



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

*Worship in the Anglican Tradition*

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

AUGUST 17, 2025

10:30AM

## SUNG EUCHARIST

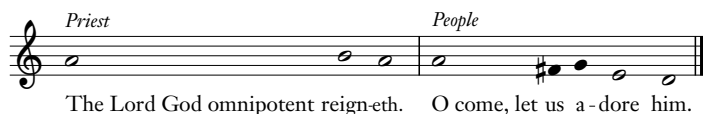
*Please maintain a reverent silence before the service*

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

**VOLUNTARY:** Chorale and Fugue in A Minor

Richard Baker (b. 1949)

*The People kneel and a Priest sings*



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

Hymn 474 "O day of rest and gladness"

WOODBIRD

*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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 200

*The People remain kneeling and the Priest sings*

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

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

Amen.

*The People sit*

## THE LESSONS

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

BCP, p. 201

*All stand and join in singing*

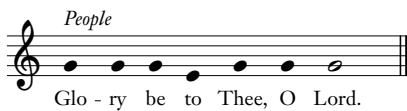
Hymn 567 “Lead us, heavenly Father”

DULCE CARMEN

The Gospel: Luke 15:11–32

BCP, p. 201

*Priest*      The ✠ Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, in the fifteenth chapter,  
beginning at the first 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

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Music: Scottish Psalter, 1635; arr. by Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

## 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 common preface, after which 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

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread,  
furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread,  
preserve the life thyself hast given,  
and feed and train us up for heaven.

Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love,  
till all thy life we gain, and all thy fullness prove,  
and strengthened by thy perfect grace,  
behold without a veil thy face.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Hymn 462 "Jesus, the very thought of thee" (*sung by All*)

WINDSOR

*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 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho-vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal\_ foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;  
 3. Lord I trust thy might-y\_ pow-er, won-drous are thy works of old;  
 4. When I tread the verge of\_ Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub-side;

I am weak, but thou art\_ might - y; hold me with thy\_ power-ful hand;  
 let the fire and cloud-y\_ pil - lar lead me all my\_ jour-ney through;  
 thou de - liv - r'st thine from thrall-dom, who for naught them - selves had sold:  
 death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on\_ Ca-naan's side;

bread of hea - ven, strong de - liv - erer, thou didst con - quer, songs of prais - es,

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feed me now and e - ver more, be thou still my strength and shield, sin and sa - tan and the grave, I will ev - er give to thee,

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*The People kneel and the Priest says*

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:  
*People* Praise him and magnify him for ever. Amen.

**VOLUNTARY:** Fugue on *Cwm Rhondda*

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

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

10:30 a.m. Mrs. Patrick Worsham (Jane)

### USHERS

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

Mr. R. Scott Howard

### CHOIR

Choir of Adults

### CHANCEL SOCIETY

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

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland

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

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea)

Mrs. Susie H. Fawcett

Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie)

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally)

Mrs. Charles B. Compton, Jr. (Alva)

Mrs. Wiley A. Wasden III (Anna)

Mrs. Tucker Compton (Leslie)

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wells

(Gilbert and Jane)

## THE CHOIRS OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

This week the choirs of St. John's resume weekly rehearsals. Now is a great time to consider joining the Choir of Boys and Girls, the Choir of Adults, or the Schola Choir. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the choir, please reach out to Mr. Douglas ([wdouglas@stjohnssav.org](mailto:wdouglas@stjohnssav.org)) at anytime. For more information on the choirs of St. John's, visit [stjohnssav.org/music](http://stjohnssav.org/music).

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## FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of my mother, Mrs. Patty C. Gaillard, my sister, Trish Snyder, and my brother George Gaillard by Sally Fiveash.

And in loving memory of their father, George Oelschig, and their mother, Shirley Oelschig, on what would have been their 74<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, by their loving children George Oelschig, Jr., Joan Oelschig Dyer and Kurt Oelschig.

