

Sunday, February 20, 2020

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist



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. Morning Prayer is online each weekday at 8:15 a.m. We offer in-person Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday in the chapel (Tuesday & Wednesday with Holy Communion). Evening Prayer is at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the chapel (Thursday with Holy Communion). Visit **StJohnsSav.org** for more details.

Children's Nursery. The nursery is available in Cranmer Hall from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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 - SUNDAYS BEFORE LENT

There are three Sundays before Lent, with picturesque old Latin names of Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima—which mean, respectively, "seventieth", "sixtieth", and "fiftieth". As these numbers suggest we have begun a countdown that will take us through the forty days of Lent (in Latin, Quadragesima) all the way to Easter. These Sundays are designed to prepare us for the season of Lent and its spiritual disciplines. "Before we can *practice* Lent, we are given its *meaning*." The *practices* are the three spiritual disciplines endorsed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount – fasting (reduction in quantity and quality of food, drink, and other bodily pleasures), prayer (including the reading of Scripture), and almsgiving (giving to those in need). Their *meaning* is not about earning salvation by our works, but a growth in the undeserved grace we have freely received by faith and baptism into Christ. We practice fasting, abstinence, self-denial, temperance, because if we can't say "no" to our bodily appetites, we can't say "yes" to God. We practice prayer, because saying "yes" to God means aligning our wills with his, hearing, receiving and keeping his word. And we practice the giving of alms, so that we may show the same love to our neighbor that God has shown to us. If by his grace we die a little more to ourselves, and live a little more for God and neighbor, then when we come to Easter to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection for us, we can rejoice as those who have died and risen with Christ.

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

Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee.

Psalm 17:5,6,7

Bell Peal <i>(stand)</i> HYMN # 415 <i>Jesus Lover of My Soul.</i> Aberystwyth
THE ANTE-COMMUNION
Priest: The Lord be with you; Answer: And with thy spirit Priest: Let us pray.
The Collect for Purity (all kneel)
The Summary of the Law (all kneel)
KYRIE ELEISON <i>(all kneel)</i> Hymnal #702 (p. 743)
Minister: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit. Minister: Let us pray.
The Collect of the Day (all kneel)
The Epistle (all sit) 2 Corinthians 11:19 - 31 [11:32 -12:9 SM]
HYMN (all stand) # 564 How Firm a FoundationLyons
The Holy Gospel (remain standing) St. Luke 8:4 – 15Prayer Book, p. 121-122
The Nicene Creed (Standing, said by all)

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)

The Biddings and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Minister: Of your charity I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

Answer: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sursum Corda #734	Hymnal #734, p. 788 or Prayer Book, p.	. 76
The Lord be with you. And with	· -	
Lift up your hearts. We lift them	-	
Let us give thanks unto our Lord G	od. It is meet and right so to do.	
SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #7	796John Merbe	ecke
• • •	osts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;	
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most H		
	me of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.	
The Prayer of Consecration: Institu	ition, Oblation, and InvocationPrayer Book, p. 80	-81
	ngregation.)Prayer Book, p.	
trespasses, As we forgive those who	even, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy wineaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us o trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, ne kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and one kingdom.	But
Prayer of Humble Access (Said with	<i>h the congregation.)</i> Prayer Book, p.	. 82
E do not presume to conrighteousness, but in thy m gather up the crumbs under thy Ta have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracto drink his blood, that our sinful between the constant of the const	me to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our nanifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much able. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is alway cious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls wand that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amend	own as to ys to and shed
AGNUS DEI #706 (Hymnal, page 7	749)John Merbe	ecke
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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).

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 do not wish to receive the chalice, you may get up after receiving the host, or cross your arms over your chest.

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- 1 All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew, me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.
 God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple fall to dust.
 But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

- 3 God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendor, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.
- 5 Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: paraphrase by Robert Bridges (1844-1930) after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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Assisting in Worship

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRS

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mrs. James S. McClellan (Holly)

Usher Chair

Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally), Mrs. Donald A. Fawcett (Susie), Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. (Penny), and Mrs. Mark D. Stevens (Chambliss)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Francis Huger McAdoo by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Coy.

If you would like to offer flowers for the Altar, please call the Church Office at 912-232-1251. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, call Margaret Wylly at 912-656-6235.

