THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT COMMONLY CALLED PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 6, 2025

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon



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 is Morning Prayer in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion in the church 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. For a list of this week's services, please visit StJohnsSav.org.

Children's Nursery. This nursery (for this Sunday) 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 an 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-PASSIONTIDE

The last two weeks of Lent are known as "Passiontide" (and the very last week as "Holy Week"), when the Church considers the Passion of the Lord. "Passion" is the opposite of "action" – it is something that happens to us (we use the words "passive" and "active" in the same sense). We often refer to strong desire as a "passion" (because it drives us), but in reference to the cross it has the meaning of "suffering" (because it is something that happens to us). On the cross and death, that we might share his life, Christ suffered the penalty of our sins: not only physical pain, but (even more) the shame of degradation, that we might share his glory; and the spiritual pain of rejection, that we might never be separated from the love of God. He stands under the curse that is rightly ours, that we might come under the blessing that is rightly his (Galatians 3:6-14). His patience under suffering is an example for us to follow: "There should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain; he entered not into his glory before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life". "We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee; because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world".

THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake. Psalm 79:6

PRELUDE Rhosymedre	Ralph Vaughan Williams
HYMN #60 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh	Babylon's Streams
THE ANTE-COMMUNION	
Priest: The Lord be with you.	
Answer: And with thy spirit. Priest: Let us pray.	
The Collect for Purity (All kneel.)	Prayer Book, p. 67
Preparing in Penitence	
The Summary of the Law (All kneel)	Prayer Book, p. 69
KYRIE ELEISON (all kneel) Hymnal #710 (p. 752) Lord have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord have mercy upon	
Minister: The Lord be with you.	
Answer: And with thy spirit.	
Minister: Let us pray.	
The Collects for the Day (All kneel.)	Prayer Book, p. 132, 124

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:1-10. The Call of Jeremiah to a ministry of judgment and hope.

THE WORDS of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: ²To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

⁴Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ⁵Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. ⁶Then said I, Ah, Lord GoD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

⁷ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. ⁸ Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. ¹⁰See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Answer: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Priest: The Holy ★ Gospel according to St. John, in the 8th chapter, beginning at the 46th verse.

Answer: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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.)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

All things are thine, no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee.

And hence with grateful hearts today Thine own before thy feet we lay. 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.

Minister: May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

A LMIGHTY 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.

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Sursum Corda #734	
SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #711 & #797 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and ear Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. He	rth are full of thy glory;
The Prayer of Consecration: Institution, Oblation, an	d InvocationPrayer Book, p. 80-81
The Lord's Prayer (Said with the congregation.)	thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on r daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine
Prayer of Humble Access (Said with the congregation.) E do not presume to come to this thy Table but in thy manifold and great mercies. We a under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose practious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Je bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.	, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, esus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful

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

- 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.

HYMN #190 Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured	Luise
Prayer of Thanksgiving (Said with the congregation.)	Prayer Book, p. 83
The Blessing (all kneel)	Prayer Book, p. 84
HYMN My Song is Love Unknown (music on next page)	Love Unknown
VOLUNTARY Voluntary on <i>Love Unknown</i>	

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NOTE: Next Sunday, April 13, we will have bagpipe music outside the church before and after the 11:30 a.m. service in memory of the marriage of Frank and Denny Somoskey on April 16, 1966.

Assisting in Worship

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR 8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed 11 a.m. Mr. R. Scott Howard

Ushers

Mr. John G. Bradshaw Mr. Robert L. Sparks

Choir

Choir of Adults

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. I. David Futrell, Jr. (Penny)
Mrs. Linda H. Pounds
Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr. (Margaret)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Berger by Dr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Berger and family.

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

Easter at St. John's

Easter Eve, Saturday, April 19
Choral Evensong & Confirmation
at 4 p.m. in the Church
Sung by the Choirs of St. John's
A reception will be held in the Green-Meldrim
House following the liturgy.

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Easter Sunday, April 20
8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church featuring trumpet & organ
9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist, Church featuring brass music
11:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Church featuring brass music



- 1 My song is love unknown,
 my Savior's love to me;
 love to the loveless shown,
 that they might lovely be.
 O who am I, that for my sake,
 my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow; but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way and His sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to their King.