And in loving memory of Betty Mercer Gilbert by Wayne and Rhett Willis, Rhett and George.

And to the glory of God and in loving memory of Miss Cecelia Bostick Williams by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lawton Williams and Miss. Margaret Lawton Williams.

And to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father William Breckenridge "Bud" Long by his daughter Winslett Long Watson and her family.

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



# The Parish Paper

## PLANNED GIVING AT ST. JOHN'S – THE 1841 SOCIETY

*Scott Howard is a Financial Planner and serves in the Vestry of St. John's as Chairman of the 1841 Society, about which he writes here.*

As Christians and members of St. John's Church, we are blessed with a beautiful historic campus, a shared mission of serving our community through outreach, and spiritual education with leadership to guide us in our life journey. Many parishioners who came before us have supported this mission, and their contributions are remembered through stained glass windows and plaques that honor those who helped build the St. John's we know today.

We are all familiar with annual giving through pledges, which are essential for supporting the church's current operating expenses. These pledges allow the Vestry to maintain a balanced annual budget, typically funded through cash, appreciated stock, or qualified charitable distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). While many of us strive to tithe or give generously, daily financial responsibilities can limit our ability to do so. However, by including the church in your estate plan, you can make a lasting contribution – often larger than what's possible during your lifetime – while still meeting your financial needs.

Families often plan for the future by funding education through 529 plans, retirement through 401(k)s, and out of pocket health expenses through health savings accounts. As a church family, we are also called to plan for the future needs of St. John's—both the physical campus and its ministry for future generations.

To support this long-term vision, St. John's established the 1841 Society. This Society encourages parishioners to make thoughtful, prayerful planning about what will happen to their assets after their lifetime. Through planned giving, members and friends of St. John's can help preserve the church's mission and ensure its minis-

try continues for generations. A gift to the 1841 Society from an individual's estate is a meaningful way to honor the past and invest in the future of St. John's Church.

We invite you to consider joining the 1841 Society by speaking with your financial advisor, estate attorney or accountant. These professionals can help you structure a gift through strategies such as will provisions, gifts of appreciated assets, charitable trusts or foundations, life insurance, and qualified charitable distributions. (In next week's Parish Paper, Dolly Chisholm will write about the benefits of establishing a private foundation.) If you have included St. John's in your estate plans, and you have notified the church office in writing, you are eligible to become a member of the 1841 Society and may choose to have your name added to the Commemorative Plaque in the Narthex.

Please feel free to contact any member of the 1841 Society committee to discuss your intentions or ask questions. No gift is too small – and therefore no parishioner is excluded except by their own choice – and every contribution helps preserve the St. John's you cherish for future generations.

We look forward to welcoming new members to the 1841 Society at the annual 1841 members reception in November at The Green Meldrim House. We hope to see many of you there as we celebrate our shared commitment to the future of St. John's Church.

– Scott Howard

### **The 1841 Society committee:**

Scott Howard (chairman)

Dolly Chisholm

Rick Wright

Rusty Ross

Bishop Paul Lambert

Fr. Dunbar (ex officio)

Graham Sadler (ex officio)

# FAITH + FICTION

*Plan to join us for a new season  
of thought-provoking discussions*

We are happy to share the dates and titles for the new season of Faith + Fiction. This group will again meet the first Wednesdays of the month in the Green-Meldrim House from 5:30-7 p.m. with light snacks provided.

## Wednesday, September 3

*A Tale of Two Cities*, by Charles Dickens

## No October Meeting

## Wednesday, November 5

*Othello*, a play by William Shakespeare

## Wednesday, December 3

*Christmas at Thompson Hall*, a short story  
by Anthony Trollope

Please join us, bring friends, and share these dates and titles with anyone who would enjoy this gathering. The only requirement for participation is that you've read (or listened to) the book.



## FLOWER 101 WORKSHOP

*Saturday, August 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Cranmer Hall*

Are you interested in learning the basics of altar flower arranging? Join us for a hands-on "Flowers 101" workshop led by the talented women of St. John's Chancel Society. This special event will take place on Saturday, August 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the first floor of Cranmer Hall.

