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OLD JOHANNIAN MASS



GAUDY DAY | SATURDAY 8 JULY 2023

Celebrant **The Revd Fr Thapelo Masemola** | Preacher **The Revd Fr Angus Paterson**
Conductors **Dr Ben Oosthuizen & Mr Sidumo Nyamezele**
Organists **Mr Cameron Upchurch & Dr Elise Lemmer**
The Old Johannian Choir | St John's College Choir | Schola Cantorum

OLD JOHANNIANS DEPARTED

Michael Rademeyer	Thomson 1958	3 May 2022
John Clarke	Thomson 1966	2 Jul 2022
Quintin Davis	Hill 1956	7 Jul 2022
Patrick Dickson	Hill 1959	24 July 2022
Peter Beart	Hill 1959	July 2022
John Kane-Berman	Alston 1962, Sixth Form 1963	July 2022
Tim Waring	Hill 1958	8 August 22
Nick Irvine	Clarke 1997	13 August 2022
Matthew Baerveldt	Thomson 1958	22 August 2022
Richard van Copenhangen	Nash 1958	August 2022
Charles Combrink	Clarke 1975	6 September 2022
Dr John Milne	Hill 1957, Sixth Form 1958	September 2022
Dr Anthony Meyers	Hill 1950, Sixth Form 1951	October 2022
Juliano Mordoh	Sixth Form 2020	November 2022
Sonwabile Makaula	UIV Hodgson 2022	5 January 2023
John Gordon	Nash 1953	29 January 2023
Kiernan Jarryd Forbes	Alston 2006	10 February 2023
Father Ian Macintosh	Nash 1946	March 2023
Peter Lapping	Nash 1958, Sixth Form 1959	15 May 2023
Donald Gibson	Alston 1993	11 June 202

The mass setting for this morning's liturgy is Widor's Mass for Two Choirs and Two Organs. Between 1872 and 1880, Widor wrote monumental choral works which were performed at Saint-Sulpice, Paris. He made use of both organs in the church, a four-part choir, as well as a seminarian choir of baritones.

The *Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei* will be sung by the Choir of Baritones, consisting of Old Johannians and members of the College Choir, as well as an SATB choir, Schola Cantorum of the College choir and Preparatory Senior Trebles.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Cantilene Religieuse - Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

INTROIT

New English Hymnal 368 – Guide me, O thou great redeemer

INTRODUCTION

An Anglican Prayer Book (APB)
Page 104 and 106, Paragraphs 1, 13 and 14

Kyrie and Gloria are sung by the choir.
The congregation remains seated.

The congregation stands for the collect.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The congregation is seated for the readings.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Hebrews 12: 1-3

PSALM 150: APB, Page 992
Sung by choir and congregation

GRADUAL: Hymns for today's Church 336 –
Bring to the Lord a glad new song

THE GOSPEL: St John 20:24-31
Page 107, Paragraph 21 – *responses are said.*

SERMON*Fr Angus Paterson***THE COMMEMORATION OF BENEFACTORS**

Let us give thanks to God Almighty for all his goodness to St John's College in time past. Among these, we remember especially all who in the First and Second World Wars laid down their lives; those who died while in the service of their country; and those who have departed this life since last we met them on Gaudy day.

The list of names in respect of these is read.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Response for each petition: Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us

THE PEACE

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OFFERTORY HYMN

New English Hymnal - 417 O God our help in ages past

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Third Eucharistic Prayer:
Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus, followed by Benedictus)
- Page 122, Paragraph 71.
Sung by choir.

The Lord's Prayer – plainchant - Page 126, Paragraph 77.
Sung by choir and congregation.

