



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

11:00AM

## MORNING PRAYER

*Please maintain a reverent silence before the service*

VOLUNTARY: Poco Adagio in E, Op. 25, No. 2

Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

*The People kneel and a Priest says the opening prayer to which the People respond*

Amen.

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

Hymn 300 "Before the Lord Jehovah's throne"

WINCHESTER NEW

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 6

*The Officiant bids the Confession, the People kneel and say together*

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults, Restore thou those who are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Officiant alone stands and pronounces the Absolution to which the People respond*

Amen.

*All remain kneeling and say together*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 7

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 PRECES (*said by the Officiant and People*)

℣ O Lord, open thou our lips.

℟ And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ O Lord, make haste to help us.

*The People stand and the Officiant continues*

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

℟ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

℣ Praise ye the Lord.

℟ The Lord's Name be praised.

THE VENITE (*sung by All*)

The Hymnal 1940, 608

THE PSALMS APPOINTED

Psalm 86 *Inclina, Domine*

BCP, p. 447

*At the conclusion of the Psalm, the following is said*

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The People sit*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 24:1–15

*The People stand and join in singing*

CANTICLE: Te Deum (*sung by All*)

Hymnal, p. 708, Setting C

*The People sit.*

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS:

Galatians 6:12–18

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Matthew 6:24–34

BCP, p. 211

*The People stand and join in singing*

CANTICLE: Benedictus (*sung by All*)

Hymnal, 638

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *(said by All)*

BCP, p. 15

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The ✠ Resurrection of the body: And the Life Everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS *(said by the Officiant and People)*

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

℣ Let us pray.

*The People kneel, and the Officiant continues*

℣ Lord have mercy upon us;

℟ Christ have mercy upon us;

℣ Lord have mercy upon us.

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

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. Amen.

## THE SUFFRAGES

℣ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

℟ And grant us thy salvation.

℣ O Lord, save the State.

℟ And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

℣ Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

℟ And make thy chosen people joyful.

℣ O Lord, save thy people.

℟ And bless thine inheritance.

℣ Give peace in our time, O Lord.

℟ For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

℣ O God, make clean our hearts within us.

℟ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

BCP, pp. 210, 17

*The Officiant says the Collects and may add other prayers, to each the People respond*

Amen.

*The Officiant continues with the prayers for the faithful departed*

*Officiant* Of your charity, I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

People Rest ✠ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;  
 and let light perpetual shine upon them.  
 Officiant May they rest in peace.  
 People Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP, p. 20

*The People respond*

Amen.

*The Officiant continues with*

## THE GRACE

BCP, p. 20

*The People respond*

Amen.

*The People sit*

## THE NOTICES

*The People stand and join in singing*

Hymn "For the beauty of the earth"

DIX

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, pa - rent, child,  
 5. For each per - fect gift of thine To our race so free - ly giv'n,  
 For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 Grac - es hu - man and di - vine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

## THE ADDRESS

## THE OFFERING

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

## THE ANTHEM

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.  
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Words: James 4:8-10  
Music: Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

*The People stand as representatives of the congregation bring the People's gifts to the Priest 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.

Hymn 141 "My country, 'tis of thee" Verse 4

AMERICA

Our father's God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our King.

*The Priest then says*

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

*Then the Priest continues with*

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

*The People kneel and join in saying the following*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The People remain kneeling and a Priest (or Bishop, if present) pronounces a blessing to which they respond*  
Amen.

*The People stand and join in singing*

Hymn 576 “Come, labor on”

ORA LABORA

*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: Toccata on *Ora Labora*

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

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## HOW WE WORSHIP - THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

“In everything give thanks” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Giving thanks and praise to God for his blessings is one of the essential parts of worship, and traditionally was expressed in the psalms and canticles of Morning and Evening Prayer, as well as in the Eucharist. In the 17th century prayers of thanksgiving for deliverance from particular evils (drought, famine, war, etc.) were added to the Prayer Book (pp. 50-53), and in 1662 a prayer of *general* thanksgiving was included, and it became so cherished that it was included in the services of Morning and Evening Prayer (pp. 14 and 33). It was composed for the Prayer Book by Edmond Reynolds, a Puritan sympathizer who had sought to reconcile Episcopalians and Presbyterians in the Church of England and was made Bishop of Norwich in 1661. It begins by acknowledging God’s mercies, first in general, and then more particularly: the temporal blessings “of this life”, followed by the spiritual blessings of redemption, “the means of grace” (Word, Sacrament, and in the very circumstance of our lives), “and the hope of glory” (the ultimate fulfilment of God’s gracious redeeming love for us). After the acknowledgment of these mercies, it then turns into a petition for his grace, to make us aware of his blessings, and really thankful for them, “not only with our lips but in our lives”: so that the thankfulness we feel moves us to self-offering: “by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days”. Gratitude for grace is the energy of Christian life; it is what motivates us to serve and please God in all things.

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

*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.*

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### MUSIC NOTE

Basil Harwood was born at the family estate called Woodhouse in Gloucestershire, England. He received an education that was broader than that of most British organists of the day. In his teens, he studied piano with J. L. Roeckel at Clifton College and organ with George Riseley at Bristol Cathedral. He took theory and composition with C. W. Corfe while an undergraduate at Trinity College, Oxford. The youngest son of a wealthy Quaker banker, after graduation from Oxford, he followed in the footsteps of other well off young British musicians, like Hubert Parry and Charles Stanford, taking lessons in composition at the Leipzig Conservatory of Music, Germany. His professors there were Carl Reinecke (who had been a pupil of Mendelssohn and Schumann), and Salomon Jadassohn (a past student of Liszt), of whom Harwood said "he taught me much." He then began his career as a church organist, occupying posts at St. Barnabas' Church, London, Ely Cathedral, and Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. His father died in 1907, and two years later he retired from church work in order to assume responsibility for running the Woodhouse estate, and so as to devote his undivided attention to composition.

The Three Cathedral Preludes, (of which the second serves as the opening voluntary today) illustrate Harwood's church service prelude style at it best, it might be argued. Their composition was the result of his happy associations with southwest England. The composer's association with the Three Choirs Festival was lifelong, especially the Gloucester Festival, where first performances of several of his major choral works were given. In 1911, as a token of respect and gratitude for their friendship and assistance in his career, Harwood dedicated the Three Cathedral Preludes to the three Cathedral organists of the day, A. Herbert Brewer of Gloucester, G. R. Sinclair of Hereford, and Ivor Atkins of Worcester, respectively. There is nothing programmatic in them, except that they convey the impression of a cathedral organist improvising in a dignified, spacious building before a service.

### **Clergy**

The Right Reverend Frank Logue, *Bishop*  
The Reverend Gavin Dunbar, *Rector*  
The Reverend Jonathan Jameson, *Associate Rector*

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