 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.

- 4 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful He to suffering goes, that He His foes from thence might free.
- 5 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home, but mine the tomb wherein He lay.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Women's Quiet Day, Wednesday, April 9

On Wednesday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. immerse yourself in quiet contemplation and prayer. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP: Church Office at 912- 232-1251 by April 7.

Faith + Fiction on Wednesday, April 9

The next Faith + Fiction discussion will be Wednesday, April 9, starting at 5:30 p.m. Fr. Jameson and Heather Cross will facilitate a discussion on the moral and theological issues surrounding this month's book selection, *Thirst*, by A.G. Mojtabai. Refreshments will be served. If you are planning to join the discussion, please email Fr. Jameson to let him know.

Palm Cross Making, Saturday, April 12

Join us from 10 a.m. to noon in the mall (weather and construction-permitting). We need lots of volunteers (of all ages) to make palm crosses, which we will show you how to make. Children's activities and light refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome! Help us plan our supplies by RSVPing at StJohnsSav.org/palms.

Easter Brass & Easter Lilies Due April 13

Would you like to contribute to the sound of brass or help fill the church with lilies on Easter, April 20? To donate towards brass or Easter lilies (\$45 each), pick up forms from the back of the church and the Church office, or download these forms from **StJohnsSav.org/Easter**. The list of donors will be published the Sunday after Easter.

Join Us at the Next P.A.C.K. Meeting

Our next meeting at P.A.C.K. is **Wednesday**, **April 16**, from 4:30-6 p.m. (4 Mall Terrace). Add this and the following dates to your calendars: and May 7 & 21. If you have any questions, contact Stuart Clifford at stuartclifford@comcast.net.

Parish Collections During Lent

More details at StJohnsSav.org/Collections

Upcoming due dates for collections:

- April 13: Final day to return Savannah Care Center bottles
- April 20: Final day to ship Hope Haven Amazon wish list items
- April 30: Final day to ship Fresh Air Home Amazon wish list items

Way of the Cross: Good Friday, April 18

Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to meet at the arches of the church at 5:30 p.m. on Good Friday for our annual Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18. The youth and clergy will lead the worshippers in a public witness of the Way of the Cross around Madison Square and will conclude in the Church. All ages welcome!

Church Tour Docents

If you have a few hours to volunteer, consider being a docent to give tours of our beautiful and historic church. If you are available Tuesdays or Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., please contact the Church office to learn more.

WSJ Meeting & Picnic, Thursday, May 1, Noon

Enjoy a potluck luncheon before summer at Nita Ann Klein's place along the river. Fried chicken, BBQ and drinks provided. Please bring a side or a dessert to share. **RSVP by April** 25 to the Church Office at 912-232-1251.

Save the Date! Holly Days Bazaar, Nov. 13 & 14

Help support for WSJ's yearly (and only) fundraiser with this wonderful opportunity for parish fellowship and growth through service. To offer help or ideas, please contact WSJ leadership: Melanie Finnegan or Meta Logan.

Parish Paper Essay

JOHN'S LAST SUPPER DISCOURSE

During Holy Week, the church reads the passion narratives of all four gospels – Matthew on Palm Sunday, Mark on Monday and Tuesday, Luke on Wednesday and Thursday, John on Good Friday. Given their length and importance, they take center stage; but at morning and evening prayer the church reads John's account of Jesus' teaching at the last supper (John 13-17). Since we rarely get to preach on these lessons, I am taking this early opportunity to say a few words about them – a kind of "reader's guide". This will only make sense if you read this along with John's own words.

Some general remarks, about form and content. The language of John's gospel is simple but its teaching is profound, and in large part because of the way it is structured. It is not a simple linear progression from one topic to another, but a complex tapestry that would need a flow chart to map, and a spiraling movement of thought, in which themes already broached are recapitulated, but each time in a new light or refinement of thought. So read accordingly.

