



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

Worship in the Anglican Tradition

THE FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

JUNE 29, 2025

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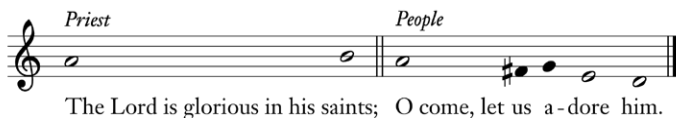
Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

The Mass setting is the *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

VOLUNTARY: Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The People kneel and a Priest sings



As the procession enters the Nave, the People stand and sing

Hymn 127 "How bright these glorious spirits shine"

BALLERMA

The People standing, the Priest says

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Priest	Let us pray.

The People kneel, and the Priest continues with

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, p. 69

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by All*)

The Hymnal 1940, 710

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 188

The People remain kneeling and the Priest sings

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Priest	Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock, and madest thy Apostle Saint Paul a chosen vessel to bear thy name among the Gentiles; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest continues with the second Collect, to which the People respond

Amen.

The People sit

THE LESSONS

The Epistle: Acts 12:1–11

BCP, p. 244

All stand and join in singing

Hymn 549 “The Son of God goes forth to war”

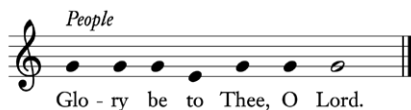
ALL SAINTS NEW

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13–19

BCP, p. 245

Priest

The ✠ Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, in the sixteenth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.



At the conclusion of the Gospel, All sing



THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 71

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 People sit

THE NOTICES

THE ADDRESS

THE OFFERTORY

The People stand and the Priest begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. After which, the People sit.

THE ANTHEM

*Cantate Domino canticum novum,
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.*

O sing unto the Lord a new song;
let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him,
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

Words: Psalm 149:1-2

Music: Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

THE PRESENTATION

The People stand as the alms and oblations are presented and sing

Hymn 139 “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Priest then says

People All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE BIDDINGS

Priest Of your charity, I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:
Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;
People and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Priest May they rest in peace.
People Amen.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

BCP, p. 74

The Priest begins by saying

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

The People kneel and the Priest continues with the prayers

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 75

A Priest bids the Confession, the People kneel, and the following Confession is said by all

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.

The Priest alone stands and pronounces the Absolution which is followed by

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP, p. 76

The Priest then sings

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Priest</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Priest</i>	Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

The Priest faces the Altar and continues with the proper preface

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down from heaven, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Then is sung

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*sung by All*)

Hymnal, 711 & 797

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, OBLATION, & INVOCATION

BCP, p. 80

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(said by All)*

BCP, p. 82

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.

The Priest kneels and the People join in saying

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p. 82

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.

Then is sung

AGNUS DEI *(sung by All)*

Hymnal, 712

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.

Those who are baptized, have attained to years of discretion, and have been admitted to communion (which at St. John's, is normally by confirmation, but for visitors may have taken place by other means) are welcome to receive the Sacrament. All others are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail by kneeling and crossing your arms over your chest.

To receive the Host, please place your right hand over left, at the level of your chest, and lift the Host to your lips. To receive the chalice, keep your head and neck straight, lightly grasp the bowl or stem of the chalice and guide it to your lips.

Self-intinction (dipping) of the Host is not permitted for hygiene reasons. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, you may depart after receiving the Host, or cross your arms over your chest.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34:8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Hymn 124 "For thy dear saints, O Lord" *(sung by All)*

ST. GEORGE

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and join in saying

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.

The People stand and then is sung

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*sung by All*)

Hymnal, 713

The People kneel and Priest (or Bishop, if present) pronounces a blessing to which they respond

Amen.

The People stand and join in singing

Hymn 396 “The Church’s one foundation”

AURELIA

The People kneel and the Priest says

	Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:
<i>People</i>	Praise him and magnify him for ever. Amen.

VOLUNTARY: Fugue in D Major, Op. 25, No. 3

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

The People are invited to be seated for the voluntary or depart quietly.

Parish Paper Essay

HONORING ST. PETER

The church commemorates the martyrdom of St. Peter (and also St. Paul) on June 29th, a feast especially important to the church of Rome, which cherished its apostolic roots, and the tombs of the apostles, housed in magnificent basilicas built by the Christian emperors of late antiquity. The basilica built over the tomb of Peter on the Vatican hill was rebuilt in the Renaissance, and is one of the most famous buildings in the world; the basilica of St. Paul “outside the walls”, to the south of the city, is not so well known. The present immense basilica erected over the tomb of Paul in the southern suburbs of Rome is a 19th century reconstruction of the ancient building, destroyed in a fire in 1823. The observation of this feast day throughout the western church expressed its deep and ancient ties to the apostolic see. English Christians in particular remembered the missionaries sent by the Bishop of Rome, Gregory the Great, for the conversion of their pagan ancestors.

