THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, July 24, 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 BENEDICTUS

The canticle called "Benedictus" was sung by Zacharias at the birth of his son John (Luke 1). He gave thanks that God had kept his promises of salvation, in language that recalls Israel's history of salvation — its deliverance by the Lord from slavery in Egypt, to serve the Lord as a community united in his worship; its deliverance from its enemies by David the king, who united the tribes in Jerusalem in the worship of the Lord. In the Benedictus we too bless God for raising up "a mighty salvation in the house of his servant David" — the Christ, the promised heir of David's kingdom — to lead his people in a new exodus, resulting in a freedom to serve God "without fear", "in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life". But Christ is not an earthly king, fighting for earthly victories. The salvation he brings God's people consists in "the remission of their sins". The oppression from which we are saved is the guilt and bondage of sin, from the wrath and judgment our sins deserve. This spiritual liberation has been accomplished for us "through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace". Thus we begin each day with thanks for God's tender mercy, for the "day-spring" (dawning) of God's new day of salvation in Christ, who by his light has set us free from the power of darkness, that we may walk in the "way of peace", and "serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life".

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.) #155 New Every Morning Is the Love
Preparing in Penitence ¶ Then the Minister shall say, Sentences and Exhortation
A General Confession (Said by all, kneeling.)
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. Amen.
(Continue kneeling as priest stands to pronounce the Absolution.) The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of SinsPrayer Book, page 7
Lord's Prayer (said by all, kneeling)Prayer Book, page 7
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 we the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.

Praise of God's Glory

CANTICLE: Venite	
Psalm 95. Venite, exultemus. (Versus said alternately)	Prayer Book, Page 459
Psalm 28. Ad te, Domine	Prayer Book, Page 373
The Old Testament Lesson (All sit.): Genesis 4:1-15	

In those days: Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. ² And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. ⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: ⁵ But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. ⁶ And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? ⁷ If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

⁸ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. ⁹ And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰ And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. ¹¹ And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; ¹² When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

¹³And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. ¹⁵And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

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 Answer: And with thy spirit. *Minister:* The Lord be with you. 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.) 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. 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 for The DayPrayer Book, pages 197 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. Notices (All sit.)

The Address (All sit.)

THE OFFERING

Sentences (All stand.)

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m R}$ emember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (All sit.) There's A Wideness in God's Mercy (St. Helena) Calvin Hampton (Text found at Hymn #304)

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

Presentation of Alms

#139 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

All are invited to join us today to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Fr. Dunbar's ordination into the priesthood.

Assisting in Worship

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRS

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mrs. James S. McClellan, Jr. (Holly)

Usher Chair

Mr. Mark D. Stevens

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Coffee Hour Chair

Mrs. Jonathan C. Glen (Marilyn)

Musicians

Kristi Kiene, Oboe Wes Perkins, Conductor Angela Fisher, Organist

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Suzanne Dillon Fauber Butler, on the occasion of our $52^{\rm nd}$ wedding anniversary, and my mother, Laurie Eugenia Walker Butler, on the occasion of the $102^{\rm nd}$ anniversary of her birth, by Tyus Butler, Jr.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lorton S. Livingston by their family.

And in celebration of the 100th birthday of Jane's mother, Elizabeth C. Wilbanks by Paul and Jane Pressly.

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.

Special Coffee Hour This Sunday! Celebrate Fr. Dunbar's 30th Anniversary

We invite everyone to join us in the Green-Meldrim House after 11 a.m. Morning Prayer today to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Fr. Dunbar's ordination into the priesthood. We hope that you will be able to participate in this special gathering. If you are unable to attend, please take a moment to thank Fr. Dunbar for his many years of service to St. John's Church and the Episcopal community.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many donors and volunteers who helped make today's Outreach Sunday possible. We had over 60 backpacks (donated by parishioners) to fill with school supplies for Urban Hope students in Cranmer Hall (during the Sunday school hour). These backpacks will be personalized with a name tag and delivered to Urban Hope at their end of summer ceremony. This is our second year doing this project and we are honored to help students prepare for the upcoming school year.

FEAST OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

We will celebrate Evening Prayer with Holy Communion for the Feast of St. James the Apostle on Monday, July 25th at 5 p.m. in the chapel.

Wednesday Youth Excursion

This Wednesday, July 27th, the youth of St. John's will have their fourth and final youth excursion of the summer. The activity this week will be dodgeball. As always, we will start the day with Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.; play dodgeball from 9 to 11 a.m; eat lunch at 11 a.m.; and end with the noon Eucharist (pick-up around 12:30 p.m.). If your youth would like to attend, let Steven Vanderlip know and make sure to send \$20 for lunch. We encourage youth to invite a friend or two!

FIRST SATURDAYS @ STARLAND YARD

Mark your calendars for our next gathering at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th at Starland Yard (2411 De Soto Ave, Savannah). No RSVP is required. Just plan to come and enjoy fellowship while the kids play. There will be a variety of food trucks in addition to Victtoria Pizzeria and the Yard Bar. If you haven't had a chance to experience this venue (opened in 2019), this is a great reason to go! If you have any questions, email Fr. Jameson at jjameson@stjohnssav.org.

AUGUST'S FAITH & FICTION

We had our inaugural book discussion this past week with the examination of *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. The next gathering of faith + fiction will be **Wednesday**, **August 17**th. We will announce the book for August soon.

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER UPDATES Low County Boil at September's Supper!

In addition to the recent announcement of Barbara & Carter Hubbard and Lee & Cathy Belford as hosts for the Second Sunday Supper on August 14th, we want to share that the Second Sunday Supper on Sept. 11th will feature a low country boil by hosts Bill & Barbara Strickland. The Second Sunday Supper on Oct. 9th will be hosted by David & Lucinda Schultz and Fr. Hunt.

