

The Parish Paper

OF
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

The nursery is available from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, Church

A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 8 a.m. service.

Introit: Psalm 44, BCP pp 394-396

The Collect and Epistle, and Gospel: BCP, pp. 120-122

9 A.M. FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION, Church

A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 9 a.m. service.

10 A.M. ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL, Chapel & Cranmer Hall

11 A.M. MORNING PRAYER, Church & Online

Music for This Sunday:

Rhapsody, Op. 17, No. 1, Herbert Howells
#415 *Jesu, Lover of my Soul* (ABERYSTWYTH)

#564 *How Firm a Foundation* (LYONS)

Behold a Sower, Crawford Thoburn

All My Hope in God is Founded (MICHAEL)

Improvisation on *Michael*

11 A.M. YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Cranmer Hall (3rd Fl)

12:15 P.M. COFFEE HOUR, Green-Meldrim House

Coffee Hour Hostess, Mrs. Daniel J. Gilfillan (Marilyn)

5 P.M. PARENTS' NIGHT OUT – YOUTH GROUP, Cranmer Hall (1st Fl)

EXCITING CHANGES TO PARENTS' NIGHT OUT, YOUTH GROUP, AND CHOIR REHEARSAL (3rd–12th grade)

On Sundays from 5–7 p.m., parents are welcome to drop off their children at Cranmer Hall. Youth group and choir rehearsal alternate Sundays. (Please see the schedule below.) The choir is open to children in 3rd through 12th grade. Dinner and childcare will be provided each week. Please know that potential youth and choir members are welcome to and encouraged to bring friends. Please fill out the information form at StJohnsSav.org/chorister so we have up-to-date contact information and be aware of any dietary restrictions your child may have.

Upcoming Schedule:

Feb. 23: Youth Group

March 2: Choir Rehearsal

March 9: Youth Group

*(March 16: Off for Spring Break) **

Mar 23: Youth Group (Evensong)

March 30: Choir Rehearsal

April 6: Youth Group

April 13: Choir Rehearsal

*(April 20: Off for Easter Sunday) **

April 27: Final Choir Rehearsal

** No Parents' Night Out*

WHERE WE BEGAN

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Accounts of how the world came to be – cosmogonies, creation myths – are various. A warrior god slew a primeval chaos-dragon, and made the world from its carcass – that's one pre-scientific version, popular in ancient Mesopotamia. The popular version in our day, is that nothing gave itself being, and organized itself through random mechanistic and material interactions. The Mesopotamian creation myth might be more persuasive. How does nothing cause something? And how can random material mechanisms produce reason, beauty, justice, and love?

That ancient account thinks of the world as fundamentally evil – made of dragon's blood and dragon's flesh, a power of chaos that at any point may rise up and destroy us. The modern account thinks of the world as fundamentally meaningless – matter fit only to be mastered and manipulated according to our own arbitrary wills. They are both very ambiguous accounts of the world, to say the least.

In contrast, Genesis says that in its origins the world is altogether good, and nothing but good, because it is nothing but the work of God's Word and Spirit – a God who is infinite Being, and who can therefore create things to other things, (creatures). Moreover, Genesis says that man (both male and female) is made in his image and likeness, and therefore is capable of memory, reason, and will (or love), the three activities of

spiritual life. Moreover, it indicates that man is made for God – to glorify him and enjoy him for ever. We are made for rest in the great Sabbath rest of God; to rest in him, as he rests in himself (Gen. 2:1,2): "thou hast made

UPCOMING WORSHIP: WEEK OF SEXAGESIMA

Online Morning Prayer:

8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

Monday, Feb. 24: St. Matthias

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

Tuesday, Feb. 25:

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

Wednesday, Feb. 26:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
Noon *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

Thursday, Feb. 27:

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

Friday, Feb. 28:

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

Sunday, March 2: Quinquagesima

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Church
10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*,
Chapel & Cranmer Hall
11 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*, Church/Online
11 a.m. *Youth Confirmation Class*,
Cranmer Hall
5-7 p.m. *Parents' Night Out – Youth*
Group, Cranmer Hall

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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
11 a.m. Mr. Graham Sadler

USHER

Mr. Frank Somoskey
Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr. (Chip)

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally)
Mrs. Nohl A. Braun, Jr. (Alyce)
Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea)
Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie)
Mrs. David A. Young (Pam)
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland
Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara)
Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillan
Mrs. W. Lee Belford, Sr. (Cathy)
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCay
(Connie and Mick)

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Daniel J. Gilfillan (Marilyn)

FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday
are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of
Mrs. M. Tyus Butler, Jr.
by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford.