The pre-eminence of the church of Rome was reflected, of course, in the pre-eminence of its bishop; and from late antiquity onwards these claims made for this office expanded and were made explicit as a claim of the pope’s full, supreme, and universal jurisdiction over the entire church, by divine institution. In this context, Peter’s confession of Christ, and Jesus’ declaration concerning Peter (St. Matthew 16:13-19, the gospel lesson for St. Peter’s Day) was read as a scriptural confirmation of papal supremacy. For after Simon confessed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus told him, “thou art Peter” – a nickname meaning ‘a rock’ – “and upon this rock I will build my church”. Moreover, Jesus then told him “I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”.

There is no question that Jesus is declaring Peter’s pre-eminent role in the foundation of

the early church, as recorded in Acts 2-5 and 10-11. Peter played a unique and critical role in proclaiming the gospel in Jerusalem, confirming the believers in Samaria, and accepting the Gentile believers into fellowship with Jewish Christians. But there is no indication in this text (or any other) of *successors* to Peter, or of a permanent Petrine *office* with universal jurisdiction, much less of the other claims made for the bishop of Rome. Moreover, the New Testament shows us that Peter’s leading role was very far from any kind of supremacy: it is James, the Lord’s brother, not Simon Peter, who presides at the council in Jerusalem and sums up its decisions in favor of the Gentiles (Acts 15); and it is Paul who reproves Simon Peter for his failure to stand by this principle (Gal 2:11). The power to bind and loose is not confined to Peter – it is extended to all the apostles in Matthew 18:18, and also in John 20:23 (words echoed in the ordination of a priest): “whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained”. Peter may be ‘a rock’, but he is not the only one: in John’s vision of the heavenly Jerusalem (the church), “the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” (Rev. 21:14). Moreover, when Paul revisits this image, he relates the authority of the apostles to that of Christ, saying that the church is “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone” (Ephesians 2).

The authority of the keys, of binding and loosing, bestowed on those called to the ministry of word and sacrament, has its center in the proclamation of the gospel. “Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He

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St. John’s Choir of Adults

The Choir of Adults is currently welcoming auditions for new members. The Choirs of St. John’s are an excellent avenue to engage in the ministry of the parish. Some previous musical experience and ability to match pitch is desired. Anyone interested in singing in the choir is encouraged to email Mr. Douglas at wdouglas@stjohnssav.org to set up a meeting and discuss the possibility of joining the choir.



**Feast of the Visitation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Wednesday, July 2

We will observe the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Holy Communion on Wednesday, July 2 at noon in the Chapel. Because it is a Marion Feast Day, we will meet in St. Mary’s Chapel instead of the Church. This holy day commemorates Mary going to visit her cousin Elizabeth, as told in the Gospel (Luke 1:39–56)

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Cranmer Hall of St. John’s Church:
27 West Charlton Street, 3rd Floor
Facilitated by Jill Costello of the
Edel Caregiver Institute



10:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 15

A Note about This Sunday's Music

The Prelude this Sunday sung by Claire Fraizer is given by Frank Somoskey in memory of his late wife, Denny Somoskey, for her birthday on June 28, 1941.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

10:30 a.m. Mrs. James F. Holtzclaw (Sherry)

USHERS

Mr. John G. Bradshaw

Mr. Frank Somoskey

CHOIR

Choir of Adults

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally)

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

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea)

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara)

Mrs. Laura L. Wimbish

Mrs. James S. McClellan (Holly)

FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Dorothy Mather Thompson by Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson.

To offer flowers for the altar, please call the Church office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in. To volunteer for this ministry, call Margaret Wyllly at 912-656-6235.

Update on Fr. Dunbar's Sunday School Class

Please note that Fr. Dunbar's Sunday School Class will not meet this Sunday, June 29. His class will resume Sunday, July 6, in the Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall



Sunday Coffee Hours

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month

We offer coffee hour after the principal service on the second and fourth Sundays each month in our beautiful parish house — the Green-Meldrim. These coffee hours are a great opportunity to connect with newcomers and long-time friends over a spread of delectable goodies. Also note that every Sunday after the 8 a.m. Holy Communion, we offer a light breakfast with coffee in Cranmer Hall. All are welcome!

