THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 16, 2022

11 a.m. Holy Communion



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

The Truth of the Bible
In the Beauty of the Anglican Tradition.
Believe. Worship. Love. Serve.

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.

Worship Schedule: Our current Sunday schedule is: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the church; 9 a.m. Family Worship Service in the church (Family Morning Prayer on the first, second, third, and fifth Sundays of the month with Holy Communion on the fourth Sundays); and 11 a.m. Holy Communion in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month with Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Morning Prayer is online each weekday at 8:15 a.m. Evening Prayer is at 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in the chapel (entrance facing the mall). Evening Prayer with Holy Communion is 5 p.m. every Thursday in the chapel. Visit **StJohnsSav.org** for more details.

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

Interactive Worship. The congregation participates actively in worship, and this booklet is a guide to taking part in it. It is based on 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, who was also the first bishop of Georgia, consecrated the present church on May 7, 1853. In 1943, 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 to our posterity the historic Faith and Order it sets forth, within the fellowship of the Anglican Communion.

HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY - GOD'S LAW

The Prayer Book's rite for Holy Communion begins with the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments), or the Summary of the Law (the Great Commandments). In either form the Law sets before us in summary form the claims of God on all that we think, speak, and do. Moral reality is not whatever we say it is - it has an objective form which we cannot alter, any more than we can repeal the law of gravity. And when we confront the full majesty of the Law, no one who understands it, or knows himself, can escape exposure of his actions as contrary to the law, and himself therefore as condemned by the Law. Trying hard to keep God's law, does nothing to win acceptance by God as holy and righteous. To the contrary - the gospel teaches good works are the effect and not the cause of his grace, which is freely given to those who believe in the gospel, for Christ's sake. And so the first use of the law is to destroy all false hopes of justifying ourselves before God by our own works, and drive us in repentance to the grace and mercy promised in the gospel. When his free grace has taken away our guilt, we are motivated by gratitude to serve and please him in lives of holiness and righteousness, to which the law is a reliable guide and coach. That's why each commandment is followed by the prayer, "Lord have mercy upon us" "and incline our hearts to keep this law". For the sake of Christ's perfect sacrifice for sin, may he freely and fully forgive us our transgressions of our law, and write in it our hearts, so that we may respond to him in the perfect obedience of grateful love.

THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. *Isaiah 60:1*

THE ANTE-COMMUNION *Priest:* The Lord be with you; Answer. And with thy spirit *Priest:* Let us pray. KYRIE ELEISON (all kneel) Hymnal #710 (p. 752)Healey Willan Lord have mercy have upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord have mercy have upon us. The Epistle (all sit) Romans 12:6-15......Prayer Book, p. 111 The Holy Gospel (all stand) St. John 2:1-11Prayer Book, p. 113 BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things L visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements (all sit)

The Address

THE OFFERTORY

Sentences (all stand)

Presentation of Alms (all stand) Doxology #139......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.

Traise Triffi above, ye fleaverily flost, 7 Traise Taurer, 50ff, and Trofy Gliost. 71

The Biddings and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

Absolution and Comfortable Words	Prayer Book, p. 76
Sursum Corda #734	Hymnal #734, p. 788 or Prayer Book, p. 76
The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.	
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord	
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet an	d right so to do.
SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #711 & #797	Healey Willan

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Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration: Institution, Oblation, and Invocation Prayer Book, p. 80-81

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world Have mercy upon us
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- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world Grant us thy peace.

Receiving the Sacrament.

Those who are baptized and who have been admitted to communion (which at St. John's, is normally by confirmation, but for visitors may have taken place by some other means) are welcome to receive the sacrament. All others are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail (please kneel and cross arms over your breast to signify your intention).

