



**PALM SUNDAY
(LENT 6)**

Sunday, April 10, 2022

11 a.m. A Procession with Palms &
Ante-Communion of the Passion



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH

*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 non-holiday Sunday schedule is: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the church; 9 a.m. Family Worship Service (Family Morning Prayer in the church on the first, second, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion in the chapel 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. The 11 a.m. is also livestreamed. Morning Prayer is online each weekday at 8:15 a.m. **Please see pages 13 & 14 of this booklet for our Holy Week and Easter services or 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. **today.**

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 – PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

How do you get to the joy of the resurrection? Only by the way of the cross. In order to live with Christ, we must die with him, and Holy Week is the liturgical enactment of that dying with Christ, the drama of salvation in which we ourselves become participants. Palm Sunday begins with a poignant hint of future triumph, as we commemorate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his open proclamation as Messiah; but before those claims can be vindicated, we must first learn how they were denied. On Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week, by ancient tradition Christians read and listen to the accounts of his passion, in all four gospels; and at morning and evening hear the teachings of Christ at the last supper (John 13-17), in which he sets out the fruits of his going from the world to the Father, by way of death and resurrection. The last three days of Holy Week are often called the Sacrum Triduum, the Holy Three Days. On the Maundy Thursday in the evening, we commemorate the Last Supper, the washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the Sacrament of Christ's Body, the vigil in Gethsemane, and in an act of dramatic symbolism, the altar is stripped. On Good Friday, at midday, the Passion of St. John is read, and a crucifix is unveiled, and venerated, in honor of Christ's sacrifice. On Easter Eve (Saturday), in the Anglican tradition, the last day of Lent is kept as a commemoration of Christ's Sabbath rest in the tomb. The week ends on an appropriate note of quiet preparation and peaceful rest, the prelude to the feast of resurrection, and the dramatic discovery of the empty tomb. "We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee; because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world."

THE ORDER FOR
BLESSING OF PALMS & ANTE-COMMUNION

O Savior of the world,
who by thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us;
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The choir enters as bell rings; the congregation stands.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

¶ The priest shall bless the psalms, first saying,

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given unto us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Priest: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (21:1-9)

Answer: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

AT that time: when Jesus drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, ²Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. ³And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. ⁴All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. ⁶And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, ⁷And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. ⁸And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. ⁹And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Answer: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Minister: Let us pray.

O God whose Son descended from heaven for our salvation, and as the hour of his passion drew nigh, came to Jerusalem, and was blessed and praised by the multitudes who came to meet him, carrying palms and calling him blessed who came in the Name of the Lord: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to accept our confession of praise, and to bless and sanctify to our use these branches of palm and of other trees; that we who bear them in thy Name, may ever hail him as our King; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Motet is sung as the Procession assembles.

MOTET *Hosanna to the Son of David*..... Bartholomaeus Gesius
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Priest: Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Answer: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

Answer: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn #62 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*.....St. Theodulph

AT THE STATION

Minister: Christ for us became obedient unto death.

Answer: **Even the Death of the cross.**

Minister: Let us pray. (*all standing*)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into his glory before he was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #64 *Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty*..... Winchester New

THE ANTE-COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you;

Answer: **And with thy spirit**

Priest: Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYERS (*said by the priest alone*)

The Collect for Purity (*all kneel*)..... Prayer Book, p. 67

Preparing for Penitence Prayer Book, p. 69

KYRIE ELEISON Hymnal #702 (p. 743) John Merbecke
Lord have mercy have upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord have mercy have upon us.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

The Collects of the Day (*all kneel*).....Prayer Book, pp. 134, 124

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Lesson from Jeremiah 11:1-15. *Israel's disobedience and breaking of God's covenant.*

IN those days: The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying, ²Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; ³And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, ⁴Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God: ⁵That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD. ⁶Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. ⁷For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. ⁸Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do: but they did them not.

