

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
(TRINITY 16)

Sunday, September 24, 2023

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
SAVANNAH

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

# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

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**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 regular Sunday schedule is: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the church; 9 a.m. Family Worship Service (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. Main Service (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 8 for this week's services or visit [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org).**

**Children's Nursery.** This nursery is available in Cranmer Hall for the 11 a.m. service.

**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](http://StJohnsSav.org) and 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 – “ANGELS”

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*This coming weekend, we celebrate the **Feast of St. Michael & All Angels**, beginning with noon Holy Communion on Friday Sept 29th, and, on Sunday, October 1st, with a children's activity and procession during the 9am service, the music of the brass (prelude at 10:40 a.m. for the main 11 a.m. service) and Choral Evensong for Michaelmas that evening at 5 p.m, followed by a reception at the Green-Meldrim House.*

The world is much bigger than we think. God is the creator not only of “things visible” but of “things invisible” (Colossians 1:16) – creatures that are purely material, creatures that are purely spiritual, and creatures, like ourselves, that are both material and spiritual. That the world is much bigger than we think is true: not only of the physical visible universe, unimaginably vast as it is, but also the invisible spiritual creation too, populated by countless armies of purely spiritual intelligent beings, named in many places in the Bible as “seraphs, cherubim, and thrones... dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs” (Hymn #599). They are fervent in the praise of God's glory and swift in their obedience to his commands. But on the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, we acknowledge that there are fallen angels too, spirits that seek in their pride and arrogance and rebellion against God to bend the truth according to their malign wills. We are reminded of our vocation as Christians to share with the angelic armies in their spiritual worship of his infinite goodness and truth, and their spiritual warfare against the powers of evil and untruth (Ephesians 6:10-20).

# 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)* #484 *Lift Up Your Heads*..... Truro

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE

Sentences and Exhortation..... Prayer Book, Page 3-6

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us . . .

*A General Confession (Said by all, kneeling)*

**A**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 Sins.....Prayer Book, page 7

Lord's Prayer *(said by all, kneeling)*.....Prayer Book, page 7

**O**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. *Amen.*

Opening Versicles & Responses .....Prayer Book, page 7

*Minister:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

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

*Minister:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Answer:* **O Lord, make haste to help us. (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 ye the Lord.

*Answer:* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

# PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY

Psalm 95. *Venite, exultemus.* (*all stand*) ..... Hymnal #608 (Walter)

Psalm 102 *Domine, exaudi* ..... Prayer Book, p. 464-66  
*Christ's sufferings and forsakenness foreshown.*

**The Old Testament Lesson** (*All sit*) 1 Kings 17:1-24  
*Life from death, through the ministry of the prophet.*

**A**nd Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

**A**nd the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

**A**nd it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

**A**nd the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

CANTICLE *Te Deum laudamus. (All stand)*.....Hymnal #615/619 (Elvey/Farrant)  
*The praise of the Creator by the whole creation, and by the Church.*

The New Testament Lessons: *(All sit)*

Ephesians 3:13-21 and St. Luke 7:11-17 .....Prayer Book, pages 212-213  
*The unthinkable power of God made known through Christ's indwelling presence.*

CANTICLE *Benedictus (All stand)* St. Luke 1:68..... Hymnal #634 (Turle)  
*Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ.*

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE

The Apostles' Creed *(Said by all, standing)*..... Prayer Book, page 15

**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.*

Versicles and Responses..... Prayer Book, page 16

*Minister:* The Lord be with you. *Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

*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)*

**O**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.*

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 of the Day.....Prayer Book, p.212

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.*

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom and The Grace.....Prayer Book, page 20

Notices (*All sit*)

HYMN #376 (*All stand*) *Come Down, O Love Divine* .....Down Ampney

The Address (*All sit*)

## THE OFFERING

Sentences (*All stand*)

**N**ot everyone 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.*

ANTHEM (*All sit*) *O, For a Thousand Tongues* .....Richard Shephard  
(Text : Charles Wesley, 1780)

O, for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise;  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.  
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 't  
Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.  
He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive.  
The mournful broken hearts revive; the humble poor believe.  
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ.  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy!  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
And spread through all the earth abroad the honours of your name.

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

#739 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. Amen.*  
*Minister:* The Lord be with you.  
*Answer: And with thy spirit.*  
*Minister:* Let us pray. (*All kneel*)

A General Thanksgiving (*May be said by all*)..... Prayer Book, page 19

**A**LMIGHTY 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 be 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*)

The Lord bless ☩ you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and ever more. *Amen.*

HYMN (*All stand*) #344 *O Love How Deep*..... Deus Tuorum Militum



12:15 P. M. COFFEE HOUR TODAY: GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

*All are welcome to this time of fellowship and refreshment.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings (Stacy)

### USHER CHAIRS

Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr; Mr. Robert L. Sparks

### CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. (Sally), Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. (Laura), Mrs. W. Lee Belford (Cathy), and Mrs. Thomas C. McCay (Connie).

