



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

JANUARY 25, 2026

11:00AM

MORNING PRAYER

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

VOLUNTARY: Rhapsody No. I, Op. 17

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

At the sound of the bell, the People kneel and a Priest says the opening prayer to which they respond

Amen.

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

Hymn 46 "Brightest and best"

MORNING STAR

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 People remain standing as the Choir sings

THE VENITE: Psalm 95 (*sung by the Choir*)

BCP, p. 459

THE PSALMS APPOINTED

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

BCP, p. 459

Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit*

BCP, p. 460

At the conclusion of each 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: Isaiah 49:1–13

The mission of Christ to the Gentiles declared

Listen, O isles, unto me;

and hearken, ye people, from far;

The Lord hath called me from the womb;

from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword;

in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me,

and made me a polished shaft

in his quiver hath he hid me;

And said unto me, Thou art my servant,

O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Then I said, I have laboured in vain,

I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain:

yet surely my judgment is with the Lord,

and my work with my God.

And now, saith the Lord

that formed me from the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob again to him,

Though Israel be not gathered,

yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord,

and my God shall be my strength.

And he said,

It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and to restore the preserved of Israel:
I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles,
that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Thus saith the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One,
to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth,
to a servant of rulers,
Kings shall see and arise,
princes also shall worship,
because of the Lord that is faithful,
and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Thus saith the Lord,
In an acceptable time have I heard thee,
and in a day of salvation have I helped thee:
and I will preserve thee,
and give thee for a covenant of the people,
to establish the earth,
to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;
That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth;
to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves.
They shall feed in the ways,
and their pastures shall be in all high places.
They shall not hunger nor thirst;
neither shall the heat nor sun smite them:
for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them,
even by the springs of water shall he guide them.
And I will make all my mountains a way,
and my highways shall be exalted.
Behold, these shall come from far:
and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.
Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth;
and break forth into singing, O mountains:
for the Lord hath comforted his people,
and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

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:

Acts 9:1–22

BCP, p. 229

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. 229, 112, 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:
Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

People and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Officiant May they rest in peace.

People Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP, p. 20

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 114 “We sing the glorious conquest”

MUNICH

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

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, *
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, *
while they daily say unto me, “Where is now thy God?”

Words: Psalm 42:1-3

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 49 “From the eastern mountains pressing on they come”

VALOUR

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: Rhapsody No. IV

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

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HOW WE WORSHIP - NO HEALTH IN US

One of the crown jewels of the Prayer Book is the General Confession at Morning Prayer. It offers a clear-eyed depiction of the human condition: we are "curved in" on ourselves, turned away from God, in need of forgiveness and restoration. It is a superbly balanced composition full of memorable phrases, such as "erred and strayed like lost sheep", and "the devices and desires of our own hearts". It is a tissue of at least sixteen Biblical passages, and has etched itself into the memory of generations of Anglicans. Step by step it leads us down through sins of omission and commission to the shattering realization, that "there is no health in us". The word "health" has two senses. One is that of physical health: just as sickness ravages the body, so sin ravages the soul. The other is of salvation. Where can we look for deliverance? Not in ourselves. We cannot cure ourselves. Considered in ourselves, apart from Christ, no part of us is well, no part is without spiritual disease, no part of us can be a source of healing. Modern readers are uncomfortable with the unqualified character of this admission, and want to claw back some shred of dignity. "How low do you have to go?" But the phrase is not an exaggeration. Rather it is part of a Biblical pattern of abandoning our own defenses, prerogatives, and misplaced futile hopes. Like the psalmist, we go down into the depths, down into the pit, into the place of vulnerability and need, where we stop trying to save ourselves, and give ourselves up to the one who has come down from the heights to the very depths to save us. It is there that we meet him. (Notes based on an essay by Samuel Bray).

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