



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

11:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

The Mass setting is the *Missa Brevis in A* by William Douglas (b. 1994).

Please note that for Choral Eucharist, the Choir will, at times, take a different posture than the congregation for singing purposes. Please follow the rubrics in the leaflet to know when to kneel, sit, or stand.

VOLUNTARY: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

The People kneel at the sound of the bell and a Priest sings



The goodness of God leadeth to re-pen-tance. O come, let us a-dore him.

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

Hymn 56 "Kind Maker of the world"

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

The People standing, the Priest says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Priest</i>	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 the Choir*)

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

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 127, 124

The People remain kneeling and the Priest sings

People The Lord be with you.
 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 Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 32:22–32

In those days: Jacob rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

BCP p. 127

All stand and join in singing

Hymn 410 "Lord, when we bend before thy throne"

MARTYRDOM

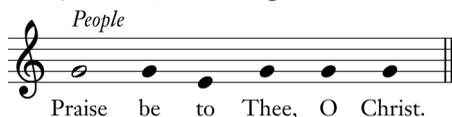
The Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

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Priest The ✠ Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, in the fifteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse.



At the conclusion of the Gospel, All sing



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

Give ear O Lord. Give ear to my lamentation, Thou God of my righteousness. *

Who givest comfort in grief, Show me mercy,

And be gracious to my prayer. *

O heed my crying, my Master and my God!

Words: Psalm 4:1; 5:2
Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585-1682)

THE PRESENTATION

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

Hymn 732 "All things are thine"

GARDINER

All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today
Thine own before thy feet we lay. 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
People And with thy spirit.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
People 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 the Choir*)

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

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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 the Choir)*

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Ave verum corpus natum
De Maria virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit cum sanguine,
Esto nobis prægustatum
Mortis in examine.*

Hail, true body,
Born of the Virgin Mary
Who has truly suffered, sacrifice
One the Cross for humanity
whose side was pierced,
Pouring out water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us
During our ordeal of death.

*O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu fili Marie,
Tu nobis miserere. Amen.*

O sweet, O merciful,
O Jesus, Son of Mary,
Have mercy on us. Amen.

Words: attrib. Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)
Music: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Hymn 497 “O God of Bethel” (*sung by All*)

DUNDEE

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and join in saying

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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 remain kneeling and Priest (or Bishop, if present) pronounces a blessing to which they respond

Amen.

The People stand and join in singing

Hymn 562 “Stand up, stand up, for Jesus”

WEBB

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: Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 623

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

HOW WE WORSHIP – THE CHORAL SERVICE

There is an old saying – *bis orat qui bene cantat*; ‘he prays twice who sings well’. Music has that power, to lift our hearts out of their chilly torpor into fervent adoration and worship. Normally our own voices are the vehicles of our own praise. That’s the tradition of congregational singing, centered in parish churches, in which untrained voices join together, usually in unison, for the singing of metrical psalms, hymns, and simple chants. This tradition of *congregational* singing is one of the chief legacies of the Reformation. The other is *choral*, found chiefly in monasteries, cathedrals, and college chapels, where a choir of trained and skilled voices (historically Men and Boys, but now including Girls and Women) is the congregation, and sings the services of Mattins and Evensong (Morning and Evening Prayer) daily throughout the year. At St. John’s, as at other parish churches of some size, liturgies often combine congregational and choral music, but from time to time there is a service of Choral Mattins, Choral Evensong, or Choral Eucharist. It’s not purely choral, as the congregation does sing hymns and join in some prayers, but for the chief parts of the service (psalms, canticles, preces, Ordinary of the Mass, etc.) the choir sings on behalf of the congregation. So, when we sing hymns our own voices are the vehicles of praise, but in the choral service we must use the choir as our representatives and make their singing the outward expression of our own aspirations. This requires from us a sustained effort to follow the outward singing of their voices with the inward lifting up of the heart; but, as Colin Dunlop said, when trained and disciplined voices sing some of the finest pieces of sacred music ever written, “the total offering to God can be something in comparably more precious than would be the case if the musical standard were levelled down to the capacity of the least gifted singer”. Indeed, it is perhaps when our own voice is not the vehicle, and we are not focused on producing the right sounds, that we can most completely fulfill the apostle’s exhortation, to “be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody *in your heart* to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:18, 19).

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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Please speak to an usher for assistance with the location of the nursery.

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.”
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Faith Formation & Small Group Study

Sunday School Classes

8:00-10:30 am	Cranmer Hall 1 st Fl, Fellowship Hall	Breakfast
8:45 am -12:30 pm	Cranmer Hall 1 st Fl, Front Room	Nursery (babies up to 36 months)
10:00-10:45 am	Cranmer Hall 2 nd Fl, Children's Chapel	Children's Sunday School (ages 3-5) with Mrs. Margaret Wylly
10:00-10:45 am	Cranmer Hall 2 nd Fl, Children's Chapel	Sunday School Class (1st-5th grade) with Mrs. Sarah Ross
10:00-10:45 am	Cranmer Hall 3 rd Fl, Middle Classroom #1 (<i>off Ralston Room</i>)	Sunday School Class (confirmed youth & older) with Mr. Pete Pollak
10:00-10:45 am	Cranmer Hall 3 rd Fl, Ralston Room	Book Study with Bishop Lambert: <i>Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World</i> , by Henri J.M. Nouwen
10:00-10:45 am	Cranmer Hall 3 rd Fl, Reading Room	Faith & Fellowship with Fr. Jameson: Discussing <i>A Short Guide to Spiritual Formation</i> , by Alex Sosler
10:00-10:45 am	St. Mary's Chapel 1 st Floor, Chapel	Bible Study with Father Dunbar: Continue study of the <i>Book of Isaiah</i>

Weekly

8:15-8:45 am	Facebook Livestream facebook.com/stjohnssav (<i>Every Monday – Friday</i>)	Online Morning Prayer: The service of Morning Prayer with brief comments on the Scripture readings lead by Fr. Dunbar
10:30-11:30 am	Offsite/Skidaway Island (<i>Every Monday until March 30</i>)	Women's Small Group Study with Mary Sprague. <i>Jesus the King</i> , by Tim Keller.
7:00-8:00 am	Green-Meldrim House Kitchen (<i>Every Thursday</i>)	Men's Small Group Study with Charles Ezelle and Father Dunbar
<i>Please direct inquiries about small group fellowship to Jonathan Sprague.</i>		

Monthly

5:00-7:00 pm	Green-Meldrim House, 1st Floor (<i>March 1, 8, 22, & 29th</i>)	Sunday Lenten Study: The Scripture Practice (<i>Childcare is available.</i>)
5:00-7:00 pm	Offsite Locations (<i>Dates vary</i>)	Youth Group: Fun opportunities for youth to strengthen their Christian friendships.
5:30-7:00 pm	Green-Meldrim House, 1 st Floor (<i>1st Wednesdays of the Month</i>)	Faith + Fiction: Led by novelist and parishioner Heather Cross. Explore what it means to be human in God's world.