



EASTER EVE

Saturday, April 8, 2022

4 p.m. Choral Evensong & Confirmation



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH

*The Truth of the Bible
In the Beauty of the Anglican Tradition.
Believe. Worship. Love. Serve.*

WELCOME

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.

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 NOTE ON THE SERVICE OF EVENSONG

The Order of Evening Prayer is based on the ancient Latin liturgy of the western catholic church, but in the Reformation simplified, condensed, purified in doctrine, and rendered into plain, dignified, rhythmic English prose. In its structure it follows the Pauline gospel triad (derived from Luther's reading of the Epistle to the Romans) of repentance, faith, and works, also known as "guilt, grace, and gratitude".

First, in a *penitential preparation* – the moment of *repentance*, in which we acknowledge our *guilt* and our need of absolution to loose us from the bond of sin.

Second, and on this basis of our repentance, we are moved to *proclaim the praise of God's glory* – the doxology, "Glory be to the Father", which runs like a refrain through this part, is the key motif. This is the moment of *faith*, by which we receive God's promises of *grace* set forth in his Word, and our guilt is taken away.

Third, after confessing our faith (the Apostles' Creed), we make our *prayers* to claim the grace we have sought in repentance. These prayers are good works of *gratitude* for the grace promised by God in his Word.

When Evensong concludes with an Anthem and closing Prayers, there is a recapitulation or reprise of the second and third moments of Praise and Prayers, or Faith and Works, with Repentance presupposed.

HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY: CONFIRMATION

Grace is not a package deal. It is given according to our need, and according to our capacity to receive it. So there is a grace by which we begin our life in Christ, the remission of sins and spiritual regeneration, and this is signified by Baptism. And there is a grace by which we are strengthened and grow up to spiritual maturity, and this is signified by Confirmation. "In Baptism we are reborn unto life; in confirmation we are armed for the strife". In Baptism we are enrolled in the army of God, "manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil" as "Christ's faithful soldier and servant"; in Confirmation we are armed by the sevenfold gift of the Spirit; and thus enrolled and armed we are admitted to Holy Communion, in which we receive the grace that sustains us in the communion and fellowship of Christ's Body. In adult converts, these three steps of initiation can be administered one after another without any interval; but in children born into Christian communities the steps are spread out in time, in alignment with the development of the faculties of reason and will, and the capability for a self-conscious faith. In accord with Christ's teaching, Baptism is not withheld from the infants. But Confirmation and admission to Communion are fittingly deferred to the "years of discretion", because it is then that they begin to need protection against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and then that they are able to "ratify and confirm" the vows made on their behalf at baptism, in the public confession of faith required for salvation.

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4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG & CONFIRMATION

PRELUDE *He Was Despised* (from the Messiah.....G.F. Handel
(Joel Paskauskas, Baritone)
Pie Jesu (from Requiem, Op 48) Gabriel Faure
(Abigail McMichen, Soprano)

THE PENITENTIAL PREPARATION

SENTENCES, CONFESSION (*said by all, kneeling*)Prayer Book, pgs. 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 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, pg. 24

LORDS' PRAYER (*said by all, kneeling*)..... Prayer Book, pgs. 24-25

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*)..... William Smith

- O Lord, open thou our lips.
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.
The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN #176 *O Gladsome Light*.....Nunc Dimittis

PSALM 27 *Dominus illuminatio*. (Prayer Book, pgs. 371-372).....Henry Lawes
(Congregation stands for *Gloria Patri*)

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 4:1-19. *An exhortation to the young to seek God's wisdom.*

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. ²For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. ³For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. ⁴He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. ⁵Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ⁶Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. ⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. ⁸Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. ⁹She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. ¹⁰Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. ¹¹I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. ¹²When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. ¹³Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life. ¹⁴Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. ¹⁵Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. ¹⁶For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. ¹⁹The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

MAGNIFICAT in F (Prayer Book, pg. 26).....George Dyson
(Congregation stands for *Gloria Patri*)

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20.....Prayer Book, pg. 219
An exhortation to stand fast in the Lord and in the power of his might.

NUNC DIMITTIS in F (Prayer Book, pg. 28).....George Dyson
(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

The Lord be with you.
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 choir*)

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, pgs. 161, 31

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Minister: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

The Order of Confirmation..... Prayer Book, pg. 296

CONFIRMANDS

Youth

Taught by Mr. Steven Vanderlip

Stella Grace Futrell
Elizabeth Catherine Love Schubert
Bennett Lanier Welch
McLain Newton Welch

Adults

Jean-Paul Audette
Rebecca Lynne Imre
Jenna Carol Lawson
Danielle Marie Kovach Oke
Joel Bernier Paskauskas III
Matthew Joseph Wayne Sparks

HYMN #570 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*..... Llanfyllin

ADDRESS..... Bishop Lambert

ANTHEM *Expectans Expectavi*..... Charles Wood

This sanctuary of my soul, unwitting I Keep white and whole,
unlatch'd and lit, if Thou should'st care to enter or to tarry there.
With parted lips and outstretch'd hands and listening ears, Thy servant stands.
Call Thou early, call Thou late, to Thy great service dedicate. My soul, keep white, and whole.

CLOSING PRAYERS (*responses said by all*)

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray. (*please kneel*)

O GOD who for our sake didst send thy Son to suffer death upon the Cross, that thou mightest deliver us from the power of the enemy: mercifully grant to us thy servants; that we may attain unto the joy of his resurrection: through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord who cometh and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **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.**

HYMN (*all stand*) #553 *Go Forward, Christian Soldier*.....Lancashire

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Improvisation on an Easter Theme*.....R.S. Branyon



A reception for confirmands and their guests will follow in the Green-Meldrim House.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

The Rt. Rev. Paul E. Lambert, Bishop (Retired)
Father Gavin G. Dunbar, Rector
Father Jonathan I. Jameson, Associate Rector
Mr. R. Steven Branyon, Conductor
Mrs. Angela Fisher, Assisting Organist
Mr. Kaleb Wimes, Soloist
Mrs. Ruth Ann Roberson, Soloist
Ms. Abigail McMichen, Soloist
Mr. Joel Paskauskas, Soloist
Mr. John G. Bradshaw, VOC & Usher
Mr. Frank Somoskey, Usher

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Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillan, Ms. Linda H. Pounds, Mrs. Morgan W. Murray (Anne), Mrs. Rhett N. Willis (Wayne), Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. (Laura), Ms. Laura M. Reid, Mrs. Joseph R. Ross (Coren), Mrs. Patrick Worsham (Jane), Mrs. Wiley A. Wasden III (Anna), Mrs. Charles B. Compton, Jr. (Alva), Mrs. Clarkson C. Logan (Meta), Mrs. William L. Belford, Sr. (Cathy), Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. (Penny), Mrs. Richard R. Schulze (Donna) and Mrs. John C. Wyllly, Jr. (Margaret)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Lilies in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the resurrection.

The arch of flowers on Easter Day is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Alexander Patterson Summers and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

The Garland on the lectern is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Marion Tyus Butler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford, Sr.

The Paschal Candle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Robert Logan, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Logan.

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 Wyllly at 912-656-6235.

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