### JUNIOR CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Joseph R. Ross (Coren)

### COFFEE HOUR CHAIR

Dr. Melanie Helmken

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney T. Nutting, Sr. and Mr. Sidney T. Nutting, Jr. by their families.

And in loving memory of Virginia L. Brower by her family.

And in memory of The Reverend Jack E. Altman, The Reverend William H. Ralston, Jr., The Right Reverend G. Paul Reeves and The Reverend Jack E. Altman by Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott Stephens.

And to the glory of God and in loving memory of Father Ralston by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reed Welch and Ralston Kennedy Welch.

In loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Victor.

In loving memory of Mrs. M. Tyus Butler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Belford.

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

## UPCOMING WORSHIP WEEK OF TRINITY XVI

**Monday-Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**

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*, Chapel

12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

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: Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

### Sunday, October 1st,

### Sunday after Michaelmas (Trinity XVII)

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. *Music of the Brass*, Church

11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church/Online

5 p.m. *Choral Evensong & Prelude*, Church

6:15 p.m. (*app.*) *Evensong Reception*, Green-Meldrim House



# PARISH PAPER ESSAY

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## LESSONS OF HISTORY

September is a busy time of year, but last week a halt was imposed on my projects in the form of a kidney stone that would not pass. Once the pain medications had begun to take effect, I had some measure of relief, and in the intervals between sleep and waiting for the next dose of medicine I was able to sleep, and even sometimes to read. The right kind of book is a real comfort in bodily weakness: it gives you something else to think about than the present misery. I recall with gratitude how *Pride and Prejudice* kept me sane during a severe bout of sinusitis some years back. This time, what brought me comfort was a fat volume (six hundred pages) of church history by Colin Morris, entitled *The Papal Monarchy* (Oxford, 1989), an account of the western church from 1050 to 1250, one of the most creative and critical periods in all of Christian history. Just to choose a few examples at random, it's the age when they began to build the great cathedrals, made informed consent a legal requirement of marriage, launched the crusades, and yes, invested hopes for reform of church and society in a papal monarchy with universal jurisdiction above all earthly kingdoms. As such, therefore, it is a history that throws a great deal of light on the emergence of Anglicanism three hundred years later.

That may sound arcane or specialized, but hear me out: in the hands of a scholar who can think clearly and write in lucid prose (such as this author certainly is), history is not just an accumulation of facts and dates. He tells an engaging story of great sweep and drama, enlivened by crisp description, incisive analysis, juicy quotations, and dry wit. A history like this shows the consequential actions of many individuals in the context of larger structural social patterns in ways that are illuminating both about the individual and about society. There is a moral interest here that has to engage any serious human being – it's about the choices made by human beings, and their consequences. So if you are a serious history reader, I recommend the volume – it

is amazing in its range and depth, lucid in its prose, fascinating in the story it tells. Nonetheless, this isn't a book report, or a history lesson, but rather something about the lessons of history. We might think the "lessons of history" are in the category of "mistakes not to be repeated" – and perhaps that is so. Though the memory of American isolationism and Neville Chamberlain's "peace in our time" has obviously worn thin in certain quarters of late (ahem), until recently they provided a valuable touchstone for public policy. Yet the lessons of history of which I speak are rather different: to see yourselves and your own struggles, achievements, and failures, in the light of the struggles, achievements, and failures of those who precede us. To read history is to step outside my own limited and isolated perspective on my life, and the relentless pummeling of the daily media that disrupts any real thinking, that in a quiet backwater, by contemplating the history of those who have gone before us, we may start to acquire a larger, and less fevered, perspective on our own.

And what do we see? that the best-laid plans of men often come to nothing, and their greatest achievements turn into their opposite; the humbling of our pride, usually through our own devices, even or especially in our apparent successes; but also of those who died as failures yet whose work lived and flourished after them in ways they only dreamed of, the exaltation of the humble. It is to see the wisdom and folly of human kind, both the bad and the good, the cruel and the humane; the full gamut of human possibility, in which the noble is so often intermixed with the base. It is to become aware that what we have received over so great a distance of time was hard won, and not to be despised in our own; to recognize that anything worth achieving only comes through hard striving and much error.

