



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH

THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

OCTOBER 4, 2026

4:00PM

SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

*This service is offered in honour of Savannah's First Responders on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels,
the patron saint of First Responders.*

We remember with gratitude the service of retired K9 Dooley, who was laid to rest May 29, 2026

The setting of the Preces and Responses is by Maxine Thévenot (b. 1969)

The Canticles are the Evening Service in F Major by George Dyson (1883-1964)

VOLUNTARY: Sonata in G Major, Op. 28

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

III. *Andante espressivo*

ENTRANCE ANTHEM

Angels holy, high and lowly,
Sing the praises of the Lord;
Earth and sky, all living nature,
Starry temples azure-floored,
Man, the stamp of thy Creator,
Praise ye, praise ye, God the Lord.

Words: John Blackie (1809-1895)

Music: William Douglas (b. 1994)

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.

The People join in singing

Office Hymn 122 "Angels and ministers"

SLANE

THE PSALM APPOINTED

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

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

BCP, p. 466

Music: Henry Davies (1869-1941)

THE FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 6:8-17

Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

The People stand at the Gloria Patri

CANTICLE: Magnificat

BCP, p. 26

The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 5:1–14

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

The People stand at the Gloria Patri

CANTICLE: Nunc dimittis

BCP, p. 28

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*said by all*)

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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)*

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; 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 says the following prayer for First Responders

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; We give thee thanks for all who, in times of peril, hasten to the aid of others, risking their own lives to preserve and protect their neighbours. Grant them wisdom and sound judgment in the discharge of their duties, presence of mind amid confusion, and courage in the face of danger. Defend them from harm; preserve them from panic; and uphold them when their strength is spent. When they are troubled by the suffering they have witnessed, grant them relief and healing. Comfort and sustain their families and all who love them; quiet their fears, and fill their hearts with thy peace. And grant us grace to honour and support those who serve us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Officiant continues with the prayers for the faithful departed

Of your charity, I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, and especially for the repose of those of first responders of this city who have died in the past year; upon whose souls, and the souls of all the faithful, may God have mercy.

The Priest then reads the Necrology

NATHANIEL FRAZIER *(Retired Battalion Chief)*

ERNEST CLAYTON MAYNOR, JR. *(Retired Corporal)*

Priest And those whom we have forgotten, do thou, O Lord, remember.

Rest ✠ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

People and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest May they rest in peace.

People Amen.

The period of silence is kept before the Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.

Words: Lawrence Binyon (1869-1943)

Music: Douglas Guest (1916-1996)

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

Bright beings from the realm of light,
Messengers from Lord of Might!
Silent as dawn and swift as sound,
Your presence shines where God is found.
Unseen as air, in fiery power,
Angelic hordes make demons cower,
And won with Christ in holy fight
Salvation's gift from human plight.
The sun's bright beams bring light to earth,
And angels bless our pain and mirth,
May angel hosts transport us high
To God in heaven when we die.

Words: Keith Walker (1933-2013)

Music: Simon Lole (b. 1957)

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 600 “Ye holy angels bright”

DARWALL

VOLUNTARY: Festival Fanfare

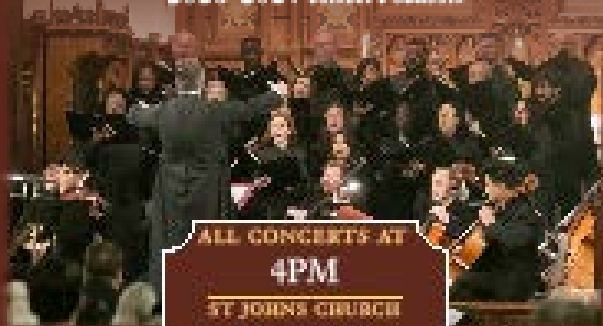
Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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

*Following the liturgy, please join us in the Mall for a reception, games,
and an opportunity to meet our local first responders.*

MUSIC ON MADISON SQUARE

2026-2027 concert season



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4PM

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OCTOBER 18TH - CHARLOTTE MASTER CHORALE CHAMBER SINGERS

Performing works by Charles Ives, and Peter Dinklage by David Lang

DECEMBER 20TH - CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S with the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

- Bach's Cantata 140, "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"
- Corelli's Christmas Concerto
- Other Christmas Choral Favorites

JANUARY 31ST - THE GEORGIA BOY CHOIR in memory of Stella Simmons

The full boy choir (including the young men) made a return to St. John's to perform!

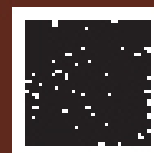
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