, and closing Prayers, as it does this evening, there is a recapitulation or reprise of the second and third moments of Praise and Prayers, or Faith and Works, with Repentance presupposed.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

Mission. St. John's Church is building a community in Christ that is grounded in historic faith and reverent worship and is committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel.

For Guests and Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us. We look forward to getting to know you!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Founded in 1841, the first rector, Stephen Elliott, was also the first bishop of Georgia, and he consecrated the present church on May 7, 1853. In 1943, one of Savannah's historic mansions, the Green-Meldrim House, became its Parish House and Rectory. Later, Macon Street 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 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.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Save these Dates! Plan to join us at our upcoming Evensongs and concert.

- **Friday, November 12th, Mr. Parker Ramsay in Concert "J. S. Bach's Goldberg Variations"** – St. John's Concert series featuring Parker Ramsay playing harp at the historic Green-Meldrim House at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased online at StJohnsSav.org/Concert.
- **Sunday, February 6th, Evensong for Candlemas** – Prelude music at 5:05 p.m. with service at 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 27th, Evensong for Blessed Virgin Mary** – Prelude music at 5:05 p.m. with service at 5:30 p.m.

Do you follow Music at Saint John's on Facebook? If St. John's Church hosts additional musical events throughout the year, they will be announced on the choir's Facebook page [@stjohnssavmusic](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssavmusic).

To learn more about St. John's, visit StJohnsSav.org or call us at 912.232.1251.



St. John's Church Concert Series

PARKER RAMSAY
The Goldberg Variations

Friday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.
*Internationally renowned harpist,
Parker Ramsay, will showcase
his latest works.*

This intimate concert at the historic Green-Meldrim House will feature Internationally renowned harpist, Parker Ramsay playing J. S. Bach's Goldberg Variations in a transcription for harp. Tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased at StJohnsSav.org/concert.

Sponsorships are available. Donations of \$100 or greater will be recognized in the evening's program.

Tickets are \$20 at
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Free Parking Available.



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Holly Days
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November 10-11, 2021

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us this week at the
Green-Meldrim House and
enjoy the following:

Reserve In-door Dining in the Green-Meldrim House, Pre-Order Take-out Lunches, Chili, and Soup; Enjoy Homemade Desserts; Shop the Treasure Room; and Purchase Candlelight Dinner Raffle Tickets.

Items available for pick-up
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

A limited number of walk-up
purchases will be available.
Visit StJohnsSav.org/HDB.

Silent Auction

View items online or in-person
from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House, Nov. 10-11.
Bid online at www.32auctions.com/HollyDaysAuction2021

*Proceeds from the Holly Days Bazaar benefit
multiple charities supported by the parish.*

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