That's sobering, but in a good way: it's a necessary calming of the spirit, that allows us to think about things with a measure of dispassionate deliberation, and not simply react to them in the Pavlovian fashion ingrained in us by our respective opinion-

bubbles. It makes for detachment: but does it make for despair or fatalism? At times it may seem we are just flotsam and jetsam in the tidal surges of history, like the migrants capsized in the Mediterranean, or the latest victims of earthquake, fire, and flood, or the wretched slaves of inhuman tyrannies around the globe; for them too often there is no remedy in this world: but for those of us spared to live in the world, there is room for consequential choices, and a need for a deeply-grounded perspective in which to make them, a faculty of sound judgment. Earthly wisdom – even technocratic reason – can play a part in the formation of that judgment, but Scripture invites us to consider the wisdom that reaches from one end to another mightily, and doth sweetly order all things: the inscrutable providence by which God accomplishes his good and perfect will in and through all things – even those least promising to our eyes. Perhaps even in a kidney stone that will not pass. GGD

## NOTES

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### **BRASS & HARP FOR MICHAELMAS**

Contributions are welcome toward the cost of brass & string music for Michaelmas next Sunday, October 1st at 11 a.m. (10:40 prelude). We are excited to welcome the **Avanté Brass Quintet** with **Professor James Hendrix**, *tuba*, of the Fred & Dinah Gretsch School of Music at Georgia Southern University, for the 10:40 Brass Prelude and **Kristin King**, *harp*, of **New Arts Ensembles** for the main service; she will be joined by violinist **Ricardo Ochoa** & cellist **Leah Dutton** for our Evensong Prelude at 5 p.m.

### **CHORAL EVENSONG FOR MICHAELMAS**

Will be offered next **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Please join us as we welcome our new Interim Organist-Choirmaster, Dr. Jonathan Murphy, and celebrate with this reflective and joyful evening service of music & worship.

**Prelude begins at 5:05 p.m.;**

**Service at 5:30 p.m.,**

with works by Stanford, Ayleward, and Harris.  
Reception follows at the Green-Meldrim House.

**TONIGHT - SOLD OUT!**



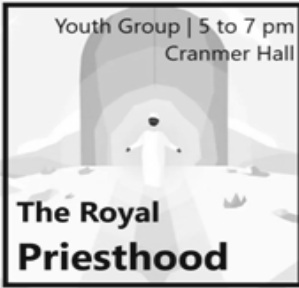
## The Sunday Night Sessions

*Wine. Small Bites. Big Ideas.  
Real Conversation.*

TONIGHT, **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**, will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> installment in our series of thought-provoking speakers at the Green-Meldrim House. This session will feature Harrison Scott Key, Thurber Prize winning author of the new book *How to Stay Married: The Most Insane Love Story Ever Told*. Well-known for his hilarious and confessional style, in this book Key engages honestly with faith, marriage, infidelity, and the strangeness of God's grace. The title for his talk is "*Love is a Joke: on the death and rebirth of a marriage.*"

**Tonight's event is at capacity (sold out)!**

To reserve a place now for our next session on October 8th, contact the office at 912-232-1251, or watch for a new link at [stjohnssav.org/sns](http://stjohnssav.org/sns)



## Sunday Night Youth Group

meets again tonight, Sunday, **September 24th!** from 5-7pm in Cranmer Hall: join us for an activity, dinner, and a study of the theme of "royal priesthood" in the Bible as we come to understand our occupation as priests in God's creation. The youth group is open to all youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above. Childcare is offered for younger children and parents are welcome to join *The Sunday Night Sessions* with Fr Jameson.



**MEN OF ST. JOHN'S  
ANNUAL MEETING  
with Fr. Will Brown  
Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>,  
2023 6 p.m.,  
Green-Meldrim House**

## Men of St. John's Annual Meeting

After a fellowship and a short business meeting, Fr. Will Brown, a longtime friend of St. John's parish and avid outdoorsman, will speak about his newly published book that focuses on God and nature, *A Catechism of Nature: Meditations on Creation's Primary Realities*. (Wipf & Stock)

This book considers the problem of ecological degradation from the perspective of a Christian clergyman and hunter. Drawing on the tradition of Christian mysticism, the author offers a series of meditations on various aspects of the natural world, including oceans and prairies, weather patterns, the changing of seasons, animal and plant communities, and the ways humans engage with them. He sees the intellectual and spiritual roots of the modern ecological crisis in a turn of thought coming from the Enlightenment that makes the value of the natural world a function of its utility, and he offers a way out that is centered in prayer and humility.

Parishioners are asked to pay \$15 and guests, \$10.

Appetizers and libations will be provided.

**RSVP** at the QR code right, at [stjohnssav.org/men](http://stjohnssav.org/men)  
or contact Sean Finnegan at 912-441-3267.



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