As to content: John does not cover many elements of Jesus' ministry that have already been addressed in the other gospels. (One major exception is Peter's denial.) So there is no account here of the institution of the Lord's Supper. Instead, John's account begins with the footwashing (13:1-15), in which Jesus enacted what is taught in Philippians 2:5-11 (the epistle for Palm Sunday), his own work of selfhumbling service as a template for the humble service of the disciples to each other. He then announces his betrayal, his departure from the world, and the "new commandment" of mutual love (13:16-35). The announcement triggers a series of questions from four disciples, and in answering them, Jesus "spills the beans", unfolding the implications for the disciples of his departure (13:36-14:end). This last supper discourse is perhaps the on the work Christ finished on the cross, and what it means for the relation of his disciples to the Father, to the Spirit, and to the world.

Though it is not in them to follow Christ now, as Peter proposes, lesus assures them that his departure is for their benefit. Far from being left behind as "orphans" (the literal meaning of the word translated "comfortless" in v. 18), he prepares a place for them in the Father's house, and he is himself "the way" to the Father's house, the one who gives access to the Father. Moreover, the traffic on this "way" goes both directions, from man to God, and from God to man; for not only is there a place for them in the Father's house, but the Paraclete, which is the Holy Spirit, is coming to dwell in them, in association with the Father and the Son. (The implications of this teaching about Father, Son, and Spirit in the unity of the Godhead were articulated in church tradition as the doctrine of the Trinity.) So not abandonment, but deeper, fuller and more permanent communion with Father and the Son in the Spirit, is the fruit of Christ's going to the Father. Abiding in Christ is the key to this communion with God, and to its fruitfulness in in love, obedience, and good works (15:1-17).

The term "Paraclete" is translated "Comforter" in the King James Bible (someone who "fortifies" with encouragement and exhortation, as indeed the Spirit does), but the Greek word "Paraclete" means someone who is "called alongside" us to help us, or to speak for us, often in legal contexts. Thus, Jesus is himself our "paraclete" — or in the familiar translation, our "advocate with the Father" - who speaks to God for sinners and wins their deliverance from wrath into favor. But in 14:16 Jesus promises the disciples "another paraclete" to take his place, not to do what he has already done (to reconcile us to the Father), but as the advocate of *Christ*, who speaks for him and his finished work to the disciples and to the world (15:26-15).

14:end). This last supper discourse is perhaps the In contemporary idiom, "world" is a neutral term, most profound and sustained teaching for believers either geographical (the planet) or social (human

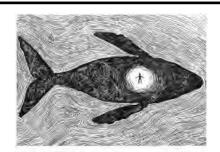
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society). In John, the primary meaning of the word is theological. It refers collectively to those human beings who do not know and love God and Christ, who have rejected him and his disciples, who will persecute them as they persecuted Christ (15:18-25). Nevertheless, it is precisely to this world that the Spirit and the disciples are sent to bear convicting and illuminating witness to Christ, to bring about the world's conversion, and to guide the disciples deeper into the truth revealed in Christ (15:26-16:15). Though the world is hostile, the disciples are not alone or helpless. The sorrows of the cross are the birth pangs of new spiritual life (16:16-33); and by his going to the Father Jesus opened wide the gates of prayer in his name (16:23-27). Fittingly, however, Jesus concludes his discourse in his own prayer to the Father to whose glory he is now completing his return, with petitions for his disciples in the world (17:15-19), and for "those who believe on me through their word" (17:20-26), for their unity in the truth. With this prayer, he is now ready to complete the work he has been sent to accomplish.

– GGD



For a complete and current list of the many events, meetings, and activities happening at St. John's in the upcoming weeks, please visit www.stjohnssav.org/calendar



JONAH

Parents' Night Out – Youth Group Sundays from 5-7 p.m.

This Sunday, April 6, we will offer Youth Group for 4th grade and above. Join us for an activity, dinner, and a Bible study through the book of Jonah. The youth group is open to all youth in 4th grade and above; friends are invited too!

Let us know if your child plans to attend, by emailing svanderlip@stjohnssav.org, and consider a donation to help offset the dinner cost.

Upcoming Youth Group / Chorister Rehearsal Schedule:

(April 6: Youth Group April 13: Choir Rehearsal (April 20: Easter Sunday - No Parents' Night Out) April 27: Final Youth Choir Rehearsal

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