

Sunday, July 3, 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 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 Sunday); 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 our services this week 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. on Sundays.

For Guests and Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us today and 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 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

From Washington's Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Savannah, June 14, 1790:

"May the same wonder-working Deity, who long since delivering the Hebrews from their Egyptian Oppressors planted them in the promised land—whose providential agency has lately been conspicuous in establishing these United States as an independent nation—still continue to water them with the dews of Heaven and to make the inhabitants of every denomination participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people whose God is Jehovah."

Farewell Circular to the State Governors June 14, 1783:

"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you and the State over which you preside, in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination & obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field—and finally that he would most graciously be pleas'd to dispose us all to do Justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves, with that Charity, humility & pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristicks of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion & without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

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

My Song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord: with my Mouth ever be shewing his Truth from one generation to another. *Psalm 89. 1.*

Please kneel at the sound of the bell.	
OPENING VOLUNTARY God Bless America	Irving Berlin
THE ANTE-COMMUNION	
HYMN #143 God of Our Fathers	National Hymr
The Opening Prayers	
Priest: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with the spirit. Priest: Let us pray.	
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)	re upon us.
<i>Minister:</i> The Lord be with you. <i>Answer:</i> And with thy spirit. <i>Minister:</i> Let us pray.	
The Collects of the Day (All kneel.)	Prayer Book, pp. 192, 263

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Epistle (All sit.) Philippians 4:4-8 An appeal for virtue.

BRETHREN: Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

The Holy Gospel (remain standing.) St. John 8: 31-36 The nature of true and spiritual freedom.

A T that time: Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

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.**

Welcome and Announcements (All sit.)

The Address

THE OFFERTORY

Sentences (All stand.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (All sit.) O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (Materna),Samuel A. Ward

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

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord,

Answer: 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 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

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.

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

UR 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.

E 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 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 My Country Tis of Thee (Thesaurus Musicus 1740)	Henry Carey
HYMN #203 My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread	Rockingham
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 #142 The National Anthem (both stanzas)	
Minister: Let us pray. (Remain standing.)	
ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage	
HYMN #41 My Country, Tis of Thee	America
FINAL VOLUNTARY Little Fugue in g (BWV 578)	J. S. Bach

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mr. Edwin H. Culver

Usher Chair

Mr. Robert L. Sparks

Musicians

Jonathan Bosarge, Trumpet I Chris Pate, Trumpet II Heather Krygoski, Euphonium Lucas Perzyk, Trombone Jemall Jenkins, Tuba Randy Williams, Percussion

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. Jeanne Howell McMillan, Mrs. Joseph R. Ross (Coren), Mrs. Neil H. Victor (Patti), and Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells (Jane)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Godfrey Hass by Dr. Thomas Philbrick.

And in loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Vinyard Sapp on the 107th anniversary of her birth and in honor of John Vinyard, Corporal, Delaware Regiment, and Jacob Hummel, Private, Pennsylvania Regiment for their service with George Washington 1775-1783 by Robert and Frances Vinyard.

And on the occasion of the baptism of Christopher Walker Train by his parents and grandmother.

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday – Friday, July 4 – 8th 8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

Monday, July 4th: Independence Day Church office closed. No services.

Tuesday – Thursday

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel (with *Holy Communion* on Thursday)

In addition, Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel (with *Holy Communion* on Tuesday)

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

Sunday, July 10th, Trinity IV

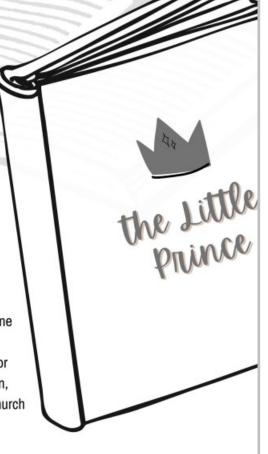
8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church 9 a.m. Family Morning Prayer, Church 10 a.m. All Ages Sunday School, Cranmer 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church/Online 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, Green-Meldrim MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION

faith + fiction

Green-Meldrim House 14 W Macon Street

JULY 20 5:30 PM

This new discussion group meets monthly to reflect theologically on a work of fiction. This month we'll discuss *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. The only requirement for attendance is that you have read the book! For information or to register, contact Fr. Jameson, Associate Rector at St. John's (Episcopal) Church by email at jjameson@stjohnssav.org.



NEW & NEWSWORTHY

Jane's Canners

The canners need green bell peppers, figs, and mint. If you have any of these items to donate, contact Jane Pressly at 912-667-1584 to arrange. If you would like to join this group, they meet most Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Cranmer Hall. Call ahead to confirm.

YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL, SERVICE PROJECT

The youth of St John's have been asked to host an ice cream social for the children of the Fresh Air Home on Tybee on Friday, July 8th. We need several volunteers to help shop for and serve ice cream (approx. 1:30-3:30 p.m.). Afterward, the youth group will hit the beach for beach games! To learn a little more and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit StJohnsSav.org/IceCream.

Outreach Sunday, July 24th

Parishioners of all ages are invited to help us fill 70 backpacks with school supplies for local Urban Hope students in Cranmer Hall from 10-11 a.m. (during Sunday school hour) on **Sunday, July 24**th.

If you are unable to attend and would like to help, you may wish to purchase backpacks via the Amazon Wish list at **StJohnsSav.org/outreach** or make a \$30 donation to sponsor a backpack. Make checks out to St. John's Church with "Outreach backpacks" in the memo. If you have any questions, call the church office at (912) 232-1251.

