# St. John's Church - Savannah

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
11:00am

## Choral Eucharist

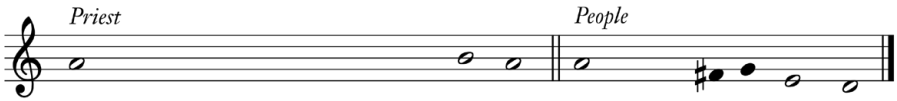
*Please maintain a reverent silence before the service*

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: Fugue in B Minor, BWV 579 — 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 499 "Before thy throne" — ST PETERSBURG

*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 the Choir)*

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

The Collects of the Day — BCP, p. 130, 124

*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 each the People respond*

Amen.

*The People sit*

## The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

In those days: Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

The Epistle: Galatians 4:21-31 BCP p. 130

Brethren: Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things

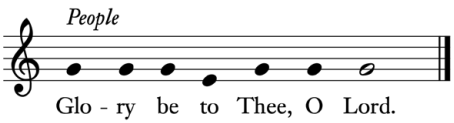
are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

*All stand and join in singing*

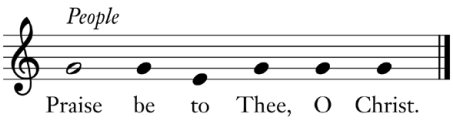
Hymn 597 "Jerusalem the golden" EWING

The Gospel: John 6:1–13 BCP, p. 131

*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*




## 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

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart
before thee, now and evermore.

Words: from *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations* (1566) by Henry Bull (d. 1577)
Music: Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

## 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*

All things come of thee, O Lord,
*People* 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*

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| | 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 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 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

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34:8
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Hymn 390 "O 'twas a joyful sound to hear" *(sung by All)* **MOUNT SION**

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

Amen.

*The People stand and join in singing*

Hymn 589 "O what their joy and their glory must be" **O QUANTA QUALIA**

*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: Christe, du Lamm Gottes, BWV 619 Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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## 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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# Faith Formation & Small Group Study

## *Sunday School Classes*

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

## *Weekly*

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| **8:15-8:45 am** | **Facebook Livestream**<br>facebook.com/stjohnssav<br>*(Every Monday – Friday)* | **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**<br>*(Every Monday until March 30)* | **Women's Small Group Study with Mary Sprague.** *Jesus the King*, by Tim Keller. |
| **7:00-8:00 am** | **Green-Meldrim House**<br>Kitchen *(Every Thursday)* | **Men's Small Group Study** with Charles Ezelle and Father Dunbar |
| ***Please direct inquiries about small group fellowship to Jonathan Spraque.*** | | |

## *Monthly*

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