

Sunday, October 16, 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.

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 – HYMNAL NOTATIONS

Like almost all other modern hymnbooks, every hymn in the *1940 Hymnal* comes not only with words and music of the hymn, but other information as well. For easy reference, hymns are numbered in sequence, for easy reference, which is the **number** at the top left. Under the hymn number in block capitals is the **name of** the tune. At the right top corner is the **composer** of the music, with the date of composition. At the bottom right corner, below the words of the hymn, is the **author** of the words. At the top in the middle are some mysterious numbers or letters which identify the hymn's **meter** – the number of syllables in each poetic line, and the syllable pattern of the stanza as a whole. Thus, the second hymn today, (#402) has a meter of 76.76.D. That means there is line comprised of two phrases, one of seven syllables, and one of six (76); that the same unit is repeated in a second line (.76); and that these two lines are then doubled (.D) – for a total of four lines in the stanza. Some meters are so frequently used that they are identified simply by their initials: S. M. (Short Meter – 66.86), C. M. (Common Meter – 86.86), L. M. (Long Meter – 88. 88) and so on. The Metrical Index at the back of the Hymnal (p. 815) groups all the tunes by meter, which is a very handy tool for finding another tune that fits the words (a very useful tool when the music provided is not familiar or suitable). Hymns are also indexed by Composer, Source and Arranger; by Tune; and by First Line, so there are many ways to quickly find the text or tune you need.

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

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

Please kneel at the sound of the bell.

THE ANTE-COMMUNION	
HYMN (all stand) #545 Hail to the Lord's Anointed	
Priest: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with the spirit. Priest: Let us pray.	
The Collect for Purity (All kneel.)	
Preparing in Penitence.	
The Ten Commandments (All kneel.)	
KYRIE ELEISON (All kneel.) Hymnal #710 (p. 752)	
Minister: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit. Minister: Let us pray.	
The Collect of the Day (All kneel)	
The Ministry of the Word	
The Epistle (All sit.) 1 Corinthians 1:4	
HYMN (All stand.) #585 Jerusalem, My Happy HomeLand of Rest	
The Holy Gospel (Remain standing.) St. Matthew22:34	

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

I 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.)

ot every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *St. Matthew* 7.

(Soloists Amandalynne Perzyk & Abbey Terry) (Text found at Psalm One, Prayer Book, p. 345)

The anthem is given in loving memory of George Eaves.

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

SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #711 & #797......Healey Willan

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.)

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.

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.

Jesus still lead on, till our rest be won; and, although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by Thy hand to our fatherland.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near, Let not faithless fears o'er-take us, let not faith and hope forsake us; may we feel Thee near as we worship here.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief, when temptations come, alluring make us patient and enduring; Lord, we seek Thy grace in this holy place.

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heavenly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us, till we safely stand in our fatherland.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Said with the congregation.)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #713 (Hymnal, page 756)

The Blessing (All kneel.)

Prayer Book, p. 84

HYMN #357 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

In Babilone

FINAL VOLUNTARY Trio on 'In Babilone'

Arr. David N. Johnson

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Assisting in Worship

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mr. John G. Bradshaw

Usher Chair

Mr. John G. Bradshaw

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. Joseph R. Ross (Coren), Ms. Jeanne H. McMillan, and Mrs. Thomas McCay (Connie)

Musicians

Amandalynne Perzyk, Soloist Abbey Terry, Soloist Audrey Allgaier, Flute

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Hass Philbrick by Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Harlander and family.

And in loving memory of Thomas Charlie McCay, Sr., Lillian Helms McCay and Dr. Leslie Wilkes by Mick and Connie McCay.

And in loving memory of Margaret Altman, from Mr. and Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings.

And in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Altman and in honor of Sarah Elizabeth DeWeese's birthday by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family.

And in celebration of Madeline Beatrice Judge, born October 5, 2022 in Cambridge, UK, by her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. B. Ray Summerell.

To offer flowers for the Altar, call the Church office at 912-232-1251. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday-Friday, Oct. 17-21st 8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

In addition, on Monday 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

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 *New!* 9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

In addition, on Friday 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Sunday, Oct. 23rd, Trinity 19 Feast of Dedication

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church
9 a.m. Family Holy Communion, Chapel
10 a.m. All Ages Sunday School,
Cranmer Hall/Chapel/Zoom
11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church/Online
12:15 p.m. Special Coffee Hour, Green-Meldrim
5 p.m. Youth Group, Cranmer Hall
and The Marriage Course,
Green-Meldrim House

NEW & NEWSWORTHY

ARDF COLLECTION

This **Sunday, Oct.** 16th we will have a special collection for the Anglican Relief & Development Fund. Please give generously to strengthen faith communities in the developing world.