Fr. Dunbar's New Sunday Class Adult Confirmation & Membership

For those who were not able to attend the first class of Fr. Dunbar's Confirmation and Reception into Membership class last Sunday, we will be making this class available as a video later in the week. Look for this video link to be shared in the weekly e-newsletters.

As a reminder, this class is open to all adults seeking confirmation and reception into membership at St. John's, or a refresher/introduction to the Anglican tradition of Christianity. This class meets every Sunday until April 10th at 10 a.m. in the Ralston Room of Cranmer Hall. You may also participate by Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office at 912-232-1251 for details.

Men of St. John's Meeting Meet & Greet with Fr. Jameson

The Men of St. John's will gather on Thursday, Feb. 24th at 6 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House to give the men of the parish an opportunity to meet our new Associate Rector, Fr. Jameson. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. \$15 a person. RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 22nd by emailing savfinn@gmail.com.

Join Us for Coffee Hour Next Sunday Plan to join us on the last Sunday of the month, Feb. 27th after 11 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Green-Meldrim House. We hope to see new and returning faces!

With the return of regular Coffee Hour, we will need volunteers. If you are able to help on one of the upcoming Sundays (2nd & 4th of the month), please email mimiljoyce@aol.com.

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT P.A.C.K.

Thank you to everyone who joined us this past Wednesday at PACK to help fill bags for local children. Parishioners of all ages are invited to come to our next packing night on Wednesday, March 2nd from 4-6 p.m. at 4 Mall Terrace. This is a great outreach opportunity for families to do together! If you have any questions, contact Cathy Baxter at cathybaxter@gmail.com.

KIDS' BOUTIQUE AT P.A.C.K.

In addition to St. John's ongoing effort to collect new 6-year-old girl outfits, PACK is also in need of school uniforms (khaki pants and white polos) for older children (i.e. sizes 12-16 and adult sizes small-large). Donations may be dropped off at 4 Mall Terrace during the times St. John's volunteers are there (1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m.). Please make sure all donations still have the tags on them.

For more information or to sign up to help with this Kids' Boutique project, please contact Elaine Barrow at ehbarrow@aol.com or by cell at 912-856-1774.

Annual Chefs & Chocolates

Urban Hope will hold its 12th Annual Chefs & Chocolates on Friday, March 4th, from 7-10 p.m. This fun-filled evening features live music with tastings of appetizers and desserts from Savannah's finest chefs.

We had such a great response that St. John's got another table at this event. If you are interested in joining this table, please contact Rick Wright at 912-598-2073 or rick@wright advisorygroup.com. Hurry! Space is limited and it will fill quickly. There are additional

ways to support St. John's outreach partner: volunteer, attend, donate, sponsor, and bid. Visit **UrbanHopeSavannah.org**, or call Erin Faulkner at 912-349-5475 to volunteer.

NEW CLASS WITH BISHOP LAMBERT

The Rt. Rev. Paul Lambert will offer a 10 a.m. class beginning **Sunday**, **March** 6th for adults looking to examine the practical and reasonable methods of realizing Christian maturity, using the book "A Lifetime Road to God" and the Bible. A few copies of this book will be available for purchase for \$12 in the church office. This class will meet in Cranmer Hall, 3rd Floor. If you are interested, please notify the Church office at 912-232-1251.

SAVANNAH ANTIQUES & ARCHITECTURE WEEKEND (SAAW)

March 11 & 12, 2022

Celebrate Savannah's tradition of hospitality in historic houses and gardens. while helping to preserve the Green-Meldrim House and the Andrew Low House Museum. Purchase tickets or become a patron by visiting their website at SavAntiquesWeekend.com.

CHURCH PARKING LOT DECALS

To ensure parking is available for as many parishioners as possible on Sundays and for special services and church meetings during the week, please make certain your cars have St. John's parking decals. If you need one, please contact the church office at 912-232-1251.

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS RETURN!

We are excited to share that St. John's very popular Second Sunday Suppers are returning. The upcoming dates are March 13th, April 10th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, and October 9th. These suppers are designed for parishioners to get together and build deeper relationships with one another, and to encourage and support one another in the faith and service of Christ. If you are new to the parish, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others.

Interested in Hosting?