THE COMMUNION

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)
- Page 127, Paragraph 80. *Sung by choirs.*

Bawo Thixo Somandla
- Xhosa Lord God Almighty (A plea song).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER**PRESENTATION OF GOLDEN EAGLE AWARDS TO:**

Dr Gus Mills (Alston 1963)
The Thompson Family

RECESSIONAL HYMN: THE SCHOOL HYMN**ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SCHOOL HYMN**
Collegium S. Johannis

Lord God our Father, who art Light, Life and Love,
Look down on our College in love from above;
Pray make it a home where, with Thee its true head,
Sound learning may flourish and goodwill be bred.

Lord, for its sons may its purpose remain.
Their minds, bodies, characters rightly to train –
That all true Johannians go forth from its gate.
Equipped well to serve Thee in Church and in State.

May all our wants still by Thee be supplied
With bountiful increase should Thou so decide,
Let Thy holy angels drive evil away
And guard Saint John's College, For Thy Son's sake we pray.

Words: John Harris (OJ)
Music: Irish Traditional Melody
(Based on the School Prayer of Rev. James Okey Nash – 1906)

Postlude:
Sortie in D - Cesar Franck (1822-1890)
played by Luke Yazbek (UV Hodgson)

2023 GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD WINNERS



Gus and Margie Mills

Dr Gus Mills

Dr Michael "Gus" Mills (Alston 1963) has spent more than 40 years studying African ecology, focusing on Africa's large carnivores, a subject in which he is recognised as a world authority. As an essential component in conservation planning, his work seeks to unpack the functional relationships between predators, their prey and the environment to better understand community dynamics, ecosystem functions and adaptation.

Over the years, his work has contributed to improved national park management, spurred a "citizen science" movement in South Africa, and mentored a new generation of scientists. Through his extensive writings, talks, interviews and involvement in documentary films, Gus has made an invaluable contribution to natural history, science and education.

From 1989 to 2006, Gus was a member of the Kruger National Park's Conservation Management Committee, and he made major contributions to devising management plans for both the Kgalagadi and Kruger national parks. During this time, he coordinated a watershed workshop between the IUCN African Elephant Specialist Group and the Kruger National Park to discuss elephant culling, which had been a central management strategy in the park for 30 years. The workshop resulted in the Kruger ending its elephant culling practice and saw a significant decrease in artificially providing water throughout the park. These changes led to a far more ecosystem-orientated approach to the park's management.

Gus served as an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria for ten years, where he supervised several MSc and PhD theses, and he was also a research associate and PhD supervisor at the UK's Oxford University. He founded and was the first chairman of the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Carnivore Conservation Group.

Apart from participating in and coordinating numerous conservation workshops, Gus has been active in several international conservation programmes and has served on numerous IUCN carnivore specialist groups and other committees responsible for conservation in various African countries.

A prolific writer, he has published two definitive studies on large African carnivores - *Kalahari hyaenas; the comparative behavioural ecology of two species* (Unwin Hyman) and *Kalahari Cheetahs: adaptations to an arid region* (Oxford University Press). He has also published 153 peer-reviewed scientific papers, book chapters and IUCN reports on a wide range of topics on carnivore ecology, behaviour and the conservation aspects relevant to all large African carnivores, as well as several smaller species. The 1998 Encyclopaedia Britannica Book of the Year lauded his research publications on the Kruger Park wild dogs as one of the most significant zoological findings in the world in 1998. He has presented more than 100 papers at conferences, symposia, seminars and workshops locally and internationally, several times as the keynote or invited speaker.

In 1989, Gus pioneered citizen science in South Africa. In his wild dog and cheetah population surveys, he enlisted the help of tourists to the Kruger National Park, asking them to provide photographs of individuals they encountered in the park. This successful programme continues to this day and has been vital in monitoring the population trends of these species in the Kruger.

Gus has been a valuable mentor to SANParks staff, including junior scientists, as part of SANParks transformation policy, the Lewis Foundation's Human Capital Development Strategy for Biodiversity, and South Africa's Department of Higher Education and Training's nGAP programme. As part of a social upliftment programme, he has also supported the San community in the Kalahari, employing trackers and supporting a young San trackers' development programme. Gus and his wife, Margie, have published three popular scientific books: *Hyena Nights and Kalahari Days* (Jacana Media), *A Natural History Guide to the Arid Kalahari* (Black Eagle Media), and *Fast Cats on Red Sands – a story about Kalahari Cheetahs and their Researchers* (Crocota Publishers).

