



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

OCTOBER 11, 2026

11:00 AM

MORNING PRAYER

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

VOLUNTARY: Ricercar in F-sharp Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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 288 "O worship the King"

HANOVER

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 (*sung by the Choir*)

BCP, p. 9
Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

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

THE PSALMS APPOINTED (*said by All*)

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi* BCP, p. 513

Psalm 141 *Domine, clamavi* BCP, p. 517

At the conclusion of each 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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Leviticus 19:1-18

In those days: the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God. And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord, ye shall offer it at your own will. It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire. And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted. Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the Lord: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour. Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the Lord. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

The People stand and join in singing

CANTICLE: Te Deum (*sung by All*)

BCP, p. 10; Hymnal, p. 708, Setting C

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS:

Ephesians 4:17–32

BCP, p. 216

Matthew 9:1–8

BCP, p. 216

The People stand and join in singing

CANTICLE: Benedictus (*sung by All*)

BCP, p. 14; Hymnal, p. 717, Setting 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.

✠ 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. 215, 17

The Officiant says the Collects and may add other prayers (pp. 17-18 & 35-46), to each the People respond
 Amen.

The Officiant continues with the prayers for the faithful departed

<i>Officiant</i>	Of your charity, I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed: Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;
<i>People</i>	and let light perpetual shine upon them.
<i>Officiant</i>	May they rest in peace.
<i>People</i>	Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP, p. 20

The Officiant continues with

THE GRACE

BCP, p. 20

The People respond

Amen.

The People sit for

THE NOTICES

The People stand and join in singing

Hymn 517 "Thine arm, O Lord"

ST. MATTHEW

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

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
 and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
 that he may bide with you forever: even the spirit of truth.

Words: John 14:15-17
 Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

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

Hymn 512 "Eternal Father, strong to save"

MELITA

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: Improvisation on *Melita*

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.

MUSIC NOTE

The song known to United States Navy men and women as the “Navy Hymn,” is a musical benediction that long has had a special appeal to seafaring men, particularly in the American Navy and the royal navies of the British Commonwealth and which, in more recent years, has become a part of French naval tradition.

The original words were written as a hymn by a schoolmaster and clergyman of the Church of England, the Reverend William Whiting. Reverend Whiting (1825–1878) resided on the English coast near the sea and had once survived a furious storm in the Mediterranean. His experiences inspired him to pen the ode, *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*. In the following year, 1861, the words were adapted to music by another English clergyman, the Reverend John B. Dykes (1823–1876), who had originally written the music as *Melita* (ancient name for the Mediterranean island of Malta). Reverend Dykes’ name may be recognized as that of the composer given credit for the music to many other well-known hymns, including *Holy, Holy, Holy; Lead, kindly light; Jesus, lover of my soul; and Nearer, my God to thee*.

The hymn, entitled *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, is found in most Protestant hymnals. The words have been changed several times since the original hymn by Reverend Whiting was first published in 1860–61. One will find that the verses as now published differ from the original primarily in the choice of one or two words in several lines of each verse. The Hymnal 1940, save a few minor grammatical edits, sets the original text written by Reverend Whiting.