⁹And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁰They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. ¹¹Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. ¹²Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. ¹³For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to that shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal. ¹⁴Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

The Epistle (*all sit*) Philippians 2:11. *An appeal to follow Christ in his humility and obedience.*

BRETHREN: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow [*here let all kneel and keep silence a short time*], of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN #66 *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* Pange Lingua

The Passion: (*All sit.*) St. Matthew 26:1-end; 27:1-54

Priest: The Passion according to St. Matthew [*No response is made*]

AT that time: it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, ²Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

³Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. ⁵But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

⁶Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,⁷There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. ⁸But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? ⁹For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. ¹⁰When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. ¹¹For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. ¹²For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. ¹³Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, ¹⁵And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.¹⁶And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? ¹⁸And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the pass-over at thy house with my disciples. ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

²⁰Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. ²¹And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. ²²And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? ²³And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. ²⁴The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. ²⁵Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. ²⁷And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; ²⁸For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ²⁹But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. ³⁰And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

³¹Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. ³²But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. ³³Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. ³⁴Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. ³⁵Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

³⁶Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. ³⁷And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. ³⁸Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. ³⁹And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. ⁴⁰And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. ⁴²He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. ⁴³And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

⁴⁵Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. ⁴⁷And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. ⁴⁹And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. ⁵⁰And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus and took him. ⁵¹And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. ⁵²Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. ⁵³Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? ⁵⁵In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. ⁵⁶But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

⁵⁷And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. ⁵⁸But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; ⁶⁰But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, ⁶¹And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. ⁶²And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? ⁶³But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. ⁶⁴Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. ⁶⁵Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. ⁶⁷Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, ⁶⁸Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

⁶⁹Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. ⁷⁰But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. ⁷¹And when he was gone

out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. ⁷²And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. ⁷³And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. ⁷⁴Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: and when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

[The congregation remains seated until the following words ...]

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. [*Here let all kneel and silence a short time.*]

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

The Nicene Creed (*Standing, said by all*).....Prayer Book, p. 71

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things 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.*

The Address (*all sit*)

THE OFFERTORY

Sentences (*all stand*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*all sit*) *Saw Ye My Saviour*Church Harmony 1834,
Arr. David N. Johnson

(Audrey Allgaier, Flute)

Saw ye my Saviour and God? O He died on Calvary to atone for you and me, and to free us from sorrow's great load.

He was extended, painfully nailed to the cross, then He bowed his head and died, thus my Lord was crucified, to atone for a world that was lost.

Jesus hung bleeding, Three dreadful hours in great pain, whilst the sound refused to shine when His majesty divine was derided, insulted, and slain.

Presentation of Alms (*all stand*) #732 *All Things Are Thine* Gardiner

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;

And hence with grateful hearts today Thine own before thy feet we lay. *Amen.*

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord; And of thine own have we given thee. *Amen.*

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 Prayer for Christ's Church (*all kneel*)

Minister: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers [*join hands and pause*], 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.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers [*join hands and pause*], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present [*join hands and pause*]; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word;

truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [*join hands and pause*].

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [*join hands and pause*]; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CLOSING PRAYERS (*Said with the congregation.*)

Minister: Let us pray

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.*

Minister: We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee;

Answer: **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Minister: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy Passion, Cross and Death between thy Judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Vouchsafe to the living mercy and grace, to the dead pardon and rest, to thy holy Church peace and con-cord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing (*all kneel*).....Prayer Book, p. 84

HYMN #75 *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*.....Passion Chorale

The choir, congregation, and clergy leave the Church in silence.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRS

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mr. Edwin H. Culver

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Mr. Joseph R. Ross (Rusty)

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally), Mrs. Rhett N. Willis (Wayne), Mrs. Morgan W. Murray (Anne, and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert (Elizabeth)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God in memory of Denny Somoskey and the celebration of their marriage April 16, 1966 by her loving husband, Frank Somoskey.

And in thanksgiving for and on the occasion of the birthday of Vincent Graham Cooper by Ms. Patti Cooper.

The flowers in the Church Maundy Thursday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Compton by their family.

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.

