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VICTORY UNVEILED

All the way through Lent, the Church has been veiled in Lenten array, a token of repentance and sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of Christ's passion. When the veils come down on Easter, it is a sign that in the resurrection of Jesus the hidden victory of the cross is revealed — unveiled — in accord with the prophecy of Isaiah, that God would destroy "the veil that is spread over all nations" and "swallow up death in victory" (Isaiah 25:7–8).

But before we can understand the unveiling, we must consider the veil itself. To the outward eye, the cross appears to be proof of man's cruelty and the triumph of brute power. Public crucifixion was meant to degrade, to intimidate, and to crush hope. At the cross, the world invites us to believe in the triumph of strength over weakness, of winners over losers, of sin over righteousness and death over life — and too often, we do believe it. But the Gospels bear witness to the saving work of God hidden beneath the veil of sin and death, of shame and suffering. Jesus went to the cross willingly, determined to complete the work the Father had given him to do — to bear witness to the truth, and to offer himself for us sinners. The powers of evil did their worst to him, but they could not turn him from the perfect accomplishment of the Father's will. His death is not defeat but the mission victoriously accomplished. Easter is the unveiling of that hidden victory: the acceptance of the sacrifice, the vindication of the witness, and the overthrow of the dark powers which hold mankind in thrall.

There are three aspects to the unveiling of this victory: in himself, in us, and in the act of faith itself.

First, he unveils his victory in himself. "By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he restored to us everlasting life." What appeared to be the triumph of evil is revealed — in his risen and glorified body — as the triumph of God's saving purpose. In Christ, in virtue of his completed

return to the Father in body and soul, our humanity attains the glory for which it was made, and the joy of everlasting life. In his resurrection he calls us out of sorrow into the joy of resurrection — the joy that has no end, because it is grounded in the life that cannot die.

Second, he unveils his victory in us. What Christ has accomplished for us in his own resurrection is accomplished in us who believe in him. Our true humanity was veiled and disfigured by the guilt of sin, the power of sin, and the penalty of sin. In virtue of his resurrection, these veils are progressively removed in three stages: justification by faith, by which we are delivered from the guilt of sin; sanctification in good works, by which we are delivered from its power; and glorification, by which we will be delivered from the penalty of sin in the resurrection of our own bodies to eternal glory.

Third, he unveils our eyes. What Christ has done for us is of no value to us so long as we remain separated from him. What he has accomplished for us cannot be accomplished in us unless we are united to him as one body. It is through faith that we are united to him in his body the Church, and share in the power of his victory. And it is the risen Lord himself who makes us capable of faith. As the Easter Gospels show, it is by Christ's coming to his disciples that the veil of blindness and grief is removed from their minds, and they pass from doubt to faith, from perplexity to understanding, from sorrow to joy. On Easter their story becomes our story, as the risen Christ comes to us by his Spirit, to raise us from blindness to sight, from doubt to faith, and thereby from sin to righteousness, from death to life. Our work at Easter is to follow where he leads us: out of darkness into his own glorious light.

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57

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(Meta), Chancel Society: Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillan and
Mrs. Linda H. Pounds; President, Men of St. John's:
Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

Mark Your Calendars for These Additional Upcoming Events

- **April 11, 18, 25, 8 a.m.** – Heart of the Historic District Walking Tour, begins at Green-Meldrim House, Details at GreenMeldrimHouse.org
- **April 13, 27 & May 11, 18, 25, 4:30 p.m.** – Teatime at the Meldrims', More details at GreenMeldrimHouse.org
- **April 15, 22, 29 & May 6, 13, 20, 27, 4 p.m.** – Green-Meldrim House & St. John's Church Combination Tour with Porch Refreshments. Details at GreenMeldrimHouse.org
- **April 24, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** – Hope Haven's Volunteer Training. Learn how to make a difference in the life of someone experiencing dementia! Learn more or sign up at savannahrespite.com.

