

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church

Introit: Psalm 68 (1-6, 32-35), BCP p. 419

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel: BCP pp. 204-205;

A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, Chapel

The Rector's class is reading in St. Matthew's gospel.

10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON, Church & Online

The nursery will be available for this service; childrens' lesson & activity will be held in the Chapel during the sermon, led by Mr. Vanderlip & Mrs. Ross

Music for this Sunday:

#271 *Come Thou Almighty King* (Moscow)

#60 *With Broken Heart* (Babylon's Streams)

Lamb of God, Arr. E. Melius Christiansen

#576 *Come Labor On* (Ora Labora)

Finale Jubilante, Healey Willan

STEPHEN MINISTRY

With leadership support from Bp. Lambert, Fr. Dunbar and the Congregational Development Committee, our church is embarking upon a trial of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry supplements pastoral ministry by training and supporting parishioners to provide one-on-one support for other individual parishioners in various forms of distress (grief, health challenges, relationships, financial, substance issues, etc.).

There will be an introductory discussion of Stephen Ministry on **Thursday, August 15th, immediately following the 5:00 PM Holy Communion service.** We will meet in the Ralston Room of Cranmer Hall. If you are interested (or curious), please join us. Additional information may be provided by our Verger, Ray Summerell, rsummerell@stjohnssav.org.

ST. JOHN'S LIVE STREAM MINISTRY - VOLUNTEER POSITION

Streaming our services has grown to become an important part of our ministry, reaching our own parishioners plus visitors and followers, far and wide.

We have an immediate need for a support person(s) to serve as a back-up to our regular "maestro" when there is a scheduling need – perhaps one Sunday monthly plus the occasional special service. If you have noticed our control station, it may appear a little intimidating, but it really isn't and we will provide training and service scripting.

If this sounds appealing to you, please contact our Verger, Ray Summerell, rsummerell@stjohnssav.org.

The Parish Paper

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

DORMITION AND ASSUMPTION

The Dormition or Assumption of the Virgin Mary falls on August 15th.

Every feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a testimony to the truth of the Incarnation: that the Son of God became Son of Man in the Virgin's womb, so that the sons (and daughters) of men might become the sons of God. Thus to honour Mary as the Mother of God, is to honour Christ himself – it's testimony to the Incarnation, testimony that the human son of the Virgin is the Son of God.

Second, every feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary sets before us the example of her faith for us to follow: the faith demonstrated in her response to the angel's message, that first proclamation of the gospel, "behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word". As someone said, "before she conceived Christ in her womb, Mary conceived him in her heart, by faith". She is an exemplar of Christian faith in the Word made flesh, and of the humble obedience of faith, by which that faith is known.

On August 15th, the church celebrates a further dimension of the gospel she believed: that the Word of God was made flesh precisely so that all flesh might share in the eternal life of God. This feast has two names - *Dormition*, which means "falling asleep", and *Assumption*, which means "taking up". From ancient times, Christians have believed that when Mary "fell asleep" in the Lord and departed this life in death, she was

immediately "taken up" into glory, not only in soul but also in body. Like certain saints of the Old Testament, Enoch, Moses, and Elijah, it is said that Mary also was taken up in body and soul into glory. That is to say, that by special grace of her Son,

UPCOMING WORSHIP: WEEK OF TRINITY 11

Online Morning Prayer:

8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

Monday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer* Chapel

12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Wednesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel

12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

Thursday:

Dormition of St. Mary the Virgin

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel

Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

Friday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Sunday, August 18:

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 12)

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Chapel
(Rector's class only)

10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist & Sermon*, Church/Online

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR
8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mr. E. Brian Culver

USHER CHAIRS
Mr. James Morris
Mr. Mark Stevens

COFFEE HOUR CHAIR
Mrs. Ray B. Summerell (Melanie)

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Mrs. Jayne G. Holland
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Mrs. Donald A. Fawcett (Susie)
Ms. Linda H. Pounds,
Mrs. Jeanne Howell McMillan
Mrs. Gary Schubert (Elizabeth)

FLOWERS
The flowers in church this Sunday
are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Dr. Albert J.
Kelley, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B.
Compton by the Compton family;

And in loving memory of
James B. Mercer by
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O. Mercer
and family

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

CONDOLENCES
We extend our condolences to the family of Frederick Allan Jones, father of parishioner Tracy Inglesby who died August 4th; and to the family of Joan Wright Wansley, mother of parishioner Caroline Berry who died August 5th.

ORGAN RECITAL & RECEPTION
On Sunday, August 18th, 5 p.m., parishioners are invited to hear our new Organist Choirmaster William Douglas in a recital at St. John's, and to meet him at the reception following in the Green Meldrim House.

she has anticipated the resurrection which all the faithful shall enjoy when Christ comes again. Though the Assumption is not doctrine required to be believed for salvation, for it has no warrant of Scripture, yet this time-tested belief is consistent with the gospel's teaching, and a testimony to it. For it is in the New Testament that we find the death of a Christian spoken of as "falling asleep"; and this is not a euphemism, but a deep insight into the life we have received in Christ – the grace of eternal life, which begins even now in the body, and which death cannot take away. In the perspective of Christian faith, though death brings sorrow is finally of no great consequence; it is but a falling asleep before we wake again; for Christ by his death and resurrection has conquered death, and for those who believe in him death is merely release from temptation, toil, sin, pain, and sorrow, that we may rest in the peace of paradise. It is but a falling asleep before we rise to the glory of the eternal day. "I laid me down and slept, and rose up again, for the Lord sustained me".

To celebrate the feast of the Virgin Mary's "Dormition", or 'falling asleep', is to say something true and important about the life eternal that is *already* ours, which death cannot take away; to call it "Assumption" is to say something true and important about the glory that *shall be* ours, in body as well as soul, on the far side of death. The grace of eternal life which is given to us, is the beginning in us glory yet to come; and how fitting it is that the human being by whom the Word was made flesh, so that God might share in the life of man, should be the first to share in the life of God. Very fittingly on this feast we read her Magnificat, her song of exultation in the victory of

God: "He hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden... .He that is mighty hath magnified me He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and exalted the humble and meek". In this canticle Mary celebrates the great reversal, which turns the world upside down, or rather, right-side up – and leads to the great and final reversal we celebrate today – that life does not end in death, but rather death ends in life. In celebrating her victory and exaltation, we celebrate the victory and exaltation of all Christians, which is nothing else than the victory and exaltation that Christ has already won for us. On this day in Mary we anticipate the fullness of our redemption.

We live in a culture wedded to the lie that this life is all that we have. In the face of death we have trouble thinking, speaking, or acting, with honesty or hope. But this feast is testimony that our hope is not for this life only. GGD

NARTHEX CLOSURE
Enter by Charlton Street Doors

**DEMENTIA RESPITE MINISTRY
AT ST. JOHN'S**
The outreach committee is exploring opening a respite ministry for persons with dementia. Come learn about this exciting program during Coffee Hour this **Sunday, August 11th. From 12-12:30** Robin Dill will speak about the 30+ respite ministries she has helped launch. **Click to RSVP** or call the church office at 912-232-1251 to ensure we have enough food and chairs! During the presentation, children and youth are invited to go to Cranmer Hall for lunch and games with Steven Vanderlip. The nursery will also be available.