

Sunday, October 15, 2023

11:00 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 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.

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 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 - THE FOUR EVANGELISTS

In the vision of the prophets (Ezek. 1:10, Rev. 4:7), the Lord appears enthroned amid four living creatures, each chosen for their royal dignity: one with the appearance of a man, to whom was given dominion over all the earth (Gen. 1:26); one with the appearance of a lion, the king of wild beasts; a third as an ox, the king of domestic beasts, and the fourth as an eagle, the king of birds. In the church's tradition, they symbolized the four gospels and their authors, the evangelists. (You can see these images in gilded low-relief plaques at the corner of the central panel of the reredos above the altar at St. John's). Like four artists each painting a portrait of one man, each produces his own distinctive view of Jesus, that confirms and fills out the testimony of the others. Matthew, whose gospel begins with the human origins of Jesus, is symbolized by the man: witness to his coming in the flesh. Mark, which begins with a voice crying in the wilderness, is symbolized by the roar of the lion: witness to Christ's royal power. Luke, which begins in the Temple, is symbolized by the ox offered in sacrifice: he shows us Jesus as the bearer of burdens. John, who begins with the revelation of divine origins, is symbolized by the soaring eagle: for in the Spirit he flies highest and sees furthest into the dazzling mystery of the Trinity and the Incarnation. The four evangelists may also be symbolized by the four streams in the garden of Eden: "See the rivers four that gladden, / With their streams, the better Eden / Planted by our Lord most dear; / Christ the fountain, these the waters; / Drink, O Sion's sons and daughters, / Drink, and find salvation here" (#134).

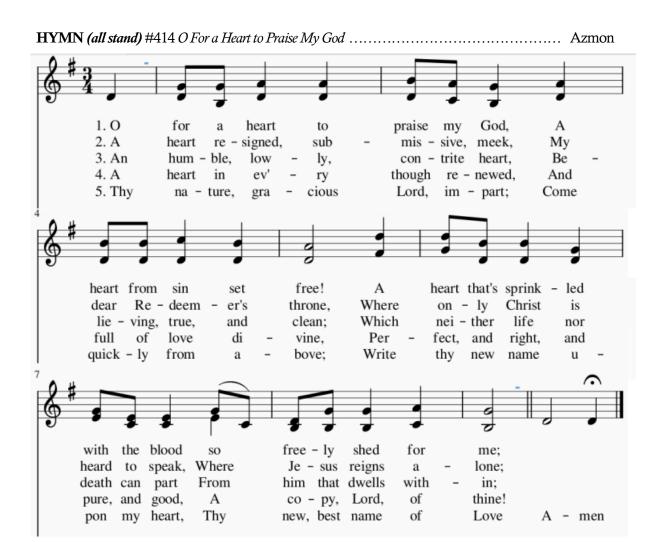
THE ORDER FOR

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.

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HYMN #288 O Worship the King
THE ANTE-COMMUNION
Priest: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit. Priest: Let us pray.
The Collect for Purity (All kneel.)
PREPARING IN PENITENCE
The Summary of the Law (All kneel.)
KYRIE ELEISON (all kneel) Hymnal #710 (p. 752)
The Collect for the Day (All kneel.)
The Epistle (all sit) Ephesians 4:17-32



Priest: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, in the 9th chapter, beginning at the 1^{rst} verse.

Answer: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Answer: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Standing, said by all.)

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

(Text: French medieval *Book of Hours* (1514); English translation: *Sarum Primer* (1558))

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

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.

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord,

Answer: and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

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 Prayer for Christ's Church (All kneel.)Prayer Book, p. 74–75

THE PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

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

Sursum Corda #734 Hymnal #734, p. 788 or Prayer Book, p. 76

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do ...

