THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, July 10, 2022

11 a.m. Morning Prayer



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 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 11 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.

For Guests and Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour in the Green-Meldrim House after the 11 a.m. service today.

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 - THE COLLECT

Using the right name can open doors - "just tell them I sent you". We get a favorable response to our request, not because of who we are, but because of who our friend is, whose name we mention. That's what Jesus meant when he told his disciples "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you". In prayer we approach God with confidence, not because of who we are, or what we have accomplished, but on basis of who Jesus is (his beloved Son), and what he has accomplished (our redemption). Now it is perfectly possible to be praying "in the name of Jesus" without actually saying his name; and there are many examples of such prayer in the Bible. ("God, be merciful to me, a sinner"; "Lord I believe, help thou mine unbelief"). Yet for us to pray in faith of Jesus, in the confidence that God for his sake will hear our prayer, it is helpful to pray explicitly in the name of Jesus. There is an ancient form of prayer called the Collect (perhaps because it "collects" the desires and hopes of the faithful), which does just that. A Collect consists of one concise but flowing sentence, of invocation, petition, and aspiration, that concludes with the phrase "through Jesus Christ our Lord" (or some variation of the same). Sometimes this is filled out with a doxology that spells out what it means to call Jesus "Christ" and "Lord" – it means we are talking of the one "who liveth and reigneth with thee [the Father] in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end". Whether the conclusion is long or short, the point is the same- the heart of God is open to those who pray in the name of Jesus: "For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God" (John 16:27).

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful people, And kindle in them the fire of thy love.

(At the sound of the bell all kneel.) HYMN (All stand.) #304 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Preparing in Penitence ¶ Then the Minister shall say, Sentences and Exhortation
A General Confession (Said by all, kneeling.)
A LMIGHTY 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, O God, who confess their faults. Restore 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. <i>Amen.</i>
(Continue kneeling as priest stands to pronounce the Absolution.) The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins
Lord's Prayer (said by all, kneeling)
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. <i>Amen</i> .
Opening Versicles & Responses
Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips. Answer: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. (All stand.) Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.

PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY Psalm 79. Deus venerunt. Prayer Book, Page 439-440 The Old Testament Lesson (All sit.): Ecclesiastes I. Our bondage to the vanity of this world. The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ²Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. ³ What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? ⁴One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. ⁵ The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. ⁶The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. ⁷ All the rivers run into the sea: yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. 8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new?

it hath been already of old time,

which was before us.

11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come

with those that shall come after.

¹²I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. ¹⁴I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

¹⁵ That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

¹⁶I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. ¹⁷ And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

¹⁸ For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

Prayers for God's Grace

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*.

Versicles and Responses......Prayer Book, page 16

Minister: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. (All kneeling.)

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us. Answer: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer (Said by all.)

On earth as it is 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. *Amen*.

¶ The priest alone standing up shall say,

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer: And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the state.

Answer: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Answer: And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

Answer: And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,

Answer: For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of The DayPrayer Book, pages 194

The Collects for Peace and for Grace, Other Prayers......Prayer Book, pages 17-20

For the Faithful Departed

Minister: Of your charity, I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

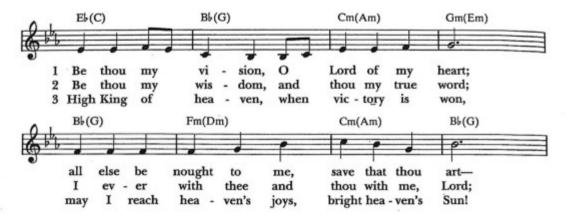
Minister: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

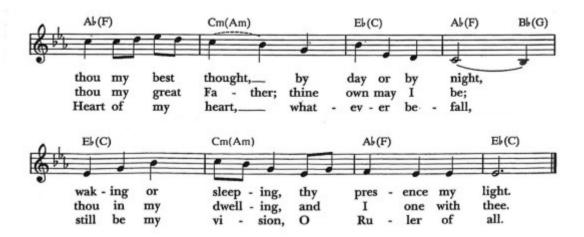
Answer: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Minister: May they rest in peace. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom & the Grace......Prayer Book, page 20

Notices (All sit.)





