

Sunday, April 20, 2025

8 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Brass 9:30 a.m. Family Sung Eucharist with Brass 11:30 a.m. Solemn Eucharist with Brass



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 see page 10 or visit StJohnsSav.org.

Children's Nursery. This nursery (for Easter Sunday) is available in Cranmer Hall for the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services.

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 - CHRISTUS VICTOR

There is nothing anonymous or generic about the interior of St. John's Church. If your eyes are open, you know why you are here. For above the altar, on the screen behind it (known as the reredos, from the English and French words for "back") is a great polychrome sculptured figure of Christ. We are familiar with images of the suffering and naked Christ, which move us to sorrow for our sins which were the cause of his passion, and grateful love for the one who paid that price; but this image is of Christ alive in his resurrection, and triumphant over sin, death, hell and Satan - Christus Victor. (The Greek letters at the four ends of the cross, IC XC NI KA, mean "Jesus Christ is victorious" - Nike shoes are named after the Greek word for 'victory'). He wears the crown, because he reigns from the cross, and his authority is the authority of truth and love. And he is dressed in the vestments of a priest, because he offered himself for us on the cross; it is as victim that he was victorious. On his breast he wears the twelve-stoned breastplate of Israel's high priest, a sign that he carries all twelve tribes of Israel - all the people of God - in his heart. And it is in virtue of his cross and sacrifice that he still spreads wide his arms in welcome, intercession, and blessing. "Come unto me, all ye that travail, and I will refresh you. So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoseover believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life". Around him angels honor him with lights and incense – symbols of the church's teaching and prayer – and we had best follow their example. "O come let us worship, and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand".

Easter Sunday

Please silence all electronics. In the time before the service, we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

8 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Brass, Church
9 a.m. Flowering of the Cross, Green-Meldrim House Steps
Nursery is available in Cranmer Hall, first floor, for the 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. services.

9:30 a.m. Family Sung Eucharist with Brass, Church & Online 11:30 a.m. Solemn Eucharist with Brass, Church& Online

VOLUNTARY

VOLUNTARY	
(at 8 a.m.)	
Orgelbüchlein	Johann S. Bach
Christ lag in Todesbaden, BWV 625	
Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 626	
Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627	
Erstanden ist der heil 'ge Christ, BWV 628	
Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag, BWV 629	
Heut´triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630	
(at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.)	
Bourrée and Minuet from Music for the Royal Fireworks	George Handel
Cantate Domino	Giuseppe Pitoni
Ave verum corpus	Wolfgang Mozart
Voluntary VI, Op. VII	John Stanley
Galliard Battaglia	Samuel Scheidt
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THE ANTE-COMMUNION

> Minister: Alleluia. The Lord is risen. Answer: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Minister: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit. Minister: Let us pray.

Preparing in Penitence	
The Collect for Purity (all kneel)	Prayer Book, pg. 67
The Summary of the Law	69
KYRIE ELEISON #710 (Hymnal, p. 753)	HealeyWillan
The Collect (at 8 & 9:30 a.m.)	165
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The Ministry of the Word	
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HYMN*	
(at 8 a.m.) #85 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (all stand)	Easter Hymr
(at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.) #97 Christians to the Paschal Victim	
(sung by choir only, all sit until the gospel procession begins)	'
The Holy Gospel (all stand)	
Answer: Glory be to thee, O Lord.	
(8 & 9:30 a.m.) St. Mark 16:1	
(11:30 a.m.) St. John 20:1	164
Answer: Praise be to thee, O Christ.	
The Nicene Creed (said by all)	71
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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.*

Children's Talk (only at the 9:30 a.m.) Children will remain in the Church for the children's talk then they will follow Mrs. Ross to the chapel for a supervised activity. After the sermon, children will join their parents for the remainder of the service.
HYMN (only at the 9:30 a.m.) #85 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
The Address
THE OFFERTORY
Sentences (all stand)
W orthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour and glory, and blessing. <i>Revelution</i> . 5:12
9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
ANTHEM (all sit) Christ is Risen
Good Christians all rejoice and sing,
To all the world good news we bring:
Let all the earth in triumph say, The Lord of Life is ours today.
For Christ has risen from the grave,
born to be conqueror, born to save.
Presentation of Alms (all stand singing) The Doxology #139
Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord; Answer: And of thine own have we given thee.
The Biddings and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Priest: Of your charity I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed: Rest ** eternal grant into them, O Lord; ** Answer: And let light perpetual shine upon them. Priest: May they rest in peace. ** Answer: Amen.
The Prayer for Christ's Church (all kneel)
The Preparation for Communion
Invitation, Confession (said by all, all kneeling until Blessing)
▲ LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; Wo
Aacknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, mos

