

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
COMMONLY CALLED
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
(EASTER 2)

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9 a.m. Family Holy Communion



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

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.**

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 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 FORM OF DELIVERY

When the priest delivers the elements of bread and wine to the communicants, he recites a form of words, sometimes called the "form of administration" or "form of delivery". The first sentence follows an ancient tradition. It is a declaration of what it is that we objectively receive "after an heavenly and spiritual manner" in the Sacrament - the very same "Body and Blood of Christ, which was given for thee" upon the cross - and of what benefits it imparts - to "preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life". (John 6:32, 51, 54). The second sentence echoes the words of Jesus himself at the Last Supper (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25): "Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee"; "Drink this in remembrance that Christ died for thee" - but adds to them an exhortation to faithful and grateful reception of the Sacrament: "feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving", "and be thankful". If the first sentence declared *what* we receive - the Body and Blood of Christ; the second sentence direct us *how* to receive it to our benefit - by faith, and grateful remembrance. Notice that in both sentences appear the words "for thee" - which means "for you personally and individually". The gracious promises of Christ are broadcast generally in the word of God; but in the sacraments, they are applied to specific individuals, to the strengthening and confirming of our faith. Christ gave his life for many - yes - but did he give his life *for me*? In the face of our flickering faith, the sacraments speak powerfully to assure and comfort us of the security that is ours in Christ.

THE ORDER FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
OR HOLY COMMUNION
abbreviated for family worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

OPENING HYMN #345 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*St. Columba

ST. COLUMBA *In flowing style*

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, Whose goodness fail-eth nev-er;
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, My ransomed soul he lead-eth,
3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,

I noth-ing lack if I am his, And he is mine for ev-er.
And where the ver-dant pas-tures grow, With food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
And on his shoul-der gen-tly laid, And home, re-joic-ing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy unction grace bestoweth;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, And O what transport of delight
Thy cross before to guide me. From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever. Amen.

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

OPENING PRAYERS (*said by the priest alone*) OUR Father...

The Collect for Purity

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREPARING IN PENITENCE

Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**KYRIE ELEISON #702...*(Sung with congregation.)*..... John Merbecke
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. *(all kneel)*

The Collect of the Day

ALmighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE EPISTLE: 1 St. Peter 2:19 *The example of the Good Shepherd*

Clerk: The Epistle is written in the 2nd chapter of the first Epistle General of St. Peter, beginning at the 19th verse.

BELOVED: This is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you shall take it patiently? but if, when you do well, and suffer for it, you take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For to this you have been called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps. He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not in return; when he suffered, he threatened not: but committed himself to him that judges justly: He bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: By his wounds you have been healed. For you were as sheep going astray: but have now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Clerk: Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GOSPEL: *(please stand)* St. John 10: 11 *The sacrifice of the Good Shepherd*

Priest. The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. John, in the 10th chapter, beginning at the 11th verse.

Answer: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

AT that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

Answer: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed (*said by all standing*)

I 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.*

The Children's Teaching & Address

THE OFFERTORY

The Priest reads an offertory sentence (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*

Please be seated while the elements are prepared.

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

When the offering is brought to the altar, all stand.

DOXOLOGY #139Old Hundredth

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 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

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

The Biddings and The 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.

Minister: May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Prayer for Christ's Church (*All remain kneeling through to communion*)

Minister: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Preparation for Communion

Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest stand up, and turning to the People, say,

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest say, Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (*Matthew 11:28*)

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (*St. John 3:16*)

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*)

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. (*1 St. John 2:1, 2*)

After which the Priest shall proceed, saying,

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

Minister: Lift up your hearts. *Answer:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #704/796 (*Sung with congregation.*)..... ..John Merbecke
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of, hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glorie 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

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

WHEREFORE O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

AGNUS DEI #706 (*Sung with congregation.*).....John Merbecke

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.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that takest away the sins of the world: blessed are they that are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Receiving the Sacrament.

Those who are baptized 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 are not comfortable with receiving the chalice, you may get up after receiving the host, or cross your arms over your chest. The grace of Christ is fully available to the believer by both elements or by either.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

The Communion Antiphon

I AM the good shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.
(*St. John 10*)

The Prayers after Communion

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY 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 #739..... Old Scottish Chant



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we glorify thee, we give
we bless thee, we worship thee, thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on . . us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer,

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mercy up - on . . us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther. A-men.

The Blessing

Then, the people kneeling, the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Please stand as the Clergy depart.



YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK

5-7 PM. CRANMER HALL

Youth Group continues this Sunday, April 14th!

(Only 2 More Youth Groups left for the year -- next date is May 5th.)

Youth Group meets in Cranmer Hall for all youth in 3rd grade and above.

Join us for an activity, dinner, and study on Bible themes.

The nursery is available for younger siblings.