If you are interested in attending any of these dates, call the Church Office at (912) 232-1251 for additional details.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST

Get to learn more about the holy scriptures with us!

SUNDAYS • 10AM-11AM CRANMER HALL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON AUGUST 7

Fr. Dunbar is resuming Sunday School for any and all ages on the third floor of Cranmer. The class will begin August 7, the first Sunday of August.

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL OFF AUGUST 7 TO SEPT. 4

Children & youth will have their last summer lesson at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 31. We will then have a break with no church school until the start of the new church school year on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Please note that the nursery will remain open for all ages during this time.

SABBATICAL REPORT (I)

owe you some account of the time I spent, and I will begin with the first part, in Italy. Let me first challenge, mere months after his ordination as a priest; and also Mr. Steven Vanderlip, Fr. Patrick the Choir.

As I have a deep interest in the art of Christian Italy from the 12th to the 18th century, it made sense to spend the first half of my sabbatical scratching that itch! I was like the proverbial kid in the candy store, and in my cardio-culture completism I regularly logged fifteen to twenty thousand steps a day, chiefly in Naples and Florence.

Naples lies in one of the most beautiful natural settings in the world, a site on the shore of the Gulf historic core of the city is sort of like the Bronx; but a Bronx whose narrow streets were first laid out by the Greeks in the 6th century BC, whose towering tenements can be Baroque palazzi, and whose many churches often incorporate the spolia of Roman temples in Gothic structures overlaid with profusion of early modern Baroque ornament. Outside the narrow, dark street is crowded with motorcycles, pedestrians, eateries, shops, stalls, laundry hung out to dry, garbage and graffiti cheek by jowl with glamor; yet with a few steps through a church door you pass into another world of beauty and majesty. The juxtaposition gives Naples its special, somewhat edgy character.

You can also ascend to the hills that ring the city, to the Certosa di San Martino (a miniature

monastic city in itself), and to the former summer After a mini-sabbatical of almost three months, I palace of the Bourbon kings at Capodimonte, both now important museums of art. The chief interest for me in both places were their holdings of 17th express my gratitude to those who handled century Neapolitan painting, a school that arose in everything so capably in my absence, and especially response to a short visit by Caravaggio to Naples in the Associate Rector, Fr. Jameson, who rose to the 1610, and not particularly well known to the wider world. To my good fortune, the entire top floor of the Capodimonte was given over to a magnificent Hunt, Bishop Lambert, Mr. Steven Branyon and exhibition, Oltre Caravaggio, which, beginning with that master's Scourging of Christ, traced the strands of development "beyond Caravaggio", in painters like Battista Carraciolo, Massimo Stanzione, Jusepe di Ribera, Luca Giordano, Pacecco di Rosa, Aniello Falcone, and Mattia Preti, names of painters whose acquaintance I deepened or made for the first time.

If Naples is like the Bronx, Florence feels like sedate and somewhat buttoned-up. Significantly, there is little influence of the Baroque; the monumental austerity of its historic buildings is of Naples, ringed by steep hills, and dominated by relieved by ornament of chaste gracefulness, and by the unmistakable double cone of Vesuvius. The the intrinsic beauty of its stone, grey, green, and gold. One of the greatest of these, the Palazzo Strozzi, situated on what is possibly the most beautiful street in the world, the Via de' Tornabuoni, housed a once-in-a-lifetime exhibition that explored the influence of Donatello, a sculptor of amazing range and originality, on his successors of the 15th and 16th centuries. As always, the Uffizi and Accademia were over-crowded, the latter with bucket-listers intent on taking selfies in front of the David, though the uncrowded halls of the Bargello or the Museo di San Marco are just a block or two away. Nonetheless, as the tourists poured into Florence in the latter part of May, I made short trips to cities where they were scarce, including Pisa, and Bologna, Italy's food capital.

The great medieval trading city of Pisa is damned

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

with faint praise in many a guide book, and most tourists are there only to see "the Leaning Tower". But the Romanesque cathedral of which it is the belltower is majestic, its Pisano pulpit is a masterpiece, the city is charming, and the cathedral museums are first class. On the other side of the walled city, far from the tourist track, is the Museo Nazionale di San Matteo, open this spring for just a few days in the week with entrance at strictly limited times. Not knowing what to expect, I turned up at the appointed hour, along with a highschool class, and about four other adults, all of whom disappeared after about forty minutes, leaving the solitary guard to trail after me for the next two hours, as I explored what is probably the most important museum of medieval art in Italy. It was a very Italian experience.

The other experience I wish to recall here was a visit to the Pinacoteca of Bologna, to see its collection of 17th century Bolognese and Emilian painters, notably the Caracci and Guercino (San Sebastiano curato da Irene), as well 16th by Parmigianino masterpieces (The Mystical Marriage of Santa Margherita) and Raphael (Ecstasy of Saint Cecilia). The picture that had the biggest impact was an altarpiece by a quattrocento Ferrarese painter, Francesco del Cossa. Sadly, its once vibrant colors have faded, and one is tempted to glance and move on: but as I have found before, even a sadly damaged work of art can work its magic on you, if you give your attention to it. What you can't do is just glance at a picture and expect results: you have to look, and keep looking; and as you do so, it will begin speaking to you. That's true not just of visual art, but also of music, literature, and scripture.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday – Friday, July 25 – 29th 8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

Monday, July 25th
Feast of St. James the Apostle
5 p.m. Evening Prayer with
Holy Communion, Chapel

In addition, Tuesday – Thursday 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, July 31st, Trinity VII 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church 9 a.m. Family Morning Prayer, Chapel 10 a.m. All Ages Sunday School, Cranmer 11 a.m. Holy Communion, Church/Online

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