



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

4:00PM

CHORAL EVENSONG

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

The setting of the Preces and Responses is by Katherine Webb (b. 1990)

The Canticles are the Evening Service in B-flat Major by Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

VOLUNTARY: Five Short Pieces

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

I. Allegretto

II. Folk Tune

ENTRANCE ANTHEM

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
that with Thy wonted favour,
Thou wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our sight,
from Fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
that spot of sin we may not know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Words: attr. St. Ambrose (d. 397)

Music: Nancy Faxon (1914-2005)

The People stand as the procession enters the Nave.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 23

The Officiant bids the confession, the People kneel, and the following Confession is said by All

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 Priest alone stands and pronounces the absolution, to which the People respond

Amen.

All remain kneeling and say together

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 24

THE PRECES *(sung by the Officiant and Choir)*

✠ 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.

Office Hymn 100 "The Sabbath day was by"

DEXTER STREET

THE PSALM APPOINTED

The People sit for the singing of the Psalm and stand at the Gloria Patri.

Psalm 63 *Deus, Deus meus*

BCP, p. 414

Music: Edgar Day (1891-1983)

THE FIRST LESSON: Daniel 6:1-28

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree. Now when Daniel knew that the writing

was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

The People stand at the Gloria Patri

CANTICLE: Magnificat

BCP, p. 26

The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON: Matthew 28:1–20

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene

and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The People stand at the Gloria Patri

CANTICLE: Nunc dimittis

BCP, p. 28

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*said by all*)

BCP, p. 29

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 (*sung by the Officiant and Choir*)

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

✠ Let us pray.

The People kneel, and the Choir continues

✠ Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung 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.
✠ 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.
✠ Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
✠ O God, make clean our hearts within us.
✠ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS *(sung by the Officiant and Choir)*

Keep we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FINAL RESPONSES *(sung by the Officiant and Choir)*

✠ The Lord be with you.
✠ And with thy spirit.
✠ Let us bless the Lord.
✠ Thanks be to God.

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;
Answer and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Officiant May they rest in peace.
Answer Amen.

The Officiant continues with

The ✠ grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE GREETING

THE ANTHEM

When Mary thro' the garden went,
There was no sound of any bird,
And yet, because the night was spent,
The little grasses lightly stirred,
The flowers awoke, the lilies heard.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
The dew lay still on flower and grass,
The waving palms above her sent
Their fragrance out as she did pass.
No light upon their branches was.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
Her eyes were dim.
The grass beneath her footsteps bent,
The solemn lilies, white and slim,
These also stood and wept for him.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
She sought within the garden ground,
One for whom her heart was rent,
One who for her sake was bound,
One who sought, and she was found.

Words: Mary Coleridge (1861-1907)
Music: Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (*said by All*)

✠ The Lord be with you.
✠ And with thy spirit.
✠ Let us pray.

The People kneel and then continue together

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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Officiant pronounces a blessing to which the People respond

Amen.

The People stand and join in singing

Hymn 165 “All praise to thee, my God this night”

TALLIS CANON

VOLUNTARY: Five Short Pieces
V. Pæan

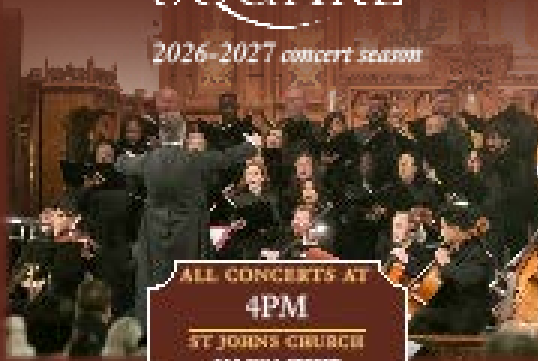
Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

The People remain standing until the procession has departed the Nave.

Following the liturgy, please join us in the Green-Meldrim House for a reception and time of fellowship.

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