BISHOP LAMBERT'S SUNDAY CLASS

Bishop Lambert's students are continuing their journey toward a stronger relationship with God with the study of the spiritual classic, "The Practice of the Presence of God", by Brother Lawrence. Class meets on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Ralston Room of Cranmer Hall. All are welcome to join this class!

Church Doctrine & Coffee

The Church Doctrine & Coffee group meets every Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. Join St. John's clergy to explore the week's topic (after 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in the chapel) in Cranmer Hall in the Reading Room (3rd floor) Christians who want to be part of this discussion are welcome. Parishioners in leadership or in other ministries in the congregation are welcome.

New! Sung Compline on Wednesdays

Starting next Wednesday, Oct. 19th at 9 p.m., we will offer a new weekly service of Sung Compline in the church. With its origins in the monastic office for the end of the day, this ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). Most of the service is sung by the choir as a simple chant, which has been used since the earliest days of the Church.

NEXT FAITH & FICTION MEETS, OCT. 19TH
The next faith + fiction will meet from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19th in the Green-Meldrim House to discuss *Descent Into Hell* by Charles Williams. The only requirement for this group is that you've read the selected book for the month. New people are encouraged to participate!

Vestry Nominations

Nominations close Sunday, Oct. 30th. Submit nominations for persons to serve a three-year term on the Vestry to the Nomination Committee: Leslie Johnson (Chair), Holly McClellan, Sean Finnegan, Jane Wells, and Linda Pounds. From these nominations the Committee will present a slate of four persons for election at the Annual General Meeting,

Sunday, Nov. 13th after the 11 a.m. service.

COFFEE HOUR NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Oct. 23rd. all are invited to join us after 11 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Green-Meldrim House for a special coffee hour to mark the Feast of Dedication. New parishioners are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship!

SHARING OUR HISTORY AND BEAUTY

Consider becoming a docent to give tours of our beautiful and historic church. If you are interested and available Tuesdays or Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., contact Frank Somoskey at 830-608-4939 or frank-denny@sbcglobal.net.

PRAYER BOOKS AND HYMNALS

Mark a special occasion, or leave a lasting memorial to a loved one, by dedicating a Prayer Book or a Hymnal for use at St. John's Church. Each dedication will be recorded by a bookplate. The charge of \$50 per book will offset the costs of replacing Hymnals and Prayer Books in the Church or Chapel. If you are interested, please contact the Church office at 912-232-1251.



PACK & Fancy Nancy Shopping Night!

Our upcoming PACK Wednesdays are Oct. 19th and Nov. 2nd & 16th. Parishioners of all ages are invited to join this intergenerational fellowship! Volunteers pack bags from 4:30-5:30 p.m. with time to restock from 5:30-6 p.m. All children must be accompanied by at least one parent.

For our Nov. 2nd PACK night, we will again hold a Fancy Nancy after the success of last year's event. The youth of the parish – and we encourage them to invite a friend – are invited. We'll first meet at PACK at 4:30 p.m. then drive to Target to shop for outfits for the six-year-old girl shelf at the PACK boutique. St John's Outreach Committee is graciously supporting our expenditures, so youth need not bring any money. After shopping, we will return to PACK's facility to showcase and vote on the outfits and then eat pizza as a group.

To RSVP, visit StJohnsSav.org/youth.

Contact Elaine Barrow or Steven Vanderlip if you have any questions.

NOTE: Permission slips are required, which you may download ahead of time and bring with you.



Wednesday, Nov. 9 & Thursday, Nov. 10th

Sponsored by the Women of St. John's Church, this bazaar is one of the oldest traditions in Savannah, celebrating almost 80 years of fundraising for area charities. We will share details about this year's event, including volunteer opportunities, in the weeks ahead. Please visit StJohnsSav.org/hdb to signup for updates.

Candlelight Dinner Raffle Drawing, Thursday, Nov. 10th

Win a private party for twelve with a sevencourse dinner, wine pairing, and a unique experience at the historic Green-Meldrim House. Raffle tickets were mailed this week. Please complete the tickets and return them with payment to the church office.

Make Soup & Chili for the Bazaar

The cool, fall weather means it's making soup and chili time! Please consider donating a bag of soup or chili to be served at the bazaar lunch. Visit **StJohnsSav.org/hdb** for the recipes.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

It takes a large team of volunteers to make our bazaar a success each year. We have several committee chairs looking for help before and during the bazaar. If you are interested in helping, visit **StJohnsSav.org/hdb** for volunteer opportunities.