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 Prayer of Consecration: Institution, Oblation, and InvocationPrayer Book, p. 80-81

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, 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 VOLUNTARY Pastoral on 'Hanover'	Michael Burkhardt
HYMN #413 Lord, As to thy Dear Cross We Flee	St. Bernard
COMMUNION MOTET: Lead Me, Lord	.Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
Lead me, Lord; lead me in thy righteousness. Make thy way properties thou, Lord, thou Lord, only that makest me dwell in	

(Text based on Psalms 4:8 and Psalms 5:8, by S. S. Wesley)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Said with the congregation.)

LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #713 (Hymnal, page 756)	Healey Willan
The Blessing (all kneel)	Prayer Book, p. 84
HYMN #282 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven	Lauda Anima
FINAL VOLUNTARY: Toccata on "Hanover"	Michael Burkhardt

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VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The **Annual General Congregational Meeting** will be after the 11 a.m. Morning Prayer on **Sunday, Nov. 12th**. At this meeting, four new members will be elected to the Vestry for a three-year term. Members are encouraged to submit nominations by the deadline of **Monday, October 29th at noon** to the Vestry's Nomination Committee. Nominees must be communicants in good standing (for at least 5 years).

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mr. E. Brian Culver

USHER CHAIRS

Mr. Frank Somoskey 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. Joseph R. Ross (Coren), Mrs. Paul M. Pressly (Jane), Mrs. William T. Moore (Jane), and Mrs. John Sheahan (Linda).

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 C. 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, in honor of Sarah Elizabeth DeWeese's birthday and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw Jr.'s 15th wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family.

And in honor of my lovely bride, Susan Katherine Nahay Sills, and the 25th anniversary of our wedding at St. John's Church on October 10, 1998, by Mr. Jeffery Sills.

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 WEEK OF TRINITY XIX

Monday-Friday, October 16th –20th 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 **(Eve of St. Luke)**

Wednesday:

Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist 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:

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel

Sunday, October 22nd Trinity 20 (Stewardship Sunday)

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church
9 a.m. Family Holy Communion, Chapel
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church/Online
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour,
Green-Meldrim House

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

INSIDE OUT AND OUTSIDE IN

"Some day my change will come": Make no mistake about it: being a Christian means transformation. It's not about changing the world to suit our own needs; it's about being changed, remade, recreated. The end of this change dazzles the imagination: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:51, 52). The whole of our humanity, the whole of our world, will be caught up in this great change which is both moral and physical: "delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children God" (Rom. 8:21). Great as this outward change shall be, it begins almost invisibly, "like to a grain of mustard seed ... which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof" (Mt 13:31, 32).

Where is this almost imperceptible beginning? It is in the renewal of our our mind and will. As we read in this Sunday's epistle lesson (Eph. 4:17-32), "be renewed in the spirit of your mind". Our transformation is from the inside out: it involves a new perspective and outlook, in which we see the world and everything in it with new eyes. That involves a critical re-evaluation of everything the world has taught us — everything we thought we knew. (Which is why Jesus says his Father has hidden the treasures of saving truth "from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes" Mt. 11:25). As a parishioner recently put it to me, it's like his foundational years in a college of architecture, "where a primary objective was to break down ingrained thought processes and bias, then rebuild". Which is to say, this spiritual transformation involves death and resurrection. We begin the Christian life in baptism with our union with Christ in his death and resurrection for us, and the whole of Christian life is a continual dying and rising again in him, morally and finally physically.

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2). Our transformation is from the inside out: there is no Christianity without the conscious willing of God's will for us, whereby which his good and perfect will for the flourishing of his creation comes to fruition. And yet, though this transformation is from the inside out, it is also from the outside in. The renewal of our minds involves our bodies too, in speech and action. The outward, sacramental and ceremonial aspect of worship, whether elaborate or simple, is a bodily training of the soul in the ways of God's kingdom. It's the bridge from faith to works, from inward to outward. Our faith cannot take root, grow, and flourish, except as it is expressed works: our soul cannot humility of faith, unless the body also bend the

Perhaps we do not yet love our neighbour as we should; but acting as if we did is a kind of "holy hypocrisy", one in which we take the first halting steps in enacting and embodying love, as if in fact we did love; and in so doing, conscious strengthen our own willing conformity to love's command. That's why stewardship and outreach are such important spiritual practices. Robert Crouse puts it this way, in observing that St. John the Evangelist "speaks of love in terms of commandment [1 John 3:23, 24]; and that, perhaps, seems a strange way of putting it. How can love be commanded?