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

**SAVANNAH ANTIQUES &
ARCHITECTURE WEEKEND (SAAW)**
Celebrate *Timeless Southern Charm*,
March 6-8, with Southern Interior
Designer and best-selling author,
James Farmer and more. Purchase
tickets or become a patron at
SavAntiquesWeekend.com.

MASON JAR DONATIONS

Jane's Canners are looking for dona-
tions of 8-oz canning jars. If you'd
like to donate, please place jars in
the designated box in Cranmer Hall.

CHURCH TOUR VOLUNTEERS

Consider being a church tour docent!
Tours are offered every Tuesdays &
Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact
Frank Somoskey at 830-608-4939 or
frank-denny@sbcglobal.net.

us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are
restless until they find their rest in thee”.

Where then does everything go
wrong, if evil is not in the world as
created? Why are we not still in the
original harmony and peace of Eden?
Here again the narratives of Genesis
illuminate our experience. It is not in
the nature of things, not in the nature of
man, not in the freedom of the will, but
in the perverse abuse of this freedom,
that discord enters the world, alienating
man from God, male from female, man
from nature, brother from brother,
darkening the mind, inflaming the
passions (Genesis 3 and 4, Romans 1,
Ephesians 4). We do not begin where
Adam began, with power to choose
good or evil, but where Adam left off,
with an inclination to do evil which
affects everything (even the best
things) that we do. It's called the
doctrine of original or inherited sin,
and it makes sense of the flaws and
limitations we encounter in every
aspect of life. That's why, with the best
of intentions and the amazing power of
modern science and technology, we
have made and do make the world the
dreary mess that it mostly is. That's
why we have such difficulty thinking
straight, doing good, loving truly.
That's why we experience the world so
often with guilt, fear, anger, pride,
discouragement, and despair rather
than delight.

Sobering as this account undoubtedly
is, it is nonetheless full of hope. Be-
cause the evil is not in the nature of
things, it's not in God, it's in the will.
And though we cannot of ourselves
overcome the bondage, God (of his
infinite power, wisdom, and goodness)
can, and (as he promised Genesis 3:15)
God has done so, in Christ, and
through faith in him and repentance,
we are and shall be delivered “from the
bondage of corruption into the glorious
liberty of the children of God”. The

doctrine of original sin is sobering, but
it is integral to our hope. The disease
indeed is bad, but the remedy, and the
prognosis, is good.

It is this perspective, of creation, and
fall, that underlies the season of shared
spiritual disciplines we call Lent. As a
community of penitent and forgiven
sinners, who put our entire trust in
Christ for our salvation, we are not
only forgiven, but also being healed
and made holy by the grace of his
Spirit. That's why we give ourselves
together to the practice of good works
in gratitude for his grace, that we may
amend our lives, and repair the damage
sin has wrought, to the healing of our
souls, and of our world. — GGD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Tue., Feb. 25**, 5:30 p.m. Victorian Society, Green-Meldrim House
- **Tue., March 4, 5:30 p.m.** Pancake Supper, 1st floor, Cranmer Hall
- **Tues., March 4**, 6 p.m. Bennett Parten talk & book signing, GMH
- **Wed., March 5**, 7 a.m., noon, and 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
- **Fri., March 7**, 6:30 p.m. SAAW, *Timeless Southern Charm*, GMH
- **Wed., March 13**, 6:30 p.m. Sav Voice Festival: Med. Voyages, GMH
- **Wed., March 20**, 6 p.m. Parlor Presentation, 20th Anniversary of Lafayette's Return, GMH

FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS

Celebrate Holy Communion in the Chapel on **Monday, Feb. 24**, at noon.

HOPE HAVEN COLLECTION

Support Hope Have by purchasing activity materials and holiday deco-
rations. Items purchased off their Amazon wish list (**StJohnsSav.org/HopeHaven**) will ship directly to Hope Haven, now until Easter.