To receive the host, please place right hand over left, palm up, at the level of your chest, and lift the host to your lips. To receive the chalice, keep your neck and head straight, and lightly grasp the bowl or stem of the chalice to guide it to your lips. For reasons of hygiene, self-intinction (dipping) of the host in the chalice is not permitted. If you are not comfortable with receiving the chalice, you may get up after receiving the host, or cross your arms over your chest. The grace of Christ is fully available to the believer by both elements or by either.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

COMMUNION MOTET: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree	Colin Mawby
HYMN #210 Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness	Schmuecke Dich
Prayer of Thanksgiving (Said with the congregation.)	Prayer Book, p. 83
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #713 (Hymnal, page 756)	Healey Willan
The Blessing (all kneel)	Prayer Book, p. 84
HYMN #52 With Gladness Men of Old	Dix



Assisting in Worship

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRS

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

Usher Chair

Mr. Robert L. Sparks

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy

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Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr.

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw

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Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr.

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Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillan

Mrs. H. Emerson Thomas, Jr.

Mrs. Roland S. Summers

Mrs. David C. Schultz

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Logan Robinson McCay on the occasion of his 13th birthday by grandparents, Mick and Connie McCay, and father and brother, Clay and Si McCay.

And in memory of Miss Louise Strong Falligant by the Chancel Society.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Derst, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Derst III and family.

And in honor of the 62nd anniversary of Barbara and William Strickland on December 27th, 2021 by their children and grandchildren.

And in loving memory of Julia Floyd Smith, Sanford G. Simmons, John Pindar Bradshaw Schaller and loved ones by Mrs. Marie Simmons.

To offer flowers for the Altar, call the Church Office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the family of Laura Rosenblum, who passed away on January 12th. There will be a requiem at St John's Church on Saturday, January 22nd at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow in the Green-Meldrim House.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 5TH & 6TH GRADERS

Beginning last Sunday and running through early April, a confirmation class, open to all 5th and 6th graders, is being offered. The aim of confirmation class is to prepare our youth to receive the sacrament of confirmation and thereby take up the life Christ has prepared for them. Part of this preparation is posing questions that will encourage students to consider what exactly is the Christian faith and the life that they are preparing to undertake. Thus the big question posed at the outset of this class: What does it mean to be a Christian? In their first class, students began exploring the various things that make them happy in life, the things they think life is about: things like family, having fun, even making money. As good as those things are, they don't seem to satisfy completely when confronted with the words of Jesus: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6) Whatever it means to be a Christian, it has something to do with this person Jesus Christ. That remains to be explored in the following weeks.

If you would like to enroll your child, email Steven Vanderlip at **svanderlip@stjohnssav.org**.

Prayers for the Ordination of Rev'd Jonathan Jameson

Your prayers are requested for Rev'd Jonathan Jameson who will be ordained into the priesthood at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21st at the Bishop's Chapel in Orlando. The Rt. Rev. Gregory Brewer, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida, will preside at this service.

We look forward to welcoming Jonathan, his wife Amy, and their children, Henry and Agnes into our congregation and to Jonathan's ministry as Associate Rector at St. John's Church, beginning Feb. 1st.

DONATE SNACKS FOR P.A.C.K.

Help stock the snack pantry for P.A.C.K. during January and February! In our ongoing support, we are requesting snack donations. Items may be purchased from St. John's Amazon list and shipped to the Finnegans or dropped off at church on Sunday mornings, now through the end of February. Visit StJohnsSav.org/outreach.

HELP AT P.A.C.K. ON 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS
Our first meeting at P.A.C.K. in 2022 will be Jan.
19th from 4-6 p.m. (4 Mall Terrace). Add this date
to your calendars and plan to join the parishioners
of St. John's as we help to pack bags of food for
local children. If you have any questions about this
outreach effort, please contact Cathy Baxter at
cathybaxter@gmail.com.

Youth of St. John's Ski Trip, Jan. 28-30TH St. John's youth group will travel to Blowing Rock, NC to ski from Jan. 28-30th. All youth, 7th grade and up, are invited. Feel free to invite friends as well! For more details and to register, visit StJohnsSav.org/ski-trip. Please register by Friday, Jan. 14th. If you have any questions, please email Steven Vanderlip at svanderlip@stjohnssav.org.

