



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9 a.m. Family Morning Prayer



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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*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. 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 12 for this week's services or visit [StJohnsSav.org](http://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! Please fill out a visitor card in the pew and leave it in the basket.

**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 – THE CREEDS

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Faith is two things: it is the faith we believe (what the Bible teaches us about God) – it is also the faith by which we believe (trust in the God of the Bible). As ancient and trustworthy summaries of the Bible's teaching about God and his works, the Creeds are touchstones of orthodoxy, reliable guides to a right faith in God. As personal and public professions of this faith ("I believe") they commit us to faith in him as Lord and Savior. As touchstones of the ancient faith taught in Scripture, they provide Christians with a means of recognizing one another as believers sharing the same faith, and so they foster charity and unity in the Body of Christ. But they are also foundations to hope and its exercise in prayer. What comes before the Creed in Morning or Evening Prayer, is the lessons from Scripture, for "faith comes by hearing" (Romans 10:17); and therefore when we have heard the Scripture, it is fit we should profess our belief in it, thereby "setting our seals to the truth of God" (cf John 3:33). "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). What follows the Creed are the prayers which are grounded upon it: for we cannot "call on him in whom we have not believed" (Romans 10:14). And therefore since we are to pray to God the Father, in the name of the Son, by the assistance of the Holy Ghost, in the unity of the Holy Catholic church, for remission of sins and a joyful resurrection to life everlasting, we must first declare that we believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that there is remission of sins and a resurrection to life hereafter, for all true members of the catholic Church; and then we may be said to pray in faith.

# THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER


*abbreviated for family worship*

This is the day that the Lord hath made: We will rejoice and be glad in it. (*Psalm 118*)



## OPENING VOLUNTARY

OPENING HYMN #90 *He is Risen, He is Risen* ..... Neander



1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice:  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, With glad smile and ra - diant brow:



He has burst his three days' pris - on; Let the whole wide earth re - jice:  
Lent's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; All his woes are o - ver now,



Death is con - quer'd, man is free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
And the pas - sion that he bore: Sin and pain can vex no more.

- 3 Come, with high and holy hymning,  
Chant our Lord's triumphant lay;  
Not one darksome cloud is dimming  
Yonder glorious morning ray,  
Breaking o'er the purple east,  
Symbol of our Easter feast.
- 4 He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
We are free from sin's dark prison,  
Risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam  
On our longing eyes shall stream.

CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER, 1846, *alt.*

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE

**I**F we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1*)

*Then the Minister shall say,*

Let us therefore humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

## A General Confession

*To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, 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.

## The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins

*To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He ✠ pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Opening Versicles & Responses

*Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips. *Answer: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us. *Answer: O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

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.*

Praise ye the Lord. *Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.*

## PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY.

Psalm 66. *Jubilate Deo*

**O**BE joyful in God, all ye lands;  
\* sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works!

\* through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee,

\* sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God;

\* how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,

\* so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

- 6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations:  
 \* and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
- 7 O praise our God, ye peoples,  
 \* and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holdeth our soul in life;  
 \* and suffereth not our feet to slip.
- 9 For thou, O God, hast proved us;  
 \* thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
- 10 Thou broughtest us into the snare;  
 \* and laidest trouble upon our loins.
- 11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads;  
 \* we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
- 12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows,  
 \* which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams;  
 \* I will offer bullocks and goats.
- 14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God;  
 \* and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
- 15 I called unto him with my mouth,  
 \* and gave him praises with my tongue.
- 16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart,  
 \* the Lord will not hear me.
- 17 But God hath heard me;  
 \* and considered the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer,  
 \* nor turned his mercy from me.

**G**LORY 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.

**The Lessons:** (*All sit.*) 1 St. Peter 2: 11-17 *The Christian calling as strangers and pilgrims in this world.*  
*Reader:* Here beginneth the 11<sup>th</sup> verse of the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the First Epistle General of Saint Peter.

