

Sunday, May 21, 2023

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; Our 9 a.m. Family Worship Service is Morning Prayer in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion in the chapel on the second and 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 7 for this week's services or visit StJohnsSav.org.

Children's Nursery. This 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 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.

Ways to Give: To support the ministries at St. John's Church, you may choose to give in several ways.

- Collection Plate You may give in the offering, perhaps using an offering envelope.
- Text Simply text 1928BCP to 73256 and receive a link where you can donate online.
- Online Visit our website at StJohnsSav.org an click GIVE (top right of menu)
- Automated Give automatically by setting up bill pay through your checking account.
- Mail Send your check to St. John's Church, 1 West Macon Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY - ASCENSION & PENTECOST

Everyone knows about the days of the Christian year that commemorate Christ's coming in the flesh (Christmas), and his death and resurrection in that same flesh (Easter). Yet the gospel we celebrate in the church year is not complete without Christ's victorious return to the Father in the same flesh in which he was born, crucified, and raised (Ascension) or without his subsequent pouring out of the Spirit on his disciples for the open proclamation of the gospel (Pentecost, or Whitsunday). The ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost mirror the period spent by all the disciples "with one accord in prayer" for the gift of the Spirit, by which they might carry out the commission to proclaim the gospel given to them by Christ. This Sunday in between those feasts is sometimes therefore called Expectation Sunday, and the focus of the Scripture lessons is on the witness of the Church to Christ, "not only with our lips but in our lives". Worship and witness are not competing emphases, but complementary aspects of the Christian life. Worship of Christ leads us to bear witness to him, and we bear witness in order that the world may worship Christ. And so there is no place for the compartmentalization of worship and life, of Sunday and weekday, of inward spiritual experience and outward practice: each has its own distinct place, but within a consistent and unified whole.

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

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

HYMN #102 Hail Thee, Festival Day......(Salva Festa Dies) THE ANTE-COMMUNION *Priest:* The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit. *Priest:* Let us pray. Preparing in Penitence. The Summary of the Law (All kneel)......Prayer Book, p. 69 KYRIE ELEISON (all kneel) Hymnal #710 (p. 752)......Healey Willan Lord have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord have mercy upon us. Minister: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit. *Minister:* Let us pray. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD HYMN (all stand) #104 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise.....(Llanfair) 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.)

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. *Revelation 5:12*

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

Absolution and Comfortable Words......Prayer Book, p. 76

Sursum Corda #734	
The Lord be with you. And with th	y spirit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up	
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God	. It is meet and right so to do
	Prayer Book, p. 78
SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #7	11 & #797Healey Willan
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Host	ts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most Hig	
Blessed is he that cometh in the nan	ne of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
The Prayer of Consecration: Institut	ion, Oblation, and InvocationPrayer Book, p. 80-81
UR Father, who art in heave earth, As it is in heaven. Giv	gregation.)Prayer Book, p. 82 en, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, or re us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we . And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thing the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
E do not presume to come but in thy manifold and gre under thy Table. But thou art the sa gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of	the congregation.)
AGNUS DEI #712 (Hymnal, page 75	54)Healey Willan
	e sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
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O Lamb of God, that takest away the	e sins of the world, grant us thy peace.
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Those who are baptized, have attained to years of discretion, 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.

COMMUNION MOTET Jesu, Be Near Us	Michael Haller
Jesu, be near us! Keep and sustain us! Thou art God's image, and the true reflection O Lord, be near us, grant us joy unceasing!	on of His nature.
Prayer of Thanksgiving (Said with the congregation.)	Prayer Book, p. 83
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #713 (Hymnal, page 756)	Healey Willar
The Blessing (all kneel)	Prayer Book, p. 84
HYMN #356 At the Name of Jesus	(King's Weston)
FINAL VOLUNTARY Festal Flourish	Gordon Iacol

Assisting in Worship

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mr. Robert L. Sparks

Usher Chair

Mr. Robert L. Sparks

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally), Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. (Penny), and Mrs. Benjamin W. Baxter (Cathy)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel P. Inglesby and Edith Inglesby Walker by their children.

And in loving memory of Alice Lee Johnson by Joseph Oliver Mercer.

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday–Friday, May 22-26th 8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

Monday:

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel

Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer* with Holy Communion, Chapel 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Wednesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

Thursday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*with Holy Communion, Chapel
5 p.m. Evening Prayer
with Holy Communion, Chapel

Friday:

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel

Sunday, May 28th, Pentecost

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church 9 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel 10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*, Cranmer Hall/Chapel/Zoom 11 a.m. *Solemn Eucharist*, Church/Online

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



THANK YOU!

