



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

Worship in the Anglican Tradition

THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

11:00AM

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

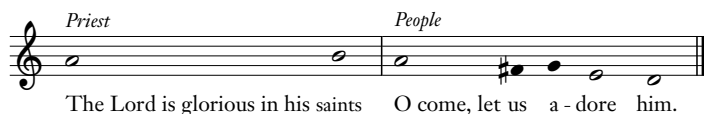
Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

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

VOLUNTARY: Andante-Pastorale

Charles Grey (1849-1923)

The People kneel and a Priest sings



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

Hymn 134 "Come, pure hearts"

COBB

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, pp. 250, 209

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 Collects, to which the People respond

Amen.

The People sit

THE LESSONS

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:1–6

BCP, p. 250

All stand and join in singing

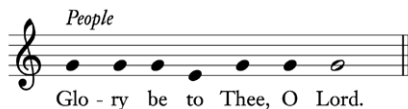
Hymn 153 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

RATISBON

The Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

BCP, p. 251

Priest The ✠ Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, in the ninth chapter,
beginning at the ninth 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

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict:
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor,
wherein they rejoice in gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Words: from the *Salisbury Diurnal*, George Palmer (1846-1926)

Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

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

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; *
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Words: Psalm 119:33

Music: Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Hymn 201 “Strengthen for service, Lord” (*sung by All*)

MALABAR

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and join in saying

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p 83

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 590 “Ten thousand times ten thousand”

ALFORD

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: March on *Alford*

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

HOW WE WORSHIP – APOSTLES & MARTYRS

The word “apostle” means “one who is sent”, a man with a mission: an emissary, with authority to speak and act on behalf of one who sent him. As the Father sent the Son, so did the Son send his apostles, as chosen witnesses to his resurrection, to speak and act with the authority of the Kingdom of God; and therefore, to receive their witness to Christ crucified and risen in faith and obedience is to receive Christ. There is no other way to faith in Christ, save through their witness, transmitted in the church’s tradition in the writings of the New Testament. We honor the apostles for the sake of honoring Christ; and we do not honor Christ by dishonoring them.

The word “martyr” means “witness”, someone who gives evidence in a trial or court proceeding; the greatest of whom was of course Christ himself, who was sent into the world to bear witness to the truth, and to seal that witness in his own blood; whose witness was triumphantly vindicated in the resurrection. In English, therefore, the word “martyr” came to mean witnesses who died rather than deny Christ, who died because of their profession of faith in him, and so demonstrated not only their loyalty to Christ, but also the certainty of their hope in the resurrection. There were many martyrs that preceded Christ among the prophets, the last and greatest of whom was John the Baptist (June 29th), but the first of these martyrs of the Church to follow Christ into suffering for the sake of the gospel was St. Stephen (Dec. 26th), and the first of the apostles to die a martyr was St. James the Great (July 25th), but it is believed that all the apostles except John suffered death in martyrdom. “The glorious company of the apostles praise thee; the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee; the noble army of martyrs praise thee; the holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee”.

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MUSIC NOTE

William Harris, the composer of today's offertory anthem, was better known in his lifetime as an organist and choirmaster than a composer. Not that he didn't achieve success in the latter endeavor: in the realm of Anglican Church music, Harris wrote a number of popular, well-crafted works. Among them was the motet *Faire is the Heaven*, for unaccompanied double choir, and his communion service in F major. *The Hound of Heaven*, for baritone soloist, chorus, and orchestra, is one of his finest large works. He also wrote a number of high-quality compositions for solo organ, among them the masterly *Four Short Pieces*. It says much of his good-natured character that he was affectionately known as "Doc H" by the choristers he taught. At his death, Harris was rightly considered one of the most important figures in English Church music of the twentieth century.

Harris was born in London and showed extraordinary talent early on, serving as a chorister and organist in his youth and earning the prestigious rank of Fellow of the Royal College of Organists (FRCO) by his early teens. From 1897-1899 he held an organist post at St. David's Cathedral in Wales. In 1899, he began his studies at the Royal College of Music (RCM) with Walter Parratt (organ), Walford Davies, and Charles Wood (both composition).

Harris held several assistant organists posts in the early 1900s, including London's Temple Church and Lichfield Cathedral. From 1919-1921 he was organist at New College, Oxford. It was during this time that Harris began writing some of his most loved compositions. In 1921, Harris joined the faculty at the RCM, where he taught organ and harmony. Harris directed the Bach Choir from 1926-1933 and other organ posts ensued: Christ Church (Catholic), Oxford, and St. George's Chapel, Windsor. In his later years, Harris served as the president and director of music studies of the RCM.

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