



SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG
FOR THE FEAST OF
ALL SAINTS

November 6, 2022



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
SAVANNAH

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5:05 P.M. PRELUDE

Canzona (1612).....Giovanni Battista Riccio (fl 1609-21)

Cantata *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen* (BWV 51)..... J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
(Michelle Jarrell, soprano)

1. Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen!
Was der Himmel und die Welt
An Geschöpfen in sich hält,
Müssen dessen Ruhm erhöhen,
Mit den Engeln lasst uns heut
Unserm Gott ein Loblied singen,
Dass er uns in Neid und Leid
Allezeit hat beigestanden.

1. Raise a shout to God in all lands.
All created things that heaven
And earth contains
Must exalt his glory;
With the angels let us today
Sing a song of acclamation to our God,
Because he has stood with us
In [our] envy and pity at all times.

2. Wir beten zu dem Tempel an,
Da Gottes Ehre wohnt,
Da dessen Treu,
So täglich neu,
Mit lauter Segen lohnet.
Wir preisen, was er an uns hat getan.
Muss gleich mein schwacher Mund von
seinen Wundern lallen,
So kann ein schlechtes Lob ihm
dennoch wohlgefallen.

2. We worship at the temple
Where God's honor dwells,
Where his faithfulness,
Thus daily new,
Rewards with pure blessing.
We praise what he has done for us.
Even though my feeble mouth must babble
about his wonders,
A simple acclamation can nonetheless
please him well.

3. Höchster, mache deine Güte
auch bei unsrer Herrschaft neu.
So soll vor die Vätertreu

3. Most High, render your goodness,
also with our government, new.
Thus, for the faithfulness of [God] the
Father,

Auch ein dankbares Gemüte
Durch ein frommes Leben weisen,
Dass wir deine Kinder heissen.

A thankful disposition, too,
Should show, through a pious life,
That we are called your children.

4. Sei Lob und Preis mit Ehren
Gott Vater, Sohn, Heiligem Geist!
Der woll in uns vermehren,
Was er uns aus Gnaden verheisst,
Dass wir ihm fest vertrauen,
Gänzlich uns lass'n auf ihn,
Von Herzen auf ihn bauen,
Dass uns'r Herz, Mut und Sinn
Ihm festiglich anhangen;
Drauf singen wir zur Stund:
Amen, wir werd'n's erlangen,
Glaub'n wir zu aller Stund.

4. Acclamation and praise with honor be
To God Father, Son, Holy Ghost,
Who would increase in us
What he, out of mercy, promises us;
That we may trust him steadfastly,
Wholly leave ourselves over to him,
Rely on him from the heart,
That our heart, courage, and mind
May adhere steadfastly to him;
Thus we sing at this hour:
Amen, we will obtain it,
If we believe at every hour.

5. Alleluja!

5. Hallelujah.

(transl. Michael Marissen and Daniel R. Melamed)

5:30 P.M. SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG

THE PENITENTIAL PREPARATION

SENTENCES, CONFESSION (*said by all, kneeling*) *Prayer Book*, pp. 21-23

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. 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.**

ABSOLUTION *Prayer Book*, p. 24

LORDS' PRAYER (*said by all, kneeling*) *Prayer Book*, p. 25

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.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S PRAISE

THE OPENING PRECES (*sung by choir*) Thomas Tomkins

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(*please stand*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

HYMN #125 *Hark! The Sound of Holy Voices*..... Moultrie

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit.* (*Prayer Book*, p. 345).....C. Hubert H. Parry
(Congregation sits for the *Gloria Patri*.)

PSALM 34 *Benedicam Dominum* (*Prayer Book*, p. 380)Thomas Norris
(Congregation stands for the *Gloria Patri*.)

FIRST LESSON..... Wisdom 3:1-9

MAGNIFICAT in E (*Prayer Book*, p. 26)..... Daniel Purcell
(Congregation stands for *Gloria Patri*)

SECOND LESSONRevelation 19:1-10

NUNC DIMITTIS in E (*Prayer Book*, p. 28) Daniel Purcell
(Congregation stands for *Gloria Patri*)

THE PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*said by all, standing*)

I 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.**

THE RESPONSES (*sung by choir*)..... William Smith

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

(*please kneel*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung by the choir alone)*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the state;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee;
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness,
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS.....*Prayer Book*, pp. 256, 222, 31

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR..... Father Gavin Dunbar

SOLO CANTATA *O Gottes Stadt (City of God)*.....Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
(Michelle Jarrell, soprano)

O Gottes Stadt, o güldnes Licht, o Herrlichkeit ohn Ende, wann schau ich doch dein Angesicht, wann küss ich dir die Hände? wann schmeck ich deine grosse Güte? O Lieb, O Lieb...es brennet mein Gemüte. ich seufze täglich mit Begier, o allerschönste Stadt, nach dir.	O city of God, o golden light, O glory without end; whenever shall I see Thy face? when shall I kiss Thy hands? when shall I taste Thy great goodness? O love, o love... it burns my heart. I sigh every day with desire, O most beautiful city, for Thee.
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O Gott, O Gott, wie selig werd ich sein, wenn ich aus diesem Leben, zu dir, spring in dein Reich hinein, das du mir hast gegeben.	O God, o God, how happy shall I be, when I go from this life, to Thee, and leap into Thy kingdom which Thou have given to me.
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Ach Herr, wann wird der Tag doch kommen, dass ich zu dir werd aufgenommen, Ach Herr, wann kommt die Stund heran, Dass ich in Zion jauchzen kann?	Ah, Lord, when will that day come, that I shall be allowed there with Thee? Ah, Lord, when shall the hour come on that I may rejoice in Zion?
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CLOSING PRAYERS (responses said by all)