UPCOMING WORSHIP Week of Easter

Online Morning Prayer
8:15 a.m. Monday to Friday

Easter Monday, April 6
(Church office is closed.)
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

Easter Tuesday, April 7
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Easter Wednesday, April 8
Noon *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

Easter Thursday, April 9
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel

Easter Friday, April 10
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

Easter Saturday, April 11
11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

Sunday, April 12: Low Sunday
(The First Sunday after Easter)
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Holy Communion*, Church
10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*,
Cranmer Hall & St. Mary's Chapel
11 a.m. *Morning Prayer & Confirmation*,
Church/Online
12:30 p.m. *Confirmation Reception & Coffee Hour*,
Green-Meldrim House
5 p.m. *Music on Madison Square: The Tallis*
Scholars, Director Peter Phillips, Church

Condolences & Funeral Notice

We extend condolences to the family of Mr. Ralph Gilbert Wells of this parish who died Friday, March 27. His funeral will be Wednesday, April 8, at 2 p.m. at St. John's Church.



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11:00 - PRESENTATION



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MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, April 12, 5 p.m.

Music on Madison Square: The Tallis Scholars,
Director Peter Phillips. Tickets: stjohnssav.org/mms

Sunday, April 19, 5 p.m.

Solemn Choral Evensong with
Induction of Choristers

Sunday, July 5, 5 p.m.

Music on Madison Square: Fort Stewart Brass,
Patriotic Extravaganza. Tickets: stjohnssav.org/mms



FAITH

& Fiction

8 FOUR QUARTETS
APRIL *T. S. Elliot*

6 A CANTICLE FOR LEIBOWITZ
MAY *Walter Miller, Jr.*

3 THE LAST BATTLE
JUNE *C. S. Lewis*

Led by novelist and parishioner Heather Cross, Faith & Fiction engages the ethical and theological themes of good literature, seeking to enable deep conversation about what it means to be human in God's world.

5:30 p.m.
Green-Meldrim House



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SUNDAY, APRIL 19 AT 10AM
RALSTON ROOM, CRANMER HALL

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

PARISH PICNIC: Sunday, May 3, after the final service, Garden Mall/Green-Meldrim
All parishioners are invited to join us in the Garden Mall next to the Church for a picnic. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship! More details will be shared soon.

EASTER SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

No breakfast in Cranmer Hall this Sunday.

8 a.m. Said Holy Communion, Church

9 a.m. Flowering of the Cross, Garden Mall
*Bring flowers to decorate the cross and take group photos
on the steps of the Green-Meldrim*

**9:30 a.m. Family Sung Eucharist with Brass,
Church & Online**
*(Nursery available in Cranmer Hall for 9:30 a.m. service.)
Easter Egg Hunt in the Garden Mall after the
9:30 a.m. service (Bring your own baskets)*

**11:30 a.m. Solemn Choral Eucharist
with Brass, Church & Online**
(Nursery available in Cranmer Hall for 11:30 a.m. service.)

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY

The flowers in the Chapel on Maundy Thursday were given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Compton by their family.

The arch of flowers on Easter Day is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sylvia Newton Summers by her children, grandchildren and husband.

The Garland on the lectern is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Marion Tyus Butler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford, Sr.

The Paschal Candle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Robert Logan, Jr. and Virginia Bryan Connerat Logan, by Dr. J. Robert Logan.

To offer flowers for the altar, please call the Church office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-ins. To volunteer for this ministry, please call Margaret Wyllly at 912-656-6235.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Vestry Offering Chair

8 a.m. Mr. B. Ray Summerell
9:30 a.m. Mr. Edwin H. Culver
11:30 a.m. Mr. Douglas P. McManamy

Ushers

9:30 a.m. Mr. John Bradshaw & Mr. Robert Sparks
11:30 a.m. Mr. Frank Somoskey & Mr. Hugh Pope

Choir

9:30 a.m. Choir of Girls & Schola Choir
11:30 a.m. Choir of Adults

Chancel Society

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea)
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland
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