**D**EARLY BELOVED: I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the king as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

St. John 16: 16-22 *Sorrow turned to joy in Christ's resurrection*

Reader: Here beginneth the 16<sup>th</sup> verse of the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. John

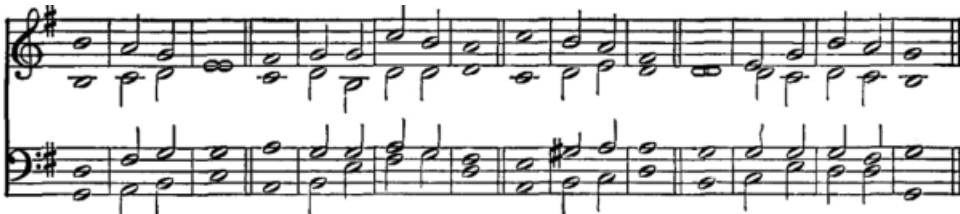
AT that time: Jesus said to his disciples, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Reader: Here endeth the second lesson.

The Children's Talk

The Address

CANTICLE: *Benedictus St. Luke 1:68. Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ*  
(sung antiphonally by verse, beginning with the officiant's side)



- BLESSED** be the Lord God of | Israel;  
\* for he hath visited and re|deemed • his **people**;
- 2** And hath raised up a mighty sal|vation for us,  
\* in the house of his | servant **David**;
- 3** As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets,  
\* which have | been • since the | world began;
- 4** That we should be saved | from our enemies,  
\* and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.
- 5** To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**,  
\* and to remember his | holy covenant;
- 6** To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather | **Abraham**,  
\* that | he would **give** us;

- 7 That we being delivered out of the | hand of • our enemies  
\* might | serve him • without fear;
- 8 In holiness and righteous|ness before him,  
\* all the | days of **our** life.
- 9 And thou child shalt be called the prophet | of the Highest:  
\* for thou shalt go before the face of the | Lord • to pre|pare his ways;
- 10 To give knowledge of salvation | unto • his people  
\* for the re|mission of their sins,
- 11 Through the tender mercy | of our God;  
\* whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit-ed us;
- 12 To give light to them that sit in darkness,  
and in the | shadow • of death,  
\* and to guide our feet | into • the way of peace.

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.

## 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.*

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

*Minister:* Let us pray. *(all kneeling; The priest may make biddings to prayer.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Answer:* Christ, have mercy upon us. 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.*

*The priest alone standing up shall say,*

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

**A**Lmighty God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## The Collect for Peace

**O** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Collect for Grace

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## For 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 Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* (2 Cor. 13:14)

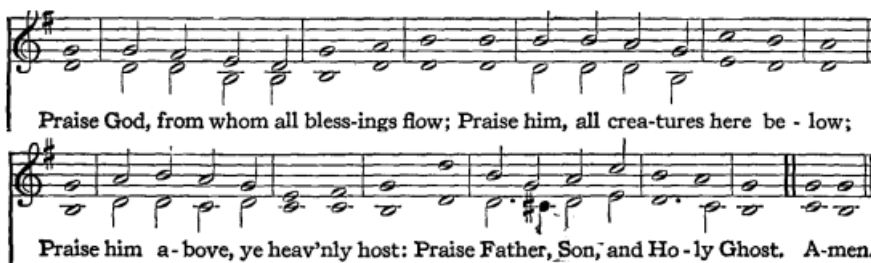
## Notices

## THE OFFERING

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

*The offering is presented at the altar.*

#139 The Doxology.....Old Hundredth (L. Bourgeois)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

*At the offering:* All things come of thee, O Lord *Answer:* and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.