We're used to thinking of love as something

spontaneous, something that somehow just happens: one "falls in love". What sense does it make to command it? But St. John's approach is more realistic than conventional modern notions about the spontaneity of love. Our loves do not 'just happen'. They belong a character formed by process of training and habit making. And process always begins with commandment and obedience. There is, certainly, a spiritual maturity, when our loves are spontaneously right. That is the condition we call "sanctity" or holiness. But our beginning and our growth are in obedience to commandment. 'And this commandment we have from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also' [1 John 4:21]". GGD

MEETINGS & EVENTS UPCOMING

SUN. OCT. 15: 3 p.m. (see color ad next page) Free Concert, GSU Symphony

String Camerata

MON. OCT. 16: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

New Docent Training begins, Green-Meldrim House.

Contact Director Jamie Credle at jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org

WED. OCT. 18: 4:30-6:30p.m.

Wednesday at PACK

(4 Mall Terrace, Savannah 31406)

THURS. OCT. 19: 12 p.m 'Heretics' Society (BYOB)

(Reading Room, Cranmer 3rd Fl)

FRI. OCT. 20: 5 p.m Living Vine Dinner

(Cranmer Hall 1st Fl. & Kitchen)

SUN. OCT. 22: Stewardship Sunday (conclusion

of 2024 Stewardship Campaign)

5-7 p.m. Sunday Night Sessions

(Tripp Prince); Youth Group (Cranmer Hall).

RSVP/register at stjohnssav.org/sns

WED. &THURS.

Nov 8-9: Holly Days Bazaar

(visit stjohnssav.org/hollydays)

The Harvest is Plenteous

Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Cor 9:6

St. John's Church Stewardship 2024

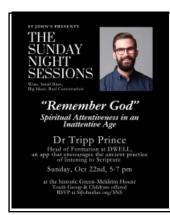
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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: "THE HARVEST IS PLENTEOUS" (LUKE 10:2)

Our work at St. John's is to sow the seed of God's word, to reap the harvest of souls in the day of salvation. Challenges abound, but so do the opportunities. That's why we ask every parishioner household to make a pledge of giving for the coming year (2024), in gratitude for the blessings we have received. Your pledge supports our mission: it enables the Vestry to budget responsibly for the year to come, and allows givers to practice giving as a spiritual discipline, a means of spiritual growth.

Please return your pledge card on or before Sunday October 22nd, Stewardship Sunday.

If you need a pledge card, see the back of church, contact the office, or simply fill one out online at **stjohnssay.org/pledge**.



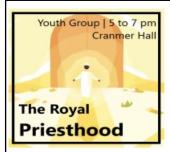
The Sunday Night Sessions

Wine. Small Bites. Big Ideas. Real Conversation.

Next Sunday at 5 p.m., October 22nd, our guest will be Tripp Prince, presenting "Remember God: Spiritual Attentiveness in an Inattentive World,"

We are constantly bombarded with information, entertainment, and deadlines; how in the world can we learn to slow down and pray? Tripp Prince will offer ancient and contemporary insights on how we might become attentive to the presence of God in a world full of distraction. Tripp is the Head of Formation at DWELL, an app that encourages the ancient practice of listening to Scripture.

To RSVP/register, visit www.stjohnssav.org/sns



Sunday Night Youth Group

Youth Group continues next Sunday, October 22nd!

Youth Group meets on Sunday nights from 5-7 pm 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 3rd grade and above. Childcare is offered for younger children, and parents are welcome to join *The Sunday Night Sessions* with Fr Jameson.



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Worship in the Anglican Tradition

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