

EASTER EVE

Saturday, April 16, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong & Confirmation



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH

The Truth of the Bible

In the Beauty of the Anglican Tradition.

Believe. Worship. Love. Serve.

WELCOME

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.

If this is your first time worshipping with us at St. John’s, we welcome you and hope you will return again. To learn about upcoming Evensongs and other musical events at St. John’s, please complete a guest card located in the pews and place it in an offering plate as you leave.

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, 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.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Father Gavin G. Dunbar, Rector

Father Jonathan Jameson, Associate Rector

Mr. R. Steven Branyon, Conductor

Mrs. Paul Fisher (Angela), Assisting Organist

Mr. Joseph Flanders, Ushers

Soloists: Kaleb Wimes, Kristoff Ramos

HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY: CONFIRMATION

Grace is not a package deal. It is given according to our need, and according to our capacity to receive it. So there is a grace by which we begin our life in Christ, the remission of sins and spiritual regeneration, and this is signified by Baptism. And there is a grace by which we are strengthened and grow up to spiritual maturity, and this is signified by Confirmation. “In baptism we are reborn unto life; in confirmation we are armed for the strife”. In Baptism we are enrolled in the army of God, “manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil” as “Christ’s faithful soldier and servant”; in Confirmation we are armed by the sevenfold gift of the Spirit; and thus enrolled and armed we are admitted to Holy Communion, in which we receive the grace that sustains us in the communion and fellowship of Christ’s Body. In adult converts, these three steps of initiation can be administered one after another without any interval; but in children born into Christian communities the steps are spread out in time, in alignment with the development of the faculties of reason and will, and the capability for a self-conscious faith. In accord with Christ’s example, baptism is not withheld from the infants. But Confirmation and admission to Communion are fittingly deferred to the “years of discretion”, because it is then that they begin to need protection against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and then that they are able to “ratify and confirm” the vows made on their behalf at baptism, in the public confession of faith required for salvation.

(Mark 16:16, Romans 10:9-13)

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THE PENITENTIAL PREPARATION

SENTENCES, CONFESSION (*said by all, kneeling*)..... Prayer Book, p. 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 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.**

ABSOLUTIONPrayer Book, p. 24

LORDS' PRAYER (*said by all, kneeling*)..... Prayer Book, p. 24-25

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 #176 *O Gladsome Light*Nunc Dimittis

PSALM 27 <i>Dominus illuminatio.</i> (<i>Prayer Book</i> , p. 371)	Henry Lawes
(Congregation stands for <i>Gloria Patri</i>)	
FIRST LESSON	Job 19:21-27
MAGNIFICAT in F (<i>Prayer Book</i> , p. 26)	George Dyson
(Congregation stands for <i>Gloria Patri</i>)	
SECOND LESSON	I Peter 3:17-22
NUNC DIMITTIS in F (<i>Prayer Book</i> , p. 28)	George Dyson
(Congregation stands for <i>Gloria Patri</i>)	

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*)

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 choir*)

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, pgs. 161, 31

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Answer: **Thanks be to God.**

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

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

Prayer Book, Page 296

CONFIRMANDS

YOUTH

Taught by *Mr. Steven Vanderlip*

John Hayes Culver

Charlotte Calhoun Ezelle

Virginia Rhodes Glover

Wallace Miller Glover

Robert Elder Howard

William Cooledge Howard

Edward Webster Lee

Frank Nicholas Peluso, III

Anna Chase Ross

Taught by *Fr. Tyler Montgomery*

Samuel Kohler Oberlin

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Ralph Edwin Oberlin, IV

ADULTS

*Alyce Urling Braun
Nohl A. Braun, Jr.
Patricia Anne Butz
John Drewry Lehn
Richard Benjamin Neville*

RECEPTION

Karim Camille Crowley

HYMN #570 *O Jesus I have Promised*.....Llanfyllin

ADDRESS.....Bishop Lambert

ANTHEM *Expectans Expectavi*Charles Wood

This sanctuary of my soul, unwitting I Keep white and whole,
unlatch'd and lit, if Thou should'st care to enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretch'd hands and listening ears, Thy servant stands.

Call Thou early, call Thou late, to Thy great service dedicate. My soul, keep white, and whole.

CLOSING PRAYERS *(responses said by all)*

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. *(please kneel)*

O GOD who for our sake didst send thy Son to suffer death upon the Cross, that thou mightest deliver us from the power of the enemy: mercifully grant to us thy servants; that we may attain unto the joy of his resurrection: through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord who cometh and reigneth with thee 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 #553 *Go Forward Christian Soldier*Lancashire

A reception follows the service in the Green-Meldrim House.

EASTER SERVICES ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

8 a.m. on Sung Eucharist

This service features trumpet & organ

**9 a.m. Flowering of the Cross
Green-Meldrim House**

Meet us at the steps to decorate the cross with flowers
*Family photos will be taken by a professional photographer, 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.

This service features brass.

11:30 a.m. ~ Solemn (Choral) Eucharist, Church & Online
Nursery is available for this service only, but no other Children's
Ministry will be available.

This service features brass.

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Parish Chartered in 1841 Church Consecrated in 1853

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