Annual Oyster Roast & Barbecue, Feb. 5TH The Annual Oyster Roast & Barbecue is Saturday, Feb. 5th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hosted by the Men of St. John's, this fun parish-wide event will be held at Camp Villa Marie, 6 Dolan Dr., Savannah (Isle of Hope). Advance reservations with payment are \$35 (adults), \$25 (guests), and \$10 (teens). All prices are \$5 higher at the door. Your reservations with payment may be made with a Men of St. John's

member after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday services or by stopping in the Church office. For questions about this event, email Sean Finnegan at savfinn@gmail.com.

Adult Confirmation & Reception into Membership Beginning Feb. 13TH

The Rector will be offering a class on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 13th for adults seeking Confirmation, reception into membership at St. John's, or a refresher/introduction to the Anglican tradition of Christianity. It will run through Palm Sunday (April 10th), and will touch on the history of Anglicanism, and its distinctive approach to Christian faith and worship. If interested, please notify the Church office at 912-232-1251 or Fr. Dunbar at gdunbar@sjohnssav.org.

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR EPIPHANYTIDE

Plan to join us **Sunday, Jan. 30th** for Choral Evensong, when the eternal truth of God's word is set forth in the beauty of the Anglican choral tradition. Prelude music will begin at 5:05 p.m. with the Solemn Choral Evensong for Epiphanytide service at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Join us for Coffee Hour

The next coffee hour will be **Sunday**, **Jan.** 23rd after the 11 a.m. Holy Communion in the Green-Meldrim House. With the return of coffee hour on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, volunteers are needed. If you are able to help, please email mimiljoyce@aol.com.

Serve as an Usher

We are looking for parishioners to volunteer as ushers, and we will provide training. If you would like to know more about serving your church as an usher, call the Church office at 912-232-1251.

Parish Directory Updates

To ensure we have current contact information for you, please check your listing and edit as necessary. You may do this one of three ways:

- 1. Online at StJohnsSav.org/members
- 2. Through the ChurchLife app
- 3. Call the church office at 912-232-1251.

Only members and active non-members will be able to create a login for the online directory and Church *Life* app.

Serve as a Church Tour Docent

If you have a few hours to volunteer, consider being a docent to give tours of our beautiful and historic church. If you are available Tuesdays or Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., email Frank Somoskey at frank-denny@sbcglobal.net or call 830-608-4939.

WAYS TO GIVE

- 1. Collection Plate You may give in the offering at the Eucharist or morning prayer, perhaps using an offering envelope.
- 2. **Text** Simply text *1928BCP* to 73256 and receive a link where you may donate online.
- 3. Online Visit StJohnsSav.org and click GIVE (top right of menu) to make a one-time donation or recurring gift.
- 4. **Automated** You may have your donation given automatically by setting up bill pay through your checking account.
- 5. Mail During the week, you may mail your gift to St. John's Church, 1 West Macon St., Savannah, Georgia 31401.

Church Parking Lot Decals

Please make certain your cars have St. John's parking decals. If you need one, please contact the church office at 912-232-1251.

THE ENEMIES (II)

In *Life Together*, Bonhoeffer makes the point that the psalms of imprecation, prayers for judgment against the psalmist's enemies, give us "our first glimpse of the secret of the Psalter":

A psalm that we cannot utter as a prayer, that makes us falter and horrifies us, is a hint to us that here Someone else is praying, not we; that the One who is here protesting his innocence, who is invoking God's judgment, who has come to such infinite depths of suffering, is none other than Jesus Christ himself. He it is who is praying here, and not only here but in the whole Psalter.

