



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

11:00AM

MORNING PRAYER

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549

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 61 "The glory of these forty days"

SPIRES

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 9 *Confitebor tibi*

BCP, p. 351

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: Genesis 37:2–36

These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying. And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks. And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them,

they conspired against him to slay him. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him. And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

The People stand and join in singing

CANTICLE: Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (*sung by All*)

Hymnal, 632



O all ye works of the Lord | bless • ye the | Lord *
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord | bless • ye the | Lord *
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

O ye Heavens | bless • ye the | Lord *
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

O let the Earth | bless the | Lord *
Yea ✓ let it praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

O ye children of men | bless • ye the | Lord *
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.



O let Israel | bless the | Lord *
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

O ye priests of the Lord ✓ O ye servants of the Lord ✓ | bless • ye the | Lord *
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous | bless • ye the | Lord *
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

O ye holy and humble men of heart | bless • ye the | Lord *
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

Let us bless the Father and the Son and the | Holy | Ghost
praise him and magnify | him for | ever.

The People sit.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS:

Ephesians 5:1-14

BCP, p. 128

Luke 11:14-28

BCP, p. 129

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 COLLECTS

BCP, pp. 128, 124, 17

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

Amen.

THE LITANY

BCP, p. 54

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 146 "O for a closer walk with God"

CAITHNESS

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

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful savior,
thou most worthy judge eternal.
Suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen

Words: from the office of the Burial of the Dead
Music: Henry Purcell (c. 1659-1695)

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

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

Then the Priest continues with

People The Lord be with you.
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 551 "A mighty fortress is our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

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: Christus, der uns selig macht, BWV 620

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us for coffee hour in the Green-Meldrim House following the liturgy for refreshments and fellowship

WAYS TO GIVE

To support the ministry of St. John's Church please consider one of the following options below:

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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

Please direct inquiries about small group fellowship to Jonathan Sprague.

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.