Upcoming Second Sunday Suppers

The upcoming dates are:

- July 10 Jane & Paul Pressly
- Aug 14 TBD
- Sept 11 Bill & Barbara Strickland
- Oct 9 David & Lucinda Schultz and Fr. Hunt

If you are interested in attending, please call the Church Office (912) 232-1251.

Coffee Hour Sunday, July 10th

Plan to join us *next* Sunday, July 10th after 11 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Green-Meldrim House. We hope to see new and returning faces!

St. John's Nursery Worker Needed

Do you know someone with a good moral character that may be interested in working in our church's nursery (ages 0-4) for four hours each Sunday? This position is to be compensated and under the direction of the Director of the Children's Ministry. A high school diploma or GED equivalent is required. For more details, visit **StJohnsSav.org/nursery-help**.

Fr. Jameson's Discretionary Fund

We have had several requests for assistance this past month, which has depleted Fr. Jonathan Jameson's clergy discretionary fund — monies set aside for use at his discretion for charitable purposes, especially helping parishioners and non-parishioners in need. If you would like to help replenish this fund, please make checks to St. John's and write "Fr. Jameson's Discretionary Fund" in the memo. All donations are tax-deductible.

SHARING OUR HISTORY AND BEAUTY

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., please call Frank Somoskey at 830-608-4939 or you may email him at frank-denny@sbcglobal.net.

SERVE AS AN USHER

We are always in need of parishioners to volunteer as ushers, and we will provide training. If you'd like to know more about serving your church as an usher, call the Church office at 912-232-1251.

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

Common Sin, Common Salvation

When the Anglican formularies declare that "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation" we are tempted to jump ahead to the saving work of Christ on the cross, which is surely a critical aspect of the salvation that Scripture reveals to us. But it is easy to forget that Scripture not only gives us the cure, but also the diagnosis. We, as Scripture tells us, were made *good* by a loving God, but we decided that we knew better and sought our good outside of the God who holds existence in being. We initiated our own undoing. This is true in its primal sense in the fall, but also in our daily lives whenever we chose to place our hope in anything outside of God. Article X of the Thirty-nine Articles reads,

The condition of Man after the fall of Adam is such, that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and good works, to faith, and calling upon God: Wherefore we have no power to do good works pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

This profoundly sobering diagnosis is an affront to our cultural assumptions of "self-creation" and "wholeness," and yet it is also *good news*. It is like when an alcoholic walks into an AA meeting and can finally admit that they have no control over alcohol: it is the first step to freedom. The theological understanding of the fall is a divine revelation, and one that corrects both extremes of human optimism and pessimism. Before we arrive at the solution, we must admit that we are neither self-created nor whole and, as the Article notes, that we have no power to become whole on our

own. But in Scripture we also find ourselves to be beloved of God, who sent his Son that we might have life in him. The latter truth only makes sense if we accept the former.

While there are personal and individual dimensions to a theological understanding of "fallenness," it is ultimately *common*. Since the fall, humanity has become rooted in this disordered life. It is a place, strangely, of unity, of equality. The playing field is even in our need for God. The General Confession from the Daily Office taps into both the personal dimension of fallenness, as well as, by its very nature as a common confession, the corporate reality of sin:

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.

Phrases like "there is no health in us" are deeply out of sync with our contemporary cultural assumptions of general personal goodness. But I wonder if something like this understanding is actually what our cultural and political moment needs.

A common symptom of our divisions is an assumption of the rightness and wholeness of one's view over and against the absolute bankruptcy of the other side's perspective. Now, there are certainly positions that are indeed more morally dubious than others, and it is the important work of Christian ethics to discern these variables in light of Scripture and Tradition. But the Prayer Book seems to suggest that there is a deeper point of

commonality that lies behind our convictions: *our* common sinfulness. What would it mean both theologically and politically to begin our conversations by acknowledging this reality?

The author of the "General Introduction" to the anthology Love's Redeeming Work offers a reflection on a healthy "theological skepticism" that Anglicanism has traditionally retained. It is one that suggests "I am always ready to deceive myself, because my passions distort clear judgement. I am a fallen being whose mind is readily swayed by selfish concern and idleness or cowardice." And this skepticism suggests furthermore that "if I so often deceive myself, I need the presence of history and community to check my self-obsessions. I can only move by tracing analogies and probabilities, by a very patient listening and looking and not being afraid of depending on others." We do this in the Body of Christ every time that we gather for worship. We acknowledge our need for God's grace and our need for one another, as members (parts) of the same Body, whose head is Christ. And we listen as the narrative of Scripture reveals to us how we got to this place and where we are going.

While we might have important and profound political convictions, as Christians we must never depart from these two theological realities: our common sinfulness and our constant need for God's grace. The solution to our problems is not ultimately determined by our political victories (nor is it lost by defeats). The solution to our universal predicament is found in dying and rising with Jesus. And in this strange and wonderful process, we find that we have been made part of a Body whose (expectant) wholeness is the work of God. As Michael Ramsey writes in *The Gospel and*

the Catholic Church, "[The Church] exists in faith and hope, in a hidden life in Christ, by a power which can never be known in terms of the world's progress. It is the place where human personality is lost and yet found and enriched, and where all mankind shall be made one by the death and resurrection of Christ."

There will not be headlines that declare the subversive power of this unity here described, but it is lived out by the faithful around the world whenever we acknowledge where our true hope is found, in the joyous and ever challenging proclamation: "Jesus is Lord."

- JIJ

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Worship in the Anglican Tradition

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