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BUILDING THE HOUSE OF GOD – V

Gift-giving takes place between human beings in trade, in tribute, but also to express or secure goodwill; and gift-giving extends to the gods or the God also, for similar reasons – for the sake of benefits (trade), to acknowledge reciprocal allegiance (tribute), to secure goodwill (atonement), or to express it (thanksgiving). Indeed, sacrifice, as Augustine remarks, is every act done for the sake of fellowship with God. Therefore, in sacrifice what human beings look for far exceeds what we may expect from gift exchanges with humans: for the gift made over to God by sacrifice - a proxy for ourselves - is given in the expectation of the benefits of that fellowship, above all, of transformation far beyond human power. We give according to our poverty, but the God gives according to his riches, the infinite for the finite, much in exchange for little: for that is the way of his love.

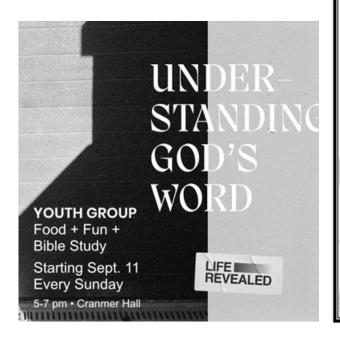
Yet to what end? Surely the infinite Creator gives much to the intent that his finite creatures may flourish, and in flourishing, show forth his glory as Creator; but what if they do not flourish? What if they are exploited, oppressed, abused, corrupted, perverted, pass into darkness and the shadow of death? How can God be content giving so much in exchange for so little? So paltry a return on so rich an investment, which turns his glory to shame? And furthermore, what return could possibly be adequate for so rich an investment of love, but love returned in equal measure? And who is capable of returning his love in equal measure but his consubstantial Son, in his own co-equal and coeternal Spirit? This is the imperative of the Incarnation, the Spirit-anointed Son's embedding himself as a sinless man among sinful men, walking with sinners in darkness and the shadow of death, taking upon himself the full burden of their sin, taking responsibility for the debts of love they have not paid. His death on the cross is above all the return of love to the Father, a return of infinite value and worth, that more than makes up for all our paltry returns of love. It is the satisfaction and payment of a debt to justice, which unlocks the riches of God's favor and goodness towards sinful men who have put their trust in him. His return of love makes up for all our hardhearted refusals of love, and in so doing, releases in us a power of love that is supernatural, the Holy Spirit.

What this means for sacrifice is this: that there is now no sacrifice for sin. Christ has paid the debt in full. To offer or put our trust in another atonement would not be gratitude, but contempt for his gift. What we bring to the Lord, even when we bring it in broken-hearted repentance, even when we bring it in reparation and recompense for the harm our sins have done, is fundamentally an offering in gratitude for his grace and favor to sinners, gratitude for the gift of forgiveness, a gratitude that gives birth to love, and is expressed in obedience to his holy will and commandments, in witness to his glory. Augustine, drawing on Romans 6 and 12, speaks of the body as a sacrifice, "when we discipline it by temperance, provided that we do this as we ought for the sake of God, so that we may not offer our bodily powers to the service of sin as the instruments of iniquity, but to the service of God as instruments of righteousness. ... If then the body, which, being inferior, the soul uses as a servant or instrument, is a sacrifice, when it is offered to God for good and right employment, how much more does the soul itself become a sacrifice when it offers itself to God, so that it may be kindled by the fire of love and may lose the 'form' of worldly desire, and may be 'reformed' by submission to God as to the unchangeable 'form', thus becoming acceptable to God because of what

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it has received from his beauty " (City of God x, 6). Sacrifice is the key to transformation, to being conformed to the likeness of Christ; his atoning sacrifice for us, and our thankful sacrifice in him; and all our offerings great and small - of alms and oblations, of prayers and intercessions, of service, time and money, of witness and worship, of repentance and faith, of hope and charity, of humility and honesty, of thanksgiving and praise, of speech and of silence, of tongues loosed and tongues bitten, of ears attuned, hands opened, hearts softened,—these all are the means by which live into the fellowship and communion that we have with God in virtue of Christ's sacrifice for us. Thus, do we open ourselves to transformation by his Spirit. Thus "as lively stones we are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5).

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Solemn Choral Evensong for

The Feast of All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022 ■ 5:30 p.m.

> Prelude Music 5:05 p.m.

Featuring the choir of St. John's Church with music by the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra,

Cantatas by
Buxtehude and Bach
in honor of Mr. Steven Branyon's
50th anniversary of music ministry.

No Admission. Free Parking Available.
Plan to stay for a reception in the historic
Green-Meldrim House to peruse the
Holly Days Bazaar silent auction items.



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