The Men of St John's, who hosted last Sunday morning's Coffee Hour, wishes to thank our wonderful kitchen staff, all mothers themselves! Thank you for sharing your Mother's Day with us!



Another Big Thank You!

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated cleaning supplies during their May Collection for the Fresh Air Home. Sean Finnegan delivered these supplies to them last week and they were so appreciative of our parishioners' generosity.

Church Doctrine Discussion

This week the church doctrine discussion group began meeting **THURSDAYS** (not Tuesdays) from 9:25-10:25 a.m. in the Reading Room, on the third floor of Cranmer Hall.

FAITH + FICTION

The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 24**th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House to discuss the book *Persuasion*, by Jane Austen. All are welcome!

Refugee Family Outreach

The Outreach committee is looking for summer volunteers to help St. John's sponsored refugee family with transportation and language skills. If you are called to help this summer, contact Melanie Summerell at mfsummerell51@gmail.com.

Transportation: This summer, the school-age children will be participating in an enrichment program at GSU, Armstrong Campus. It will last for 2 weeks from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday (May 31 to June 16). They need volunteers who can assist with drop off and pick up.

Language Skills: Volunteers are needed to assist the family with their language skills. It is especially meaningful for the children to practice over the summer. No experience or special training is needed.

Brass for Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 4^h is Trinity Sunday — a time to focus on the Christian doctrine that there is one God in three Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We will celebrate with special brass and feature St. John's choir at the 11 a.m. Choral Mattins. To contribute, mail checks to the Church Office (payable to St. John's Church with "brass" in memo line). Include your memorial/honorarium for the Parish Paper.

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS

Sign-ups are now open for our June and September suppers. Please call the church office at 912-232-1251 if you wish to attend either dinner.

- June 11th: Co-hosted by Sally & John Bradshaw and Chambliss & Mark Stevens.
- Sept. 10th: Hosted by Connie & Mick McCay.

Summer Concert Series

AT THE GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

MATTHEW LOGAN VASQUEZ (OF DELTA SPIRIT) WEDS MAY 24 @ 7 PM

> CHRIS STAPLES WEDS JUNE 21 @ 7 PM

TIM CHRISTOPHER WEDS JULY 26 @ 7 PM

FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC OUTDOORS & ALL AGES FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE

THE GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE MALL
325 BULL ST
ON MADISON SQUARE

PRESENTED BY: ST JOHN'S CHURCH STJOHNSSAV.ORG/ARTS



ARCHITECTURE AND HOPE

The funeral of Dr Dorothy Kingery, a lover of the great Gothic cathedral of Chartres, prompted this reflection. "Oh! I have slipped the surly/bonds of Earth/And danced the skies on/laughter-silvered wings;/Sunward I've climbed, and / joined the tumbling mirth of sunsplit clouds..." It's not just the stained glass of a Gothic cathedral like Chartres that tells the story of Christ; the entire building is a kind of image of the gospel. For the architecture of the gothic cathedral – the architecture of pinnacle, spire and steeple, pointed arch and gable, of gravity-defying vault and flying buttress, of soaring colonnettes and lacelike traceries of stone – is architecture that seeks to escape the downward pull of gravity, and to dissolve matter in light. It is architecture "after an heavenly and spiritual manner", or, to borrow the words of the aviator poet John Gillespie Magee (quoted above), it is architecture that has "slipped the surly bonds of earth"; in which matter has been liberated from all that is dark and heavy to become a vehicle of light and freedom. Such architecture is an image of the spiritual body of the resurrection, an image of human nature delivered from all that is dark and heavy- physically, morally, and spiritually-- and become translucent to the light of the Spirit. As the ancient preface for the departed puts it, in words borrowed from 2 Corinthians 5:1, "to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not taken away: and at the dissolution of the tabernacle of this earthly sojourning a dwelling-place eternal is made ready in the heavens".

