



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 22, 2026

11:00AM

## MORNING PRAYER

*Please maintain a reverent silence before the service*

VOLUNTARY: O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde große, BWV 622                      Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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 60 "With broken heart and contrite sigh"

BABYLON'S STREAMS

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 PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 143 *Domine, exaudi*

BCP, p. 518

*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: Jeremiah 1:1-19

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it. And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. Then the Lord said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced

city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

*The People remain seated as the Choir sings*

CANTICLE: Vexilla Regis

*The text for the canticle may be found at Hymn 63 in The Hymnal 1940.*

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS:

Hebrews 9:11-15

BCP, p. 132

John 8:46-59

BCP, p. 133

*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.

V̄ O Lord, save the State.  
 R̄ And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
 V̄ Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
 R̄ And make thy chosen people joyful.  
 V̄ O Lord, save thy people.  
 R̄ And bless thine inheritance.  
 V̄ Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
 R̄ For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.  
 V̄ O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
 R̄ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

BCP, pp. 132, 124, 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 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 65 “There is a green hill far away”

HORSLEY

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

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults,  
and my sin is ever before me.

Words: Psalm 51:2, 3  
Music: Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)

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

*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 the hymn on the next page*

1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - viour's love to me, love  
 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing, re -  
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a  
 6. In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in  
 7. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: nev -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet  
 death no friend - ly tomb but what a strang - er gave. What  
 - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine. This

who am I that for my sake my Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?  
 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 cheer - ful he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.  
 may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb where - in he lay.  
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

*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: Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Green-Meldrim House following the liturgy for refreshments and fellowship*

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## MUSIC NOTE

The last name Wesley is well-known and of great importance to the history of Savannah and the Anglican heritage we own. Samuel Sebastian Wesley was the son of the organist and composer Samuel Wesley and grandson of the hymn-writer Charles Wesley. As one might expect, Samuel S. Wesley grew up singing as a chorister, which laid the foundation for his career as an organist, pianist, conductor, and composer.

While much can be said about S.S. Wesley's development as a musician throughout his career and the important posts he held, it seems forgotten how crucial he was in shaping the type of worship we have today. S.S. Wesley became frustrated with the lack of reverence, the indifference of the clergy, and the poor standard of music-making in worship. Few today would believe that the state of affairs which he described actually existed, if he had not made such a revelation.

“The Service, to be sure, has been shamefully neglected, and people who judge of it from what they have heard, can form no high and adequate conception of the thing in its sublime reality, and must, therefore, feel a proportionably diminished interest in the object; still, better things are of no difficult attainment.”

He published *In A Few Words on Cathedral Music and the Musical System of the Church* in 1849. In his writing, he called for attention and support to be given to raise the standards of music-making, musicians, clergy, and all aspects of public worship. S.S. Wesley spent the rest of career arguing for “the correct and decent performance of the Service.” Liturgies of Anglican heritage across the world owe a great thanks to S.S. Wesley for focus on dignity and reverence in all its portions.

“This country will never again be without talent which can impart to Church Music, the highest qualities of art; and, in connection with the Service, give beauty where beauty is required, grandeur where it is effective, and solemnity where the subject demands it: which can, by a proper train of musical thought and expression, denote praise, supplication, or thanksgiving, in a manner far above the reach of those who saw but “as through a glass darkly”; who were but pioneers in a science which may be destined to go on from strength to strength, until we “again renew that song”, that “fair music”, which, in the words of Milton, “disproportioned sin” is said to have “broke”; when we may all, musically as well as morally, find the consummation of all things to be the period at which alone perfection is attained.”

For further reading about Samuel S. Wesley, I recommend anything by Dr. Peter Horton, the definitive scholar on S.S. Wesley's life and work.

# Faith Formation & Small Group Study

## *Sunday School Classes*

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

## *Weekly*

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

*Please direct inquiries about small group fellowship to Jonathan Sprague.*

## *Monthly*

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