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.*

Absolution and Comfortable Words
Sursum Corda #734 (Hymnal, pg. 788)or Prayer Book, pg. 76
Priest: The Lord be with you. Answer: And with thy spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts. Answer: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. Answer: It is meet and right so to do.
Proper Preface for Easter
SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #711 & 797 (Hymnal, pg. 753)Healey Willan
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory 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: Institution, Oblation, Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (said with the congregation)
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 hose who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the tingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. <i>Amen</i> .
Prayer of Humble Access (said with the congregation)
E 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 cord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made lean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in tim, and he in us. Amen.
AGNUS DEI #712 (Hymnal, p. 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

(at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.) This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow. Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, Never burst his three day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen. My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber: Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. Refrain Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. Refrain HYMN The Blessing......84

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After the 9:30 a.m. Family Sung Eucharist, children are invited to hunt for Easter eggs in the Green-Meldrim House mall & garden.

Assisting in Worship

Father Gavin G. Dunbar, Rector

Father Jonathan I. Jameson, Associate Rector

Mr. Steven Vanderlip, Jr., Minister with Youth

Bishop Paul E. Lambert

Father Patrick Hunt

Deacon Matthew Sparks

Mr. William Douglas, Organist & Choirmaster

Mrs. Sarah Ross, Children's Ministry Director

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

9:30 a.m. Mr. Stephen D. Ezelle

11:30 a.m. Mr. Douglas P. McManamy

Ushers

9:30 a.m. Mr. John G. Bradshaw

9:30 a.m. Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

11:30 a.m. Mr. Frank Somoskey

11:30 a.m. Mr. Mark D. Stevens

Choir

The Choir of St. John's Church in Savannah

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally)

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

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Altar Flowers

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

The arch of flowers on Easter Day is given to the And in thanksgiving for and on the occasion of the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Alex- birthday of Vincent Graham Cooper by Ms. Patti ander Patterson Summers and in thanksgiving for Cooper. their children and grandchildren by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

The Garland on the lectern is given to the glory Thomas (Mick) McCay. of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Marion Tyus Butler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford, Sr.

The Paschal Candle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Robert Logan, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Logan.

And in loving memory of Amanda Jackson Stoess and with prayers to her family by Mr. and Mrs.

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

And in honor of Hunter Morgan Brigdon, Jr.'s confirmation by Mr. & Mrs. John G. Bradshaw Jr. and Family.

Parish Paper Essay

Love's Victory Unveiled

once more. That's the meaning of Easter: in the victory over the world. bodily resurrection of Christ the hidden victory of the cross is unveiled, it glory and power to save.

cross the world invites us to join in the triumph of spoken it" (Isaiah 25:7,8, emphasis added). strength over weakness, of winners over losers, of

obedience to the Father's will, his readiness to drink life that cannot die. the cup of wrath to the dregs, he made himself the his death Christ made once for all a full perfect into his open hands. offering, sufficient to atone for the sins of the whole That is the hidden victory of Christ upon the cross Christ's resurrection this is the sacrifice that God must accept, and the moving from the inside out. The first stage is the

witness that he must vindicate. Thus it is not by On Easter day, the veils of Lenten array come the power of his Godhead, but by the down, and the image of the risen Lord is revealed righteousness of his manhood, did Christ win the

It is this hidden victory of the cross which is unveiled in the resurrection. As the prophet says, "he To the outward eye the cross may be nothing will destroy in this mountain the face of the more than proof of man's inhumanity to man: a covering cast over all people, and the vail that is horrifyingly cruel, degrading, and painful public spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in death intended to deter any possible challenge to victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from worldly power, and to demoralize and intimidate off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he any possible opposition to its rule. Indeed at the take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath

This unveiling has three aspects. The first aspect is bullies over weaklings, and cravenly we too often the unveiling of Christ's victory hidden beneath the join in. That's the psychology of public crucifixion. appearance of defeat; "who by his death hath All this is true, but it is not the whole truth. The destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath eye of faith perceives that something else is involved restored to us everlasting life" (Easter preface). in the crucifixion of Jesus – not the triumph of Though malice rose against him, yet God has carnal weakness, worldly arrogance, and demonic triumphed: "ye thought evil against me; but God malice, but of God's loving purposes. On the face meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this of it, the idea is absurd. Yet if we accept the day, to save much people alive" (Gen 50:20). There accounts given in the gospel, Jesus approached the is only possible response to the unveiling of that cross resolute and determined to see through to the victory, and it is joy, the joy "that no man taketh end the work God had given him to do. By his from you", because it is joy of resurrection, of the