NEW & NEWSWORTHY

FATHER RALSTON'S UKRAINIAN EASTER EGGS

Eggs are natural symbols of Easter hope in many cultures, but among peoples of eastern Europe, especially Ukraine, the decorating of eggs for Easter has been raised to an art form. A Pysanka (plural Pysanky) is a Ukrainian Easter Egg, traditionally made in secret by Ukrainian women in the nights of Holy Week, using a series of natural dyes and beeswax to decorate the eggs with a variety of geometric, vegetable, and animal forms that symbolize the new life of the Resurrection, and given as gifts after being blessed on Easter. **Four eggs, which once belonged to Father Ralston, are on display in St. Mary's chapel, as a testimony to the Easter hope, and in honor of the Ukrainian people, and their own religious and cultural heritage as a distinct people and nation, now threatened with destruction.**

RECTOR'S LEAVE

After Easter (**April 20th**), Fr. Dunbar will take a mini-sabbatical until early July. Diocesan guidelines provide for a 12-week sabbatical at the end of every six-year period, though this is the first time the rector has taken advantage of this provision since his arrival here twenty-five years ago.

During Fr. Dunbar's absence, Associate Rector, Fr. Jonathan Jameson, will act in the Rector's place with assistance from Fr. Patrick Hunt and Bishop Paul Lambert.

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

Parishioners of all ages are invited to come to our next packing night on **Wednesday, April 20th** 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, please contact Cathy Baxter at cathybaxter@gmail.com.

**SIGN UP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY'S
EXPOSITION OF THE SACRAMENT**

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

"Watch ye and pray..." says Christ to his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane. In the tradition of Christ's exhortation, the parishioners of St John's are invited to sign up for times of self-directed devotion and prayer in the chapel while the sacrament is reserved on the altar on **Maundy Thursday, April 14th**. Parishioners may sign up for 30-minute slots from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. as we keep a watch and pray in the presence of the sacrament, and in anticipation of Good Friday. We request that there be at least one parishioner in the chapel throughout the day.

You may register at
StJohnsSav.org/Thursday.

**APRIL/MAY DONATIONS FOR THE
FRESH AIR HOME**

As the weather gets warmer, thoughts turn to our long-time outreach partnership with Fresh Air Home on Tybee Island. We continue our support by providing new bedding and towels for this summer's campers! Items may be purchased from Amazon (StJohnsSav.org/fah) and shipped c/o The Finnegans. **Please plan to make your donations by early May.**

ST. JOHN'S SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS

The upcoming Second Sunday Suppers are below. Reserve by calling the Church Office.

- **May 15th** hosted by Connie & Mick McCay
- ***New Date!* June 12th** – Cathy & Bill Rodgers



FAMILY EVENTS DURING LENT

"Stations in the Street"

Plan to visit St John's new outdoor art installation in the arches at the north side of the church. The works by Scott Erickson are a striking, modern interpretation of the Way of the Cross, accompanied by Scripture and meditations on Holy Week and on the work of Christ. Stop by this week and spend time with these meditative artworks.

**Good Friday Processional Prayer &
Way of the Cross: Friday, April 15**

At 5:30 p.m. worshippers of all ages meet at the arches on the north side of the church. The youth and clergy of St. John's will lead the worshippers in a public witness of the Way of the Cross around Madison Square and conclude in the Church.

EASTER EVE, APRIL 16

**5:30 p.m. – Solemn Choral Evensong
& Confirmation, Church & Online**

EASTER SERVICES, APRIL 17

8 a.m. – Sung Eucharist, Church
Will feature trumpet & organ.

9 a.m. – Flowering of the Cross, Green-Meldrim

Meet us at the steps to decorate the cross with flowers and get family photos taken by professional photo-grapher, Kate Compton, from 9-9:30 a.m. (at no cost).

**9:30 a.m. – Family Sung Eucharist, Church & Online
(with Children's egg hunt outside)**

After the Children's talk, children follow the cross over to the Green-Meldrim garden for an egg hunt. We will need lots of volunteers to help with the hunt. Contact Sarah Ross at sross@stjohnssav.org This service will also feature brass.