In 2016, Gus received a Wildlife Excellence Award from the Southern African Wildlife Management Association.

Not one to slouch, in 2021, Gus became the oldest man to climb Africa's third-highest peak, Margherita (5 100m), in the Ruwenzori Mountains of Uganda.

Dr Gus Mills is a worthy recipient of the 2023 Golden Eagle Award.



Eric Speechley Thompson (Hill, 1912)

The Thompson family

Eric Speechley, Norah and Eric Courtenay Thompson

Eric Speechley Thompson (Hill, 1912) was among the first boys to enter St John's. Fr Nash had visited his parents and urged them to send their sons to the tiny school near the Union Grounds in central Johannesburg. Although not brilliant at sports, Eric was active in the annual presentations of Shakespeare's plays.

After matriculating in 1912, Eric, like most able-bodied young men, joined for active duty in the Great War. Eric served as a machine gunner in East Africa, keeping a diary that was published. After the war in 1919, he joined the Anglo American Corporation, where he met his wife-to-be, Norah.

In 1920, Eric became involved in the Old Johannesburg Association, to which he delivered extraordinary service over the years. With Fr Thomson, he originated the Johannesburg Magazine. He was instrumental in raising funds for the beautiful wooden panels in the Memorial Chapel and Bishop Nash's crozier and chair. He donated the fine chandeliers in the cloisters, the regimental silver for the Cadet parades and the large "Thompson" pots at the top of the Amphitheatre. Eric wrote a rich history of the Old Johannesburg Association spanning 73 years — *Let Me Tell You: The Story of the First 73 Years of the Old Johannesburg Association* (1976) — published in 1976. He later served on the St John's College Council.

Eric served for 40 years in the 2nd Transvaal Scottish Battalion, which he commanded as Colonel. Despite his age, he even served during the Second World War. He remained humble, according to mentions in dispatches and after the war, he became a leader in mobilising opposition to the racist policies of South Africa's National Party. He was a leader in the Torch Commando, which later became the Labour Party.

During his time at Anglo American, Eric served as the secretary and treasurer of the Anglo American Chairman's Fund, which served to empower many South Africans. On his 100th birthday, Anglo American provided a sumptuous lunch and arranged for 100 pipers and 50 officers from various regiments to march up to his house as a tribute to his lifelong military service. On this occasion, the Old Johannesburg Association donated R1 000 in his name to the Anglican Education Fund and initiated the Eric Thompson Sixth Form Bursary.

In a letter thanking the headmaster for the good wishes on his 100th birthday, Eric wrote: "Thus ended a memorable day in this wicked world – a world, however, which is sweetened by the God-given love and kindness in the hearts of many people."

He was a man who gave a lifetime of service to others and his country.

His wife Nora worked tirelessly for the Old Johannesburg Association before she married Eric, performing secretarial duties and washing and ironing the chapel linen. Norah is the only woman who has received honorary life membership of the Old Johannesburg Association in recognition of all she had done for St John's.

During the war, she served as the Chairman of the Transvaal Scottish Welfare Fund. She visited the relatives of men who had died Pro Patria, saw to the welfare of the men in the field and organised comfort parcels for prisoners of war. She was an active fundraiser for the Red Cross and arranged Christmas parties for the Regiment's children. She is mentioned in the Regimental history of the Transvaal Scottish for her inspiring leadership.

After the war, she did not rest, actively participating in the Black Sash movement.

Eric and Norah's son, Eric Courtenay Thompson, Hill, (1949), concluded the rich family tradition of philanthropy with his remarkably generous bequest to future generations of Johannesburgians.

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