Participants will learn basic floral arranging techniques, observe live demonstrations, and have the opportunity to create their own arrangements. Please bring your own flower clippers.

Lunch will be provided, and space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot by calling the Church office at 912-232-1251. For questions or more information, please contact Chancel Society Co-presidents, Jeanne McMillian or Linda Pounds. We hope to see you on Saturday, August 30 for this creative and joyful time of fellowship!



**HOPE HAVEN**  
SAVANNAH RESPITE

## DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for dementia caregivers meets on the third Tuesdays of each month. If you or someone you know might benefit from this group, we invite you to the next one on **Tuesday, August 19, from 10:45 a.m. to noon** in the Reading Room of Cranmer Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> floor).



**P.A.C.K. VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES RESUME**

***Wednesday, August 20, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
4 Mall Terrace, Savannah***

St. John's volunteers will resume their outreach ministry with People of Action Caring for Kids (P.A.C.K.), a Savannah-based non-profit dedicated to fighting child hunger. During the school year, our volunteers gather twice a month to pack bags of food for children in need.

With the 2025–2026 academic year about to begin, we'll kick off our packing sessions on Wednesday, August 20, and continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month.

There are volunteer roles for all ages and abilities, so if you're able, please join us in this meaningful ministry! Note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions, contact Stuart Clifford at [stuartclifford@comcast.net](mailto:stuartclifford@comcast.net). For more details about P.A.C.K. and its ministry, visit their website at [PackSavannah.com](http://PackSavannah.com)

**DONATIONS FOR JANE'S CANNERS**

Jane's Canners are looking for donations of bell peppers. If you'd like to donate produce or join this group, please call Jane at 912-667-1584 or call Robbie Culver at 912-238-4895.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

**Week of Trinity IX**

**Online Morning Prayer:**

8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Monday, August 18:**

*No in-person services today*

**Tuesday, August 19:**

Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

**Wednesday, August 20:**

Noon *Holy Communion*, Church

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

9 p.m. Sung Compline, Church

**Thursday, August 21:**

Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

*with Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Friday, August 22:**

Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Sunday, August 24: Trinity X**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE**

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

9:30 a.m. *Fr. Dunbar's Class*,

Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall

10:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church/Online

11:45 a.m. *Coffee Hour*, Green-Meldrim  
House

## SAVE THESE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER DATES!

*For more details, please visit [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org)*

- **Tuesday, Sept. 2, 5 p.m.:** Parish Provisions Group, Cranmer Hall Kitchen
- **Wednesday, Sept. 3, 4:30 p.m.:** St. John's volunteers meet at P.A.C.K.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 3, 5:30 p.m.:** Faith + Fiction, *A Tale of Two Cities*, Green-Meldrim
- **Sunday, Sept. 7:** Return to regular church schedule, all ages Sunday school starts
- **Monday, Sept. 8, 5 p.m.:** Victorian Society Lecture, Green-Meldrim House
- **Friday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.:** Parlor Presentation on The Historic Houses of Ireland, Green-Meldrim House
- **Sunday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m.:** Parish Forum on Small Groups, start of Hope Haven Outreach collection, and Outreach Coffee Hour
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 10:45 a.m.:** Dementia Caregiver Support Group, Cranmer Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Reading Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 4:30 p.m.:** St. John's volunteers meet at P.A.C.K.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.:** Music on the Mall: Fauvely & Katy Pinke, Garden Mall
- **Sunday, Sept. 21:** St. John's Church Stewardship Campaign begins
- **Sunday, Sept. 21, 5 p.m.:** Sunday Night Session, Green-Meldrim
- **Friday, Sept. 26:** Hope Haven Volunteer Training, Cranmer Hall

### 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.*

### 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](http://www.stjohnssav.org) and click "give."
- You can mail your check to:

St. John's Church  
1 West Macon Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401

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*