Bonhoeffer's Christocentric reading of the psalms belongs to a long tradition reaching back to the New Testament, and illuminates the imprecatory psalms as no other reading can. Because Christ is the one who bears the judgment in his own body on the cross, the "imprecatory psalm leads to the cross of Jesus and to the love of God which forgives enemies. I cannot forgive the enemies of God out of my own resources. Only the crucified Christ can do that, and I through him. Thus the carrying out of vengeance becomes grace for all men in Jesus Christ". In and through the cross, where Christ endures the wrath of God in his own body, that judgment turns to mercy, and that wrath to favor, for those who repent and believe the gospel. Thus Bonhoeffer says, "I pray the imprecatory psalms in the certainty of their marvellous fulfilment" in the cross.

This fulfilment takes place on a number of levels. One must be in the recognition that "we have met the enemy, and he is us", as Pogo said.

The judgment for which we must pray with zeal is the judgment of God on our own sins, our own perversity and rebellion. To pray those psalms of judgment is thus to be brought to the cross, to the place where judgment may turn into mercy. It is the place where God kills and makes alive, bringing us under judgment precisely that he may have mercy on us.

There is also a place for praying by these psalms for the judgment of the enemies of God's kingdom, in the destruction of the powers of evil: "break their teeth, O God, in their mouths; smite the jaw-bones of the lions, O Lord" (Ps 59). We may pray for God to intervene against wrongdoers, the abusers and exploiters of God's creatures, to put an end to their power to do evil; and we may indeed pray for those entrusted with authority in government, "to administer justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice", for, as St. Paul notes of the civil ruler, "he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Romans 13:7).

How far does such impartial judicial wrath go? I have read of a prayer by one chaplain in advance of D-Day: "we ask to be the instrument of thy fury in smiting the evil forces that have visited death, misery, and debasement on the people of the earth". It's not a prayer to be said lightly. The prophets testify that the instruments of justice are themselves held to account. If God uses Babylon to punish Judah, yet he also punishes Babylon for its own injustice. Only if we have ourselves submitted ourselves to the judgment of God can we possibly be the instruments of justice on others. As Bonhoeffer says of Psalm 58, "we cannot pray this psalm. Not because we are too good for it (what a superficial idea, what colossal pride!) because we are too sinful, too evil for it".

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

Even in prayer for God to judge the proud evil doers, we must also pray, as those who are themselves delivered from the judgment their sins deserve into the favor of God by the cross of Jesus Christ, for God "to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts". As the example of St. Stephen indicates, this is not incompatible with fearless calling out of infidelity and injustice, for such bold rebukes of vice are calls to repentance. So we pray for God to judge the enemies of his kingdom and church, to confound their schemes and overthrow their power, precisely so that by means of his judgment they may be converted and become our friends. This was precisely how St. Stephen's prayer was answered, in the conversion of Saul, with result that the ferocious persecutor of the church, struck down on the road to Damascus, rose up a fervent preacher of the gospel.

We pray for judgment, and look for judgment to turn to mercy; but those who finally and definitively reject the grace and mercy that is found at the cross must indeed themselves bear the curse of God, a judgment that is being worked out in and through their own choices, to be made final when Christ comes again. We cannot know the hearts of men as God does; and so we must be governed by charitable presumption concerning their final salvation; we may hope that those who finally reject that grace and mercy are few; but we cannot deny that the possibility of doing so is real. We are fully capable of destroying ourselves; and this knowledge makes his grace all the sweeter.

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Upcoming Worship at St. John's Church

Monday, Jan. 17th
The church office closed for MLK.
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, Online

Monday-Thursday, Jan 17th-20st 8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

In addition, Tuesday—Wednesday 5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel

In addition, Thursday 5 p.m. Evening Prayer with Holy Communion, Chapel

Sunday, Jan. 23rd, Epiphany III 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church 9 a.m. Family Holy Communion, Church 10 a.m. All Ages Sunday School, Cranmer Hall 11 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall

> 11 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church & Online

> 12:15 p.m. *Coffee Hour*, Green-Meldrim House

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Worship in the Anglican Tradition

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