The Address (All sit.)

The Offering

Sentences (All stand.)

The greatest things are accomplished, and the greatest achievements are won, by toil and by striving uninterrupted, toil as well of the body as of the spirit.

There must be a beginning, a beginning of any great matter, but the continuing unto the end until it be thoroughly finished yields the true glory.

At the Presentation of Alms and Oblations (All stand.)

Presentation of Alms

#739 The Doxology.....Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise him all creatures here below; /

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn #141, Stanza 4......America

Our father's God, to thee, Author of Liberty/ To thee we sing;

Long may our land be bright/ With freedom's holy light;

Protect us by thy might, Great God our King. Amen.

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

Minister: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. (All kneel.)

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may he unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

The Aaronic Blessing (Remain kneeling.)

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12:15 P.M. - COFFEE HOUR, Green-Meldrim House

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRS

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mrs. Richard Jennings (Stacy)

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Miller, Sr. and Mrs. Louise Duskin Dillard by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dillard III.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard John Hoffman by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.

And in loving memory of Lindsey Patterson Henderson, Jr. by his family.

And in memory of my beloved Kathie by Jeffrey Bell.

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 & NOTEWORTHY

Coffee Hour This Sunday

Plan to join us this **Sunday, July 10**th after 11 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Green-Meldrim House. All are invited!

St. John's Welcomes New Refugee Family

St. John's refugee sponsorship began this week with the arrival of a family of nine from the Democratic Republic of Congo. We have committed to six months of helping this family transition and become self-sufficient. Working with the non-profit group Inspiritus, our assistance will include transportation to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, and job interviews. We will help them learn English and our culture, and introduce them to beautiful Savannah. We will also contribute money to help fund a portion of their rent, food, clothing, etc. We are thankful for those who've volunteered to help with this new parish Outreach. Please keep this family and all new refugees coming to Savannah in your prayers.

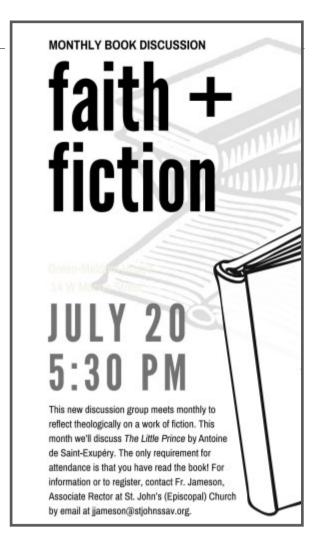
Outreach Sunday, July 24th

Help by donating backpacks and packing supplies



As a parish, we will be filling 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 24th. We still need several backpacks to make this happen! You may purchase back-

packs via **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.



Fr. Jameson Featured in Podcast

St. John's Associate Rector, Fr. Jameson was a guest on a recent podcast by The Living Church entitled, *Music, Performance, and Priesthood.* Drawing on his 17 years as a professional musician with indie rock band, *Delta Spirit*, Fr. Jameson shares how clergy and performing artists have much in common. He also discusses ways Christian leaders can gain valuable insights from "artists, good art, and artistic discipline about God's world, God's work, and life in Christ." To listen, visit **StJohnsSav.org/podcast**.

In the Rector's absence, we are reprinting older essays. This week's essay is by Fr. Ralston and was originally published in August 1999.

THE TURN OF THE YEAR (I)

the Church comes into co-incidence with the shadows and are the properties of the evil one. And natural chronology of the seasons is midsummer's lest we miss the point Jesus sharpens it into a day, the traditional feast of St. John Baptist. I always paradox: "Whoso hateth his life in this world shall try to read Shakespeare's play and listen to Wagner's keep it unto life eternal." Der Meistersinger around that time. It was the day I more and more to itself.

of Jesus: "My Kingdom is not of this world." The distinctive spiritual life? feast of St. John Baptist comes at precisely the Our Lord tells us very plainly that the devil is able the baptizer, the man from the desert, says of What is our criterion of judgment? himself nothing but this: "I am the voice of him cry will return again as we come into Advent.

embodies in herself the perfect vocation of God's does not arise from here. people, which is, then and now, always and forever, His Kingdom is given by God and it comes from prophet, which is, then and now, always and defines John's life: "I tell you, among the sons of

forever, to point to the truth and proclaim it. The prophet never proclaims himself save as a true witness of the Kingdom of God.