(An RSVP to Mr. Vanderlip is helpful to get an accurate pizza count, but all are welcome!)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & FELLOWSHIP LIST

8:00am – 10:30 am	Breakfast	Cranmer Hall 1st Floor
8:45 am – 12:30 pm	Nursery with Ashley Rhetta & Briana Rivers	1st Floor Front Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am– 11:00 am	Children’s Sunday School : PreK-Kindergarten <i>The Beginner’s Bible</i>	2nd Floor Room off Children’s Chapel, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	Children’s Sunday School : 1st – 4th grade <i>Storymakers, Old Testament</i> with Sarah Ross	2nd Floor Children’s Chapel, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	Children’s Sunday School : Sr. High Youth: <i>Sin: What is it?</i> with Steven Vanderlip	3rd Floor Classroom, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	Faith & Fellowship: with Fr. Jameson	3rd Floor Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	Adults: <i>Devotional Classics</i> : Continuing the Lifetime Road to God with Bp. Lambert	3rd Floor Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	Adults: <i>Study of Images of Pilgrimage</i> with Matthew Sparks	3rd Floor Prayer Book Room, Cranmer Hall
	<u>Fr. Dunbar’s classes will not meet while he is away.</u>	
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Youth Group with Mr. Steven Vanderlip RSVP is helpful to have an accurate pizza count	Cranmer Hall

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mr. R. Scott Howard

USHER CHAIRS

Dr. Clifford J. Berger; 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. Nohl A. Braun, Jr. (Alyce) , Mrs. Jean Howell McMillan, Mrs. Clarkson C. Logan (Meta) Mrs. Robert L. Sparks (Laura)

JUNIOR CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Schubert ;Miss Ellie Schubert

COFFEE HOUR CHAIR

Mrs. Glen M. Darbyshire (Connie)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church
are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Denny Somoskey and the
celebration of their marriage on April 16,1966 by
her loving husband, Frank Somoskey;

And to the glory of God
and on the occasion of the baptism
of Holly Ann Helton by her parents
Drs. Matthew and Sally Helton.

*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 2

MON.-FRI ., April 15th – 19th

Online prayer will resume April 29th.

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 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, April 21: Easter 3

(the Third Sunday after Easter)

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

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

10 a.m. All Ages Sunday School

11 a.m. *Sung Eucharist & Sermon*,
Church/Online

The music of pipes before & after the 11 a.m. service is given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Martha Dennison Somoskey by Frank Somoskey.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Walter Strong, Jr.**, of this parish,
who will be buried from this church on **Thursday, April 18th, at 11 a.m.**

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

EATING AND DRINKING

In Acts 23:12-14, we hear of a conspiracy of forty men, who had “bound themselves by a great curse”, not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. Oddly enough, it is a detail that illuminates a feature of the gospels – that they never (almost never) show us Jesus engaged in eating or drinking. There is no suggestion that he did not need to eat and drink: to the contrary, it is implied that eating and drinking were normal activities for him, which is just what we should expect of someone truly human, and truly embodied, as Jesus was. So for instance, we are told he fasted in the desert – which implies that he was not fasting before – and that it was a real temptation to him to turn stones into bread; and he is frequently present at meals, either as guest or host. But there is never (almost never) any report of his eating and drinking anything, even if he must actually have done so. The fact that there is never (almost never) any report of his eating and drinking is not, I suspect, without theological significance.

What this significance might be is made explicit in the 4th chapter of John. When the disciples return with food from the city of Sychar to Jacob’s well where they had left Jesus, they urge him to eat; and when he replies, “I have meat [that is, food] to eat that ye know not of”, they ask each other, “Hath any man brought him ought to eat?” Jesus clarifies what he means: “My meat [food] is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:31-34). Like the forty men who had bound themselves with a curse to kill Paul, the abstention from food and drink is a sign of devotion to his own mission. In the case of Jesus, however, the mission is not to kill his enemies, but to sustain life in others. Indeed, one of his most characteristic miracles – the only one recounted in all four gospels – is the miraculous provision of bread and fishes in the wilderness.

The food and drink that he provides, however, is not provision for the belly and its appetites. “Labour not for the meat which perisheth” (John 6:29). The earthly paradise of gratified appetites promised by

Marxism and delivered by Capitalism is not the paradise he promises. The food he provided for the body is a sign of the true food and drink of the soul, which we receive by faith alone: “I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst” (6:35). Moreover the food and drink he provides are not other than himself: “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” (6:51). “Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day” (6:54). “He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him” (6:56). The consummation of his mission is to provide spiritual food and drink by means of his own death on the cross. In the Lord’s Supper, we truly partake in this spiritual food and drink.

In the accounts of Christ’s death, it is drink that becomes more prominent than solid food. In Luke’s account of the last supper, Jesus says to his disciples “With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come” (22:16-18). At the Passover meal, of course he must have eaten and drunk – but what we hear is the fast from food and drink until his mission is accomplished – in the coming of the kingdom of God. But that requires he drink of the cup of wrath, about which he prays in the garden: “Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me” – the cup of God’s wrath – “nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done” (Luke 22:42). On the cross “they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh” (to deaden the pain): “but he received it not” (Mark 15:23) – he is going to drink the bitter cup of wrath to the dregs. Yet after his cry of dereliction, “one of them ran, and took a sponge,

and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink” (Mt 27:48). John reports, that at this point, “Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished” (John 19:28-30). This single direct report of Jesus receiving something to drink is a sign the cup of wrath has been drunk to the dregs. In his resurrection, Jesus appears to two disciples, and is recognized by them, “in the breaking of bread”, in his characteristic act of hospitality; yet it is only that same evening, when he appears to the assembly of the disciples, that he asks for and eats before them “a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb” (24:42, 43), proof he is not a ghost, but the risen Lord, whose mission is now done.

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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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OUTREACH: WEDNESDAYS AT P.A.C.K.

APRIL 17TH. 4:30-6:30 P.M.

(4 Mall Terrace, 31406) Join your fellow parishioners to help pack food bags for area children in need. St. John's Outreach works with People of Action Caring for Kids on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Questions: Stuart Clifford (stuartclifford@comcast.net)

**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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MEN OF ST. JOHNS: 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.

Call or e-mail Sean Finnegan (912.441.3267; savfinn@gmail.com) to sign up.

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



CALLING THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHNS

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 this week's eblast, or online at stjohnssav.org/women

Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 9 at 5:30** at the Green-Meldrim House. All are welcome!



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