Moreover, as the great architectural historian John Summerson pointed out, the Gothic is an architecture *about* architecture — an architecture whose basic unit or form is the aedicule, the "little shrine" complete with columns and pediment that marks the indwelling presence of a saint, but multiplied and combined, scaled up and down, in endless variation, so that the entire building consists of

nothing but aedicules; the whole house of God is comprised of a multitude of individual houses of God's elect. As such, it is an image of the spiritual temple, built up of living stones (1 Peter 2:5); of the body of Christ, a unity comprised of many individual members (Romans 12:5); of a city, the heavenly Jerusalem, "which is at unity in itself", where God dwells among the people he has redeemed, whose sorrows he turns into joy (Psalm 122). For, on the eve of his own death, Christ spoke to his disciples of a home for them with God: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (St. John 14:2-3). As in the great medieval summae, those systematic syntheses of classical and Christian learning, of reason and revelation, so in the Gothic cathedral, all the parts are drawn into ordered and harmonious relation to the whole. The Gothic cathedral is image in architecture of all creatures cohering in Christ and of being built up into his body as living members, of all things returning into unity in him by whom all things were made.

In one of Dorothy's short stories ("A Handsome Couple"), she wrote about losses as "a constant part of life's rebuilding" and the conviction that "nothing we truly love is ever lost". That "losses" should contribute to the "rebuilding", that death should be the means of life, and present sorrow only increase our final joy; that we might not only regain all that we have loved and lost, but also advance to what we never had, to what is "truly loved" because truly worthy of love – this is what is accomplished in the resurrection. Perhaps this seems too much to hope for, perhaps it seems too good to be true – yet if it is not true, then all our aspirations to beauty and truth, all our hopes for justice and love, are

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merely illusions, delusions, deceptions, and all our endeavours are in vain. Is that really what we think? If there is a God, infinite in goodness, wisdom, and power, the Maker and Preserver of all things, then there is nothing more likely than that he should raise the dead. The one who brought the world out of chaos and light out of darkness can most certainly bring life out of death. Perhaps this does seem too much to hope for. Perhaps because, like the soaring vaults of the Gothic cathedral, it is out of reach to us who are held by "the surly bonds of earth" and cannot "dance the skies" like the poet's aviator. But the Gothic cathedral is a sign that the Lord most high made his home among us who are most low precisely that we may be at home with him. He has departed from us only to prepare a place for us in the Father's house, and he promises to return to take us to himself, that where he is there we may be also. In him are we set free to "dance the skies".

-GGD

St. Michael's Youth Summer Conference

Join St. John's youth group at St. Michael's Summer Conference from July 23-29th. This is a unique summer camp experience: in addition to recreational activities. Each day is structured by Anglican worship and discussion-based classes with clergy. Steven Vanderlip will be serving on the Conference staff this year.

If you would like to learn more about this conference or before you plan to register, email Steven Vanderlip at svanderlip@stjohnssav.org so he can share scholarship information and travel plans with you.

Episcopal Youth and Children's Services (EYCS)



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

College-bound students (ages 17-22) are encouraged to apply online: eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org, click on Education Scholarships

Application Requirements

- Fill out the online application
 Current grades
 - 3. Priest's recommendation
- 4. Parents' W-2 for the current year

Did you know...the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia's Episcopal Youth and Children's Services has awarded more than \$300,000 in college scholarships to 197 students in the Diocese of Georgia in the past five years!

Deadline to Apply: May 31



Give a Piece of St. John's History

During renovation work last spring, wooden planks of the Nave's original flooring were uncovered, dating from the church's original construction in 1853. For a donation, you may have a unique piece of St. John's Church with a very special, limited-edition memento. For a \$100 donation, you'll receive a plank that includes a beautiful commemorative plate on the front and the limited-edition number on the back.

Funds raised from these planks will be used for a much-needed refurbishment of the Choir Room, on the third floor above office and chapel, where the organist and choir prepare the music that adorns our worship.

To reserve your memento, contact Connie McCay at 912-484-6014.

St. John's Church - savannah

Worship in the Anglican Tradition

Parish Chartered in 1841 Church Consecrated in 1853
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Wardens and Vestry

Senior Warden: Mr. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.
Junior Warden: Mr. E. Brian Culver
Clerk of Vestry: Mrs. Gary M. Schubert (Elizabeth); Treasurer: Mr. Robert L. Sparks;
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Stuart C. Clifford (Susan)
Chancellor: Dolly Chisholm

The Vestry: Mrs. Benjamin W. Baxter (Cathy), Mr. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Dr. J. Davidson Carson (David), Mr. E. Brian Culver, Mrs. James F. Holtzclaw (Sherry), Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings (Stacy), Mrs. Thomas C. McCay (Connie), Mrs. Paul M. Pressly (Jane), Mrs. Gary M. Schubert (Elizabeth), Mr. Robert L. Sparks, Mr. Mark D. Stevens, and Mr. Richard Wright (Rick)

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President, Men of St. John's	