The first Sunday in Lent reminds us forcibly that Jesus rejected the kingdoms of this world as belonging to Satan, and as being in the devil's One of the principal events when the Kalendar of possession and gift. These kingdoms lie in the

What then are we to make of a Church which, in chose for my ordination both to the diaconate and the name of the crucified and risen Christ, who the priesthood. The choice was made more or less refused this world's glory, has taken to the by instinct, but as years have gone on the basic "celebration of life"; to the accommodation of itself spiritual disposition of the day has conformed me to this world; to the preferring of every secular science to the Word of God; to the deliberate This disposition roots itself in a central statement disintegration of the components of her own

opposite pole of the Christian Kalendar from our not only to cite scripture to his own purpose, but present Christmas, mid-summer as balanced with can also masquerade as an angel of light and deceive mid-winter. And so for us here, as our world begins the very elect. But how can we, also very dark of to decline inevitably toward the darkest night of the mind and also no doubt both self-deceived and selfyear, St. John appears as the herald of light. St. John deceiving, know the devil for what and who he is?

St. John gives us our answer. No one and no that cries ... Prepare ye the way of the Lord." This Church, whatever they say of themselves; whether they proclaim "Jesus, Jesus" from morning until St. John is the last of the great prophets of the night; whether they give all their goods to feed the Old Testament, their crown and completion. We poor; or speak with the tongues of men and of think that all the prophets bear witness to Christ — angels; if they fail to proclaim the central truth of Moses, Elijah, Amos, Isaiah, the royal line. John is the Bible, the Kingdom of God, can be of God. its final flower. Just as our Lord's blessed Mother That Kingdom is not of this world. Jesus' Kingdom

to hear the Word of God and keep it; so also St. God. St. John Baptist knew this. He lived to John Baptist embodies the perfect vocation of the proclaim it. He died in expectation of it. Jesus men there is not born one greater than John. Nevertheless, he that is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he." That John himself is now a member of this free and joyous and peaceable Kingdom is part of the meaning of celebrating his feast day continuously every year in the Church of Christ.

It is our Lord's own word which tests all the spirits of this world, most of all those spirits who speak the outward language of faith and piety to deceive the very elect.

That which is wrong with the Church is that which is wrong with each of us. Do we really believe in God? Do we truly know that God is real, that Christ is real, that the Holy Ghost is real, and that the kingdoms and powers of this world, and we ourselves insofar as we share in them and measure ourselves by them are unreal — dust and ashes, going, going, and gone? "Imperious Caesar, dead and turned to clay."

Malcolm Murggeridge wrote a few years ago that we have chosen deliberately to forget that the flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh, and that these two are contrary, the one to the other. He said further that the Gospel preached by the contemporary Church is not that the Word was made flesh, but that flesh has become the Word.

No wonder that such a world and such a Church are dying. Or, even more terrible, that they are killing themselves spiritually because they desire to die. There is a rattle in the throat of all these cheerful services designed to celebrate life, entertain the bored, and consecrate contemporary culture with clowns and whistles. They wear the death mask of a sequined skull.

There is nothing but strangulation and starvation in the attempt to supply the needs of the spirit by the devices and desires of the flesh. The true Gospel of Christ is the Kingdom of God, the liberty of the children of that Kingdom, their freedom beyond the burdens and tyrannies, the bondage and corruption of the dominations and powers of this world. This Gospel of God's glorious Kingdom speaks to the deepest need and most passionate longing in the inmost heart of every creature. It satisfies that thirst for God which only God Himself can satisfy.

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(to be continued.)

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday – Friday, July 11 – 15th 8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

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 17th, Trinity V

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church 9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Church 10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*, Cranmer Hall 11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church/Online

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