**11:30 a.m. – Solemn (Choral) Eucharist,
Church & Online**

Nursery available for this service only, but no other Children's Ministry will be available. Features brass.



7 DAYS & 7 WORDS FROM the CROSS

Starting this Palm Sunday, we will feature a preaching series on the “Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross” during Holy Week. Our Lord spoke just seven words from the Cross, and in these words, the very essence of the gospel is poured out for us. From Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday the principal service of the day [Noted in **bold** below] will include a reflection on one of the Words. Please join us as we move toward the Cross and the Grave so that our Easter joy may be more full and profound.

PALM SUNDAY (8, 9 & 11 a.m.)

Procession & Passion Gospel

HOLY MONDAY – WEDNESDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
and Holy Communion, Chapel

5 p.m. Tenebrae, Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

10 a.m. Holy Communion, Chapel
10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Chapel open
for prayer before the Sacrament.
*Sign up sign up for 30-minute slots
at StJohnsSav.org/Thursday*

5 p.m. Holy Communion &
Stripping of the Altar, Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Ante-Communion &
Veneration of the Cross, Church
Church open for Prayer until 3 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Church

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross,
*Meet in the courtyard by the arches
on the north side of the Church*

HOLY SATURDAY

11 a.m. Ante-Communion, Chapel

**THE SEVEN WORDS:
AN INTRODUCTION**

The longer a man hangs on the cross, the harder it is for him to speak, and even to breathe. Strength ebbs with loss of blood, dehydration parches the mouth, and the weight of the body pulls down on the heart and lungs, making every life-sustaining inhalation a painful effort. In the three hours that Jesus hung upon the cross, he spoke just seven times, and yet in these pure and pithy sayings is the whole of his teaching distilled, “even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire” (Psalm 12:7). “And in those seven words” says Robert Crouse, “seven-fold forgiveness is divinely multiplied unto seventy times seven, that charity might cover the multitude of sins. In the consuming fire of our Savior’s Passion, in seven-fold purgation of our seven-fold perfidity, all the dross of earthly argument has been burnt away; only the precious metal of the Word remains there, unalloyed”. Below is an introduction to them.

I

**Father, forgive them; for they
know not what they do.**

(Luke 24:34)

In the first word, we begin with the charity which Jesus seeks from the Father: a charity that encompasses not just the friends of Jesus, but those who have rejected him. It is this mercy that his apostles will proclaim to the world, in calling us to repentance and faith in him.

II

(To the penitent thief:)

**Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt
thou be with me in paradise.**

(Luke 24:43)

Facing the truth about ourselves is hard; but in the second word, is the assurance of mercy to those who repent and call upon Christ in faith, though it be with their dying breath.

III

(To his mother:) **Woman, behold thy son!**

(To the disciple he loved:)

Behold thy mother. *(John 19:27)*

In the charity of the cross, in submission to the will of the crucified, the mother of Jesus and the disciple he loved are united with all believers in a new spiritual family, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints.

IV

My god, my god, why hast thou forsaken me.

(Mark 15:34 & Matthew 27:46)

In the fourth word, a cry of dereliction from the depths, the sinless one makes the alienation of our sin his own. This point of furthest remove is also the point of return. Because he is forsaken of God for us, those who trust in him shall never be forsaken.

V

I thirst. *(John 19:28)*

In the parching thirst of the crucified, Jesus is consumed by longing and desire for God, for his kingdom and his righteousness; and in obedience to the Father’s will, he drinks for us the cup of wrath, that we who trust in him may drink of the cup of salvation.

VI

It is finished. *(John 19:30)*

Not a cry of defeat but of victory, “mission accomplished”. As priest and victim, he has accomplished the offering of a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. Nothing now stands between sinful human beings and our entire return to God, through faith in his precious blood.

VII

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

(Luke 24:46)

The work of redemption now accomplished, Jesus now surrenders his spirit to the Father, and returns to rest in him, in the sabbath rest that follows the work of our redemption. In him, our souls now purged of guilt by his blood find rest in the peace of a quiet conscience, and in the joyful expectation of resurrection.

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