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP:
WEEK OF TRINITY II

Online Morning Prayer:
No online Morning Prayer this week

Monday, June 30:
No services today

Tuesday, July 1:
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Wednesday, July 2:
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel
(*Noon meets in the Chapel this week*)
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
No Sung Compline today

Thursday, July 3:
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel
No Evening Prayer today

Friday, July 4:
Independence Day
No services today. Church office close.

Sunday, July 6: Trinity III
SUMMER SCHEDULE
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9:30 a.m. *Fr. Dunbar's Class (resumes)*
Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall
10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist & Sermon*,
Church/Online



Stephen Ministers at St. John's
A Great Way You Can Help
a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of St John's who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job—or encountering any of countless other life challenges.

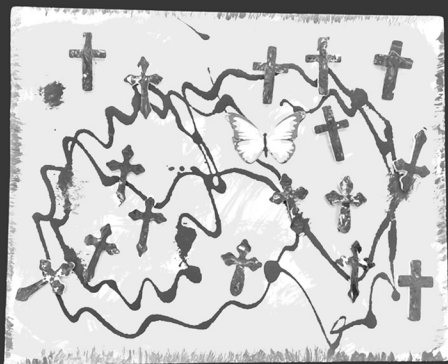
Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Paul Lambert, Sally Lambert, or Rick Wright. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



Do You Know Someone Showing Signs of Dementia?

Forgetting things, struggling with daily tasks, or confused about time or place? Hope Haven offers engaging programs that foster connection and support. Early involvement matters and staying active may help slow dementia's progression. Reach out today to learn more. Contact Cathy Baxter at (912) 231-7310 or visit Hope Haven's website at SavannahRespite.com.



HOPE HAVEN IS OPEN Tuesday & Thursday

Art above was created during the program by one of our many talented Hope Haven artists.

St. John's Church Tours

Tuesdays & Fridays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Do you have family or friends coming into town this summer? They may be interested in touring St. John's beautiful, historic church and the adjacent Green-Meldrim House, which is also open for tours Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don't forget to peruse the unique items in Sophie's Shop whenever the house is open for tours. Visit GreenMeldrimHouse.org or StJohnsSav.org.

St. Michael's Youth Conference

July 20 to July 26, 2025

A week-long summer conference for high schoolers, St Michael's Youth Conference focuses on youth formation through traditional Anglican worship and great conversations with priests on all matters, theological and spiritual. If you are looking to send your youth to camp this summer, you can learn more on St. Michael's website or contact the Church office for more details.

The Joshua Program at St. Dunstan's Academy *A faith-based, guided gap year for young men (ages 17–20)*

The Joshua Program is a gap year for young men (ages 17-20), offering nine months of work, prayer, adventure, and vocational discernment in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Participants are introduced to skilled trades, agriculture, and entrepreneurship, alongside spiritual formation, a curated reading list, and faculty-guided discussion.

Learn more at StDunstansAcademy.org

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pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel". In hearing and receiving the gospel in faith, are we loosed from the bands of sin: "Though we be tied and bound with the chains of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us" (Prayer Book, p. 63).

Whatever we may think of the papacy, its claims to a divinely instituted authority over the whole church are unsupported in scripture. Perhaps in the providence of God, there is a place for such an institution for the well-being of the church – but

it is not essential, and the claim that it is essential, is itself theologically problematic. It is not submission to a Petrine office, but the confession of Peter's faith, that defines the Church of Jesus Christ. "Thou art the Christ", he says to Jesus, the mediator of God's kingdom, "the son of the living God", standing in unique personal relation to God, as Son to the Father. And as those who share in Peter's faith can we claim Christ's promise to his church, that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".

– GGD

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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Our mission is to build a community in Christ that is grounded in historic faith, reverent worship, and is committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel.

Please view the separate announcements leaflet to see the upcoming events and services of the Parish.

WAYS TO GIVE

To support the ministry of St. John's Church please consider one of the following options below:

- You may place your offering in the plates as the ushers pass through the Nave.
- You can text 1928BCP to 73256 to receive a link where you can donate online.
- You can visit our website www.stjohnssav.org and click "give."
- You can mail your check to:

St. John's Church
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The Reverend Gavin Dunbar, *Rector*

The Reverend Jonathan Jameson, *Associate Rector*

Honorary Assisting Clergy

The Right Reverend Paul Lambert, *Bishop (retired)*

The Reverend J. Patrick Hunt, *Assisting Priest*