



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

11:00AM

MORNING PRAYER AND CONFIRMATION

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

VOLUNTARY: Sonata No. II, Op. 106
II. *Adagio*

William Faulkes (1863-1933)

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 99 "O sons and daughters, let us sing"

O FILII ET FILIAE

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 EASTER ANTHEMS *(sung by the Choir)*

BCP, p. 733

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 81 *Exultate Deo*

BCP, p. 442

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: Isaiah 51:1–11

Thus saith the Lord: Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness,
ye that seek the Lord:

look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

Look unto Abraham your father,
and unto Sarah that bare you:

for I called him alone,
and blessed him, and increased him.

For the Lord shall comfort Zion:
he will comfort all her waste places;
and he will make her wilderness like Eden,
and her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness shall be found therein,
thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Hearken unto me, my people;
and give ear unto me, O my nation:
for a law shall proceed from me,
and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

My righteousness is near;
my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people;
the isles shall wait upon me,
and on mine arm shall they trust.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look upon the earth beneath:
for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke,
and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner:
but my salvation shall be for ever,
and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness,
the people in whose heart is my law;
fear ye not the reproach of men,
neither be ye afraid of their revilings.
For the moth shall eat them up like a garment,
and the worm shall eat them like wool:
but my righteousness shall be for ever,
and my salvation from generation to generation.

Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the Lord;
awake, as in the ancient days,
in the generations of old.
Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab,
and wounded the dragon?
Art thou not it which hath dried the sea,
the waters of the great deep;
that hath made the depths of the sea a way
for the ransomed to pass over?
Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return,
and come with singing unto Zion;
and everlasting joy shall be upon their head:
they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

The People stand and join in singing

CANTICLE: Te Deum (*sung by All*)

Hymnal, p. 708, Setting C

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 20:19–31

At that time: the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I

will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

The People stand and join in singing

CANTICLE: Benedictus (*sung by All*)

Hymnal, 637

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.

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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. 170, 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.

The Officiant continues with

THE GRACE

BCP, p. 20

The People respond

Amen.

The People sit for

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

BCP, p. 296

Those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

SALLIE FAITH BLACK

HEATH WILLIAM BLACK

STEPHANIE DANIELLE BURGER JACKSON

JONATHAN MICHAEL JACKSON

THE NOTICES

The People stand and join in singing

Hymn 570 "O Jesus I have promised"

LLANFYLLIN

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

Peace be to you, and peace be on this house,
and the Spirit of the Lord be upon you.
Almighty and everlasting God:
hear our supplications, and in our time,
grant us your peace.

Words: adapted from Ancient Collects
Music: Sam Owens (1928-1998)

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 the hymn on the next page

Hymn 94 “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

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

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