If you are interested in being a host or co-host for one of these suppers, please call Coren Ross (912)398-6884 to learn more and to reserve the date of your preference.

Interested in Attending?

If you are interested in attending one of the suppers, please call the Church Office (912)232-1251 and make your reservation. Suppers are open to the first 20 individuals who reserve a place, and a waiting list will be kept, as well. Please plan to bring a side dish, salad, dessert or beverages as your contribution to your hosts! The addresses, times, and additional details will be shared as they become available.

BEAUTY IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

For many years I had the strange blessing of making a living by travelling around the country, and even the world, to play music. I saw majestic scenery while driving along the Salmon River in Idaho or through the Smoky Mountains on the way to Asheville. There were also slightly harrowing encounters like an illtimed winter tour through the Canadian Rockies in a van that was barely street legal. Our travels also brought us through the great cities of America and Europe with their soaring works of architecture. But despite the beauty we may have passed by along the way, we usually ended up in a dark and dingy music venue. A dark bar in Chicago looks surprisingly like a dark bar in London or even Miami. For my own sanity, I devised a plan: I purchased a folding bike and, when time permitted, I would set off to take in each town, in hopes of escaping the clutches of the dreary and mundane.

This period in my life was also when God began stirring within me an attraction to theology and to the life of the Church. Before long, I was jetting off after sound-check to say evening prayer at some random church, or waking up early to attend a weekday eucharist at a venerable outpost of glory. This was an exciting time in my life. I was raised in an evangelical family in the knowledge and love of the Lord, but without any knowledge of the liturgy and with little love for Christ's Church. As I began to devour works of theology, I discovered the necessity of common prayer, which flows from the corporate nature of the Christian life. I

hungered to sit in a chapel and say the office with one or two sisters or brothers in Christ and to feed at God's Board.

These experiences of the simple and homely beauty of the liturgy were part of what led me to explore a call to holy orders, but the liturgy is not just for the clergy, it is the gift of the Church to all believers, an embodied expression of our theology in time and space, and a school of right desire. Because of the fall, our lives are fractured by sin and death. We all like sheep have gone astray, each one has turned to his own way (Is. 53:6). Our many and various desires and goals are in conflict with each other. The liturgy is where we come to be reoriented to a common end: life in God, with each other, through Christ.

Each eucharist begins with these piercing words: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name. We may be so used to these words that all they signal to us is that the service has begun. But there is a real drama to them, a violence even. Before we may see God, we must recognize that we have been seen by God. Our secret desires, our fractious hearts are not disguisable to him as they might be to others. Therefore, we pray that he might *rend* open our hearts and make them clean by his Holy Spirit so that we might see what we were made for: not our private lusts and interests, but life in him.

The liturgy of the eucharist inevitably leads us to the cross: the strangest of all places. It is the place of ultimate paradox. On account of our disobedience and hardheartedness the incarnate Son of God is hung naked on a tree. It was a repulsive and degrading sight intended to instill fear of the powers of this world. And yet for us who believe, the sign of the cross has become the sweetest sight, full of comfort and healing. It is where we see most clearly the extent of God's love and the depths to which he will go to find his lost sheep.

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As much as I may have preferred to stay in some of those churches that I visited, my job was to head back to a dreary bar and to play some music. But there is a wonderful side effect of learning to find beauty in the paradox of the cross. If God can redeem a horrific instrument of torture, if the cross can become a point of transcendence, then where else might God make himself known? Might we encounter our Savior's face in the office? in the grocery store? in our homes? in a dreary bar? Might we even find God present in the unlikeliest of places? Even in the places that are detestable to us and in the people that we least expect? As we allow God to cleanse our hard hearts, as we repent and turn to him, we can begin to see each other as he sees us—as beloved and sinful creatures in need of a Savior and to trust in his redeeming love. Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new

and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday, Feb. 21st: Presidents' Day Church office closed. No in-person services.

Monday–Friday, Feb. 21 – 25th 8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

Tuesday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel (with *Holy Communion* on Tuesday and Wednesday) 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel (with *Holy Communion* on Thursday)

Sunday, Feb. 27th: Quinquagesima

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

St. John's Church - savannah

Worship in the Anglican Tradition

Parish Chartered in 1841 Church Consecrated in 1853
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