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

(please kneel)

Let us pray for our fellowship and communion with the saints.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy holy name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear; for the Blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, for John the Divine, Apostle and Evangelist; and for all thy righteous servants, known to us or unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, strengthened by their fellowship, and assisted by their prayers, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us remember before God the faithful departed.

Remember, O Lord, we beseech thee, the souls of them that have kept the faith, both those whom we remember and those whom we remember not: Grant them rest in the land of the living, in the joy of Paradise, whence all pain and grief have fled away, where the light of thy countenance shineth forever; and guide in peace the end of our lives, O Lord, when thou wilt and as thou wilt, only without shame and without sin; through thine only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us remember before God those who died for our country.

Remember in thy kingdom, O Lord Christ, those who counted not their lives dear unto themselves, but laid them down for their friends: Shed forth upon them the light of thy countenance, and grant that they may be numbered among the hosts of thy redeemed, going forth conquering and to conquer with thee, their everlasting Lord; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve God in the choir and sanctuary.

O Lord God Almighty, whose glory Cherubim and Seraphim and all the hosts of heaven with ceaseless voice proclaim; Hear and accept, we humbly beseech thee, the praises of thy Church below; and pour down upon thy ministers in choir and sanctuary such a spirit of faith, reverence, and joy as shall lift both their hymns and their lives unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve you this night and for ever more. **Amen.**

(please stand)

HYMN #597 *Jerusalem the Golden*.....Alexander Ewing
VOLUNTARY Sonata 'La Bianchina', Op. 35 No. 11.....Maurizio Cazzati
I. Allegro
II. Allegro
III. Vivace



*This Evensong is offered in honor of St. John's Organist/Choirmaster
Mr. Steven Branyon who is celebrating 50 years as a church musician.*

*After the Evensong, please join us in the Green-Meldrim House
for a festive reception to celebrate Mr. Branyon's anniversary and
to peruse the Holly Days Bazaar Silent Auction items. Register to bid
by visiting the Silent Auction website at 32auctions.com/2022HollyDays.*

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

- Father Gavin G. Dunbar, Rector
- Father Jonathan Jameson, Associate Rector
- Mr. Steven Vanderlip, Jr., Assisting Priest
- Mr. R. Steven Branyon, Organist and Choirmaster
- Mr. Wesley Perkins, Assisting Conductor
- Mrs. Angela M. Fisher, Assistant Organist
- Mr. Joseph Flanders, Usher
- Mr. Arthur Weed, Usher

Mr. R. Steven Branyon is a native of York, SC, and a graduate of North Greenville University, Winthrop University, and Westminster Choir College. Mr. Branyon has served as a musician for 50 years in churches and synagogues in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. He has performed in Great Britain at Briston, Salisbury, Litchfield, Truro, and Wells Cathedrals. He has professionally recorded with the choirs of St. Peter's and Morristown, NJ. In 2020, he published *Balm in Gilead*.

The St. John's Parish Choir is comprised of youth and adult singers from all walks of life who share a common dedication to extraordinary music-making and to the role of choral singing in the context of the liturgy. Repertory covers a wide range of styles and languages from the classic choral heritage. The choir is directed by Mr. Steven Branyon, and Assistant Conductor, Mr. Wesley Perkins. Singers with choral experience, vocal confidence, and music reading skills are welcome to join. Visit StJohnsSav.org to learn more.

The North Carolina Baroque Orchestra (NCBO), a period instrument ensemble, was co-founded in 2011 by sisters and musical collaborators Frances Blaker and Barbara Blaker Krumdieck for the purpose of providing orchestral and chamber music opportunities for musicians specializing in baroque performance practice. The NCBO presents refined, stylistic, artistic and fun performances, engaging both the players and the listeners in the stories and historical context behind the music. Visit NCBaroqueOrchestra.org to learn more.

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.

A brief history of St. John's Church. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next Solemn Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Purification is scheduled for Sunday, February 5th, 2023 starting at 5:05 p.m. Visit StJohnsSav.org for more events in 2023.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

November 9 & 10, 2022

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us this week at the
Green-Meldrim House and
enjoy the following:

Dine in the Green-Meldrim House or
Garden, Take-out Lunches, Chili, and
Soup; Enjoy Homemade Desserts; Shop
the Treasure Room; and Purchase
Candlelight Dinner Raffle Tickets.

For more information:
Visit StJohnsSav.org/HDB.

Silent Auction

View items online or in-person from
10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim
House, Nov. 9-10. Bid online at
[www.32auctions.com/
2022HollyDays](http://www.32auctions.com/2022HollyDays)

*Proceeds from the Holly Days Bazaar benefit
multiple charities supported by the parish.*

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