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

### General Thanksgiving (*May be said by all.*)

**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

*Then, with the people kneeling, the Priest shall let them depart with a Blessing.*

**T**he 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 evermore. *Amen.*

HYMN #98 *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* .....Puer Nobis



1. That Eas- ter Day with joy was bright; The sun shone  
2. His ri--sen flesh with ra - diance glowed; His wound - ed  
3. O Je - sus, King of gent- le -- ness Do thou thy-



out with fair- er light When, to their long - ing eyes re-  
hands and feet he showed Those scars their so- lemn wit - ness  
-self our hearts pos- sess That we may give thee all our



stored, The a-post-les saw their ris - en Lord  
gave That Christ was ri- sen from the grave.  
days The will - ing trib- ute of our praise.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & FELLOWSHIP LIST- CHILDREN

8:00am – 10:30 am	Breakfast	Cranmer Hall 1st Floor
8:45 am – 12:30 pm	Nursery with Ashley Rhetta & Grier Ring	1st Floor Front Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am– 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : PreK-Kindergarten</b> <i>The Beginner’s Bible</i> with Margaret Wylly and Kathy Ross	2nd Floor Room off Children’s Chapel, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : 1st – 4th grade</b> <i>Storymakers, Old Testament</i> with Sarah Ross	2nd Floor Children’s Chapel, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : Sr. High Youth:</b> <i>Sin: What is it?</i> with Steven Vanderlip	3rd Floor Classroom, Cranmer Hall

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & FELLOWSHIP LIST- ADULTS

10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Faith &amp; Fellowship:</b> with Fr. Jameson	3rd Floor Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Adults:</b> <i>Devotional Classics</i> : Continuing the Lifetime Road to God with Bp. Lambert	3rd Floor Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall
	<b>Adults:</b> <i>Study of Matthew</i> with Fr. Dunbar <b>NOTE: Fr. Dunbar’s Class will not meet while he is away.</b>	
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Adults:</b> <i>Study of Images of Pilgrimage</i> with Matthew Sparks	3rd Floor Prayer Book Room, Cranmer Hall

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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### VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mrs. James F. Holtzclaw (Sherry)

### USHER CHAIRS

Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr. ; Mr. Frank Somoskey

### 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. Nohl A. Braun, Jr. (Alyce)

Mrs. Jean Howell McMillan

Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. (Laura)

Ms. Linda H. Pounds

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Schubert

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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The flowers in the Church this Sunday  
are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for and on the occasion of the  
birthday of Vincent Graham Cooper  
by Ms. Patti Cooper;

And in loving memory of Amanda Jackson Stoess  
and with prayers to her family  
by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Mick) McCay;

And in loving memory of Frank B. Arden, Jr.  
and Frank B. Arden III by their family;

And in loving memory of Thomas Peaslee Frank  
by Linda Roberts LeFurgy.

*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 EASTER 3

**MON.-FRI ., April 22<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Online prayer will resume April 29<sup>th</sup>.*

### Monday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy  
Communion*, 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: St. Mark, Evangelist & Martyr

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

### Friday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

### Sunday, April 28:

#### The Fourth Sunday after Easter (Easter 4)

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

## CHRIST AND CREATION

When contemporary Christians talk about creation what often emerges is a vaguely pantheistic and pelagian “spirituality” dressed up in the hippy nostalgia of “Celtic Christianity” and now combined with “the end is near” environmentalist activism – throwing tomato soup on van Gogh paintings and such. This is a shameful impoverishment of the Christian and biblical doctrine of Creation.

The doctrine of creation is the very core of Israel’s religion: the recognition that all that exists, exists solely because of God’s action, and has its existence in the word and will of God the Creator. The world as made therefore is neither divine nor demonic – the two standard explanations of pagan religion. As created, all things are good, and as a whole, all things are very good, and therefore evil does not inhere in matter or in bodies or bodily appetites (as the dualistic Gnostics and Manicheans maintained), but only in their perversion and corruption. Moreover, precisely because it exists in the word and will of the Creator, there is a relative autonomy in creation, and of the created order. It operates by cause and effect, that is, by law, an order which is knowable by humans. Thus the biblical teaching on Creation supplies the logical presupposition of all modern natural science, and without which modern natural science could not have developed. As natural science can only assume the idea that all things happen by law – it cannot prove it - it is amusing to think that militantly atheistic upholders of science against religion are themselves logically dependent on the very religion that they deny! One should also note that this order in creation is not only physical, but also moral, and when we attempt to emancipate ourselves from either order, as the moralists and environmentalists rightly warn us, we experience the ruinous consequences of doing so.

