



ASCENSION DAY

Sunday, May 26, 2022

5 p.m. Holy Communion



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 page 7 of this booklet for upcoming worship times or visit StJohnsSav.org.**

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 – ASCENSION & PENTECOST

Everyone knows about the days of the Christian year that commemorate Christ's coming in the flesh (Christmas), and his death and resurrection in that same flesh (Easter). Yet the gospel we celebrate in the church year is not complete without Christ's victorious return to the Father in the same flesh in which he was born, crucified, and raised (Ascension) or without his subsequent pouring out of the Spirit on his disciples for the open proclamation of the gospel (Pentecost, or Whitsunday). The ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost mirror the period spent by all the disciples "with one accord in prayer" for the gift of the Spirit, by which they might carry out the commission to proclaim the gospel given to them by Christ. This Sunday in between those feasts is sometimes therefore called Expectation Sunday, and the focus of the Scripture lessons is on the witness of the Church to Christ, "not only with our lips but in our lives". Worship and witness are not competing emphases, but complementary aspects of the Christian life. Worship of Christ leads us to bear witness to him, and we bear witness in order that the world may worship Christ. And so there is no place for the compartmentalization of worship and life, of Sunday and weekday, of inward spiritual experience and outward practice: each has its own distinct place, but within a consistent and unified whole.

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

God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord with the sound of the trump. *Ps 47:5*

*Video Notice: Please note that this service may be livestreamed and recorded on video
for online public viewing.*

Please stand at the entrance of the clergy.

THE ANTE-COMMUNION

HYMN #104 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* Ascension

Priest: Alleluia. The Lord hath ascended into heaven.
Answer: **O come let us adore him, Alleluia.**

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Answer: **And with thy spirit.**
Minister: Let us pray. (*all kneel*)

THE OPENING PRAYERS

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

The Summary of the Law (*all kneel*)..... Prayer Book, p. 69

KYRIE ELEISON (*all kneel*) Hymnal #710 (p. 752) Healey Willan

Lord have mercy have upon us. / Lord have mercy have upon us. / Lord have mercy have upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy have upon us. / Lord have mercy have upon us. / Lord have mercy have upon us.

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Answer: **And with thy spirit.**
Minister: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (*all kneel*) Prayer Book, pp. 177

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Epistle (*all sit*) Acts 1:1 Prayer Book, p. 177-178

HYMN (*all stand*) #106 *The Head That Once Was Crowned* (Stanzas 1-3)St Magnus

The Gospel (*remain standing*): St. Mark 16:14-20

The commission of the Apostles and the Ascension of the Lord.

Priest. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, in the 16th chapter, beginning at the 15th verse.

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

AT that time: Jesus appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. ¹⁷And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. ¹⁹So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

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

¶ Here shall the Paschal candle be extinguished

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

IBELIEVE 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*) *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*..... Gerald H. Knight
(Text found at Hymn #153)

*The anthem was given in memory of Edith A. Yates by her son, Mr. Kenneth Yates,
who served for many years as Organist/Director of Music at St. John's.*

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.**

At the offering: All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

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*).....Prayer Book, p. 74-75

THE PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession (*Said by all, all kneeling until Blessing*)Prayer Book, p. 75

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; 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.**

Absolution and Comfortable Words.....Prayer Book, p. 76

Sursum Corda #734Hymnal #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 and right so to do.**

SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #711 & #797Healey Willan

Holy, 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 InvocationPrayer Book, p. 80-81

The Lord's Prayer (*Said with the congregation.*).....Prayer Book, p. 82

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.**

Prayer of Humble Access (*Said with the congregation.*).....Prayer Book, p. 82

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI #712 (Hymnal, page 754)Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us
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 do not wish to receive the chalice, you may get up after receiving the host, or cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *God is With You*James Southbridge

“Be Strong and of good courage; fear not, be not dismayed, for the Lord God,
even my God, is with you” (*I Chron. 20:1*)

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 (*all stand*) #106 *The Head That Once Was Crowned* (Stanzas 4-6)..... St Magnus
FINAL VOLUNTARY “St. Magnus” Healey Willan



UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 29th, Ascension Sunday
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Chapel
10 a.m. *Bishop Lambert’s Class*, Cranmer Hall
All other classes are on summer recess.
11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church/Online

Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day
The church office will be closed.
No other in-person church services today.

Tuesday-Friday, May 31st-June 3rd
8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online
8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
(with *Holy Communion* on Tuesday)
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
(with *Holy Communion* on Thursday)

In addition, on Wednesday
12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

Sunday, June 5th, Pentecost Sunday
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Chapel
10 a.m. *New Summer Sunday School Class*,
Fellowship Hall, Cranmer Hall
11 a.m. *Solemn Eucharist*, Church/Online

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Worship in the Anglican Tradition

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