Let us note, that the joy of faith presupposes the conscious willing instrument of that saving sorrow of repentance. For us to take joy in the purpose. The powers of evil did their worst to Jesus, removal of the veil of shame and defeat, we must and they exhausted their arsenal in seeking to acknowledge it as the veil our hands have woven, discredit and destroy him, but they could not the bears the image of our own sin. We cannot divide his will from God's, and so they could not rejoice at Easter if we do not acknowledge and prevent him from accomplishing his mission. By renounce the scars of the nails which our sins drove

The second aspect of Easter's unveiling reveals our world; and sealed in blood his witness to the truth. humanity in the glory of righteousness and life. In this deliverance - a victory, veiled in the shroud of degradation, condemnation to vindication and death to life is defeat, and death, but a victory nonetheless: for complete; but in us this unfolds in three stages,

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full and perfect justification of sinners before God for Christ's sake, known by faith only: our deliverance from the *guilt* of sin. The second stage is our progressive sanctification by his Holy Spirit, manifested in good works: our deliverance from the *power* of sin. The third stage, yet for to come, is our glorification, when Christ comes again, and the dead rise to glory: our deliverance from *penalty* of sin. Thus the veil of sin and death that disfigures and conceals our humanity is progressively removed that our humanity may be revealed in the glory of righteousness and life which God intended for it.

All this depends on the third aspect of Easter's unveiling: the removal from our minds and hearts of the veil of darkness, ignorance, and blindness that Satan, that great deceiver, has cast over them, that we may know the divine purpose fulfilled for us in Christ. That's what the Easter narratives in the gospel show us: the passing over from doubt to faith and perplexity to understanding, manifested in the response of the disciples to the empty tomb, the angel's message, and the risen Christ. Like them we are in a pilgrimage from blindness to vision, passing over from doubt to faith and from sorrow to joy. In Easter's unveiling is the answer to our Lenten prayer: "Lord, that I may receive my sight".

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The preschool located on the second floor in Cranmer Hall offers weekly classes ranging from infants to pre-kindergarten. To learn more about their upcoming summer camps or fall and spring classes, please visit **StJohnsPreschool.org**.

UPCOMING WORSHIP: WEEK OF EASTER

Online Morning Prayer: 8:15 a.m. Monday–Friday

Easter Monday, April 21: (church office is closed) 5 p.m. Evening Prayer with Holy Communion, Chapel

Easter Tuesday, April 22: 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with Holy Communion, Chapel 5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel

Easter Wednesday, April 23: 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

Easter Thursday, April 24: 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with Holy Communion, Chapel 5 p.m. Evening Prayer with Holy Communion, Chapel

Easter Friday, April 25: Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Easter Saturday, April 26: 11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

Sunday, April 27: Low Sunday

(the First Sunday after Easter) 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church 9 a.m. Family Holy Communion, Church 10 a.m. All Ages Sunday School 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church/Online 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, Green-Meldrim 5 p.m. Final Youth Chorister Rehearsal + Parents' Night Out



ABOUT ST. JOHN'S NEWEST MINISTRY What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are members of St John's who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, please call the Church office at 912-232-1251 or speak with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Paul Lambert, Sally Lambert, or Rick Wright.

MUSIC IN THE MALL



Jalen Reyes and His Band Celebrating the release of his newest album, Jalen's Magic Stew

April 30, 2025, starting at 6:30 p.m. Green-Meldrim House Courtyard

Enjoy a live musical performance on the Garden Mall in front of the steps of the historic Green-Meldrim House (14 W. Macon Street). The concert is free and open to the public. Bring your lawn chairs and pack a picnic or grab something from one of the food trucks to enjoy while listening.

For more information about upcoming arts + faith concerts, visit StJohnsSav.org





St. John's Chorister Program

A Unique Musical Journey

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St. John's Chorister Program is as a distinguished musical education initiative, representing one of the few programs of its kind in the United States. This exceptional opportunity opens doors for children across the Savannah area to immerse themselves in the world of classical music and artistic excellence.

- * Children enrolled in the program receive individual voice lessons, music theory, and sigh reading instruction.
- * Prospective choristers should possess an enthusiastic learning attitude, a willingness to learn, and an eagerness to excel.
- * There are no program fees for families, and choristers receive a small stipend (scholarship).
- * The program is open to all children, third grade and up, in the Savannah area regardless of church affiliation or background.

To learn more, contact: Mr. William Douglas, Organist & Choirmaster, at wdouglas@stjohussay.org.