Christianity not only took over the doctrine of Creation from the Scriptures of Israel, but confirmed

and developed it in the doctrine of the Incarnation – the Creator’s taking upon himself creaturely existence, in a human body and soul, not temporarily, but permanently, as Christ’s bodily resurrection and ascension indicate. It is manifest therefore that in the new creation in Christ, God wills to restore and bring to perfection the integrity of the creature in body and soul. In the great councils of the 4th and 5th centuries it affirmed both the distinction in Christ of the uncreated divine and created human natures, each in their integrity, and their inseparable unity in his person. This Christology thus provides a template for understanding relation of the divine and human, the Creator and creature, in the unity of Christ. “Grace” (the supernatural action of the Creator) “does not abolish nature, but perfects it”. In communion with God we become not less human, but more so.

To perfect nature, however, grace must first redeem it. It is as fallen creatures that Christ calls us, sinners “who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator” (Romans 1:25). Thus the predominant emphasis of the Prayer Book is on the doctrines of sin and salvation; yet the doctrine of creation does not disappear. The Creeds – recited twice a day, and three times on Sunday – begin with confession of faith in God as Creator. The Prayer Book Catechism’s brief explanation of the Apostles’ Creed taught children to believe in God the Father as the one “who made me and all the world”. At Morning Prayer, the Venite teaches the Church to “worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker”. In the Te Deum, the church locates itself in the ceaseless praise of the Creator by the powers of creation: “all the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting”. In the Benedicite we call on the whole spectrum of creatures – from angels and atmospheric phenomena to holy and humble men of heart – to the praise of God. When it is recited in

Lent, a season of repentance for our misuse of the creatures, it teaches us to see all creatures in right relation to God as their source and end.

Moreover, in the Lord's Supper, the memorial of our redemption, we confess our sins to Almighty God as "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men". It is the author of creation, and upholder of its right order by his righteous judgments, whom we approach for pardon of our sins, on the basis of God's fatherly love for his Son our Lord. In "these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine", by the working of God's Spirit and Word, we are made partakers of Christ's own body and blood, and nourished unto everlasting life of soul and body. The integrity of the creature is not left behind, but taken up in Christ, as the very means of our participation in the new creation.

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**FAMILY EVENSONG  
WITH THE ST. JOHN'S BOYS' CHOIR  
SUNDAY, MAY 12 5 P.M.**

Join us for a special Family Evensong  
with the St. John's Boys' Choir.  
Congratulations to the boys  
on a wonderful first year!

Reception will follow at the Green-Meldrim House

**NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR :  
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

Director Kristi Bryson reports: *The boys are becoming great friends. They made it clear to me that they're keen to share their love of singing with friends and would like to recruit more boys for next year. We currently have 7; I think we can manage up to 12 next year. If you know of anyone who might be interested please have them contact*

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**CHURCH TOUR DOCENTS NEEDED**

Will you be a docent to share our beautiful and historic church? We need door greeters & historical guides for our popular visitor tours, Tuesdays or

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**frank-denny@sbcglobal.net**.

Tour proceeds support those in need in our community.

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN STRINGS CONCERT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 7 P.M. CHURCH**

We are excited to host again the Georgia Southern Symphony String Camerata, who played a thrilling concert at St. John's last October. Under the direction of Dr. Steven Elisha, the ensemble is preparing for a visit to study and play in Halle, Germany and other European cities this summer. Mark your calendars! This concert is free and open to the public.



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## WORK DAY AT THE LIVING VINE SATURDAY, APRIL 27 9 A.M.



The Men of St. John's will sponsor a workday at The Living Vine on Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. *All parishioners are welcome!* We will update the landscaping primarily around the back of the facility. Existing shrubbery will be removed, beds cleaned out, shrubbery replaced, and mulch put down. Bring a shovel, rake, and work gloves. Water will be provided. We would like to have 20 participants.

## LINKS FOR THE LIVING VINE GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 13, 2024

*Are you ready to represent St. John's at the  
1st Annual Links for the Vine?*

We are thrilled to invite you to The Living Vine Maternity Home's inaugural charity golf event, "Links for The Living Vine." As a cornerstone of our community for the past 29 years, The Living Vine Maternity Home has been dedicated to providing comprehensive support for in-crisis pregnant women and their babies.

Join us for a day filled with camaraderie, good spirits, and a shared commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of pregnant women in need. Learn more and register at [stjohnssav.org/golf](http://stjohnssav.org/golf)



## CALLING THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHNS:

### MEETING THURSDAY MAY 9 AT 5:30 P.M., GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

The Women of St. John's invites all parishioners and friends to attend our May social. Tru Helms will present 'Across the Street' on her research concerning the relationship between St. John's Church and the Green-Meldrim House. After the presentation, we'll enjoy appetizers, libations and fellowship. GMH doors will open at 5:30, short business meeting and presentation will begin at 6 pm. Spouses and friends welcome! Registration & a donation of \$10 per person are suggested, but not required (see QR code link)



*The Women of Saint John's (WSJ) is an organization of the parish open to all adult women who wish to be involved. There are no dues and no obligations – just an opportunity to grow in faith and in fellowship with other women as we come together to support the mission of St. John's Church. For more information, see our recent letter in last week's e-newsletter, or online at [stjohnssav.org/women](http://stjohnssav.org/women)*



## FAITH + FICTION : WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

For those planning ahead, the next selection for the Faith + Fiction Book Discussion Group will be William Wangerin's *The Book of the Dun Cow*. The group will meet Wednesday May 8th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House. Please join us!

## 2024 SUMMER YOUTH GUIDE PROGRAM STARTS JUNE 6 AT THE GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

A Youth Guide is a trained and skilled historic house tour guide.

**Program Schedule:** Thursday evenings (and some Tuesday evenings) from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Thursday, June 6. [A definitive schedule will be determined at the first meeting.] Youth Guides meet from 6 to 8 p.m. in preparation to give tours to the public on Saturday, July 27.

**Open to:** Students ages 14 to 18 (rising 9th graders through high school)

### **Qualifications:**

- \*An interest in art, history, architecture, and/or historic preservation
- \*A pledge to participate in the program and give at least one tour to the public
- \*The commitment to fulfill volunteer duties in an appropriate manner

### **Benefits:**

- \*Working with the public in a historic house setting
- \*Making friends with other Youth Guides, historic house staff and volunteers
- \*Meeting people from all over the United States and the world
- \*Experiencing a popular tourist site
- \*Training in tour-giving techniques and the history of the Green Meldrim House
- \*Learning about: 19th century history and the development of Savannah, Civil War history and Savannah, people associated with the Green Meldrim House including Susie King Taylor, historic preservation, urban slavery, public speaking and communication skills, careers in cultural resource management.
- \*Continuing educational gatherings during the school year
- \*Earning community service hours

*If you are curious, contact the Green-Meldrim House at 912-233-3845 or email [info@GreenMeldrimHouse.org](mailto:info@GreenMeldrimHouse.org)*

**For More Information :** Contact Jamie Credle, Youth Guide Coordinator/GMH Executive Director—912/233-3845 or email her at [jcredle@GreenMeldrimHouse.org](mailto:jcredle@GreenMeldrimHouse.org)



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