

*The Chapel of the Good Shepherd*  
ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
19 March 2023



## MORNING PRAYER

**Voluntary** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Mark Jones

**Hymn** Forty days and forty nights

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

### **The Opening Sentences**

*The officiant begins the service with one or more of the following*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:8, 9

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. - Joel 2:13

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." - Mark 8:34

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Preces

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## Deus, Deus meus

Psalm 63:1-8

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

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## Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Reader* A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom

I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle** *Fear No Evil*

[\*The Work of the People\*](#)

**The Second Lesson**

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Reader* A reading from Ephesians.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Response** Create in Me a Clean Heart

D.E. Adams

**Gospel**

John 9:1-41

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and

now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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 Prayers for the People**

*Litanist*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all those on our parish prayer lists and any others you name now silently or in the chat.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*The officiant concludes the prayers*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life**

*The people pray together for all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **The Lenten Prayer**

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*A member of the clergy dismisses the people and the people respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The officiant concludes with one of the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *-2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *-Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *-Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Hymn** Lord, who throughout these forty days

*St. Flavian*

**Voluntary** *Toccata in D (Dorian), BWV 538*

J.S. Bach

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Youth Group Today at 1 p.m. in St. John's Commons**

The Youth Group will meet today at 1 p.m. We will make food for the LUM Emergency Shelter and study the story of the feeding of the 5000.

## **Lenten Home Eucharists**

St. John's will be having potluck meals and home Eucharists on Wednesdays in March from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

- Wednesday, March 22 Host: Cindy Gerlach and Gary Mueller-520 S 9th Street, Lafayette
- Wednesday, March 29 Host: Robert Kurtz-1420 N 28th Street, Lafayette

Our conversations will center around Kate Bowler's Lenten devotion "Bless the Lent we Actually Have." For more information, please contact Bradley Pace at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## **Stations of the Cross—Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

This Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m., St. John's will host an observance of the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are a series of devotions following Jesus' path toward Golgotha and to his crucifixion. These devotions have been observed by pilgrims in Jerusalem for many hundreds of years. They make for a poignant and moving Lenten practice.

## **Acolyte & Eucharistic Minister Training—Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at St. John's**

Help lead and support our community's beautiful worship by serving as an Acolyte or Lay Eucharist Minister. We will host a training session on Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. in the church. In addition to prospective adult acolytes and LEMs, children and youth are invited to attend. For more information, contact Bradley Pace at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## **"Bless the Lent We Actually Have" Online Lenten Formation with Chapel of the Good Shepherd Continues March 28 at 7 p.m.**

During Lent, Good Shepherd will host online discussions using Kate Bowler's Lenten devotional "Bless the Lent We Actually Have." The devotional — which can be found at [katebowler.com/blessthislent/](http://katebowler.com/blessthislent/) and used privately or in a group — includes scripture, discussion questions, and opportunities to reflect on our Lenten journey. Hilary Cooke will lead meetings on Tuesday nights (3/28, 4/4, 4/11) during Lent at 7 p.m. For more information go to [www.goodshep.org](http://www.goodshep.org) or contact Hilary Cooke at [hilary@goodshep.org](mailto:hilary@goodshep.org).

## **Discipleship Groups Information Meetings**

### **Sunday, March 26 after the 10:30 a.m. service (in-person) & 7 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Join Bradley for a conversation about "Discipleship Groups" forming at St. John's. Information meetings will take place on Sunday, March 26th. An in-person meeting will take place in St. John's Commons after the 10:30 service. A Zoom option will take place on Sunday March 26th at 7 p.m. (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81033834547>).

Group members will commit to meeting "for a season" (a set number of meetings or period of time) and will focus on the core practices of the Christian tradition. While there is a process and a framework, there is a great deal of flexibility to allow groups to focus their energy as will be most helpful for them. If now is not a good time for you, but you are interested, don't worry. Discipleship Groups will be an on-going part of our community's way of being—an on-going part of discerning where God is at work in our lives and in the world and how to join God in that work.

## **Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build**

15 churches are coming together to support this year's Apostle Build. Together, we will build a house with Brenda Walker and her son Jacob. Use the QR code to the right to volunteer as an individual. St. John's also plans to volunteer as a team (likely in late April or early May). Folks can also volunteer to help provide lunch at the jobsite. Contact Jack Kueberth or Dee Kueberth for more information. Thank you for your willingness to serve with Habitat for Humanity. We believe everyone should have a decent place to live. We look forward to serving with you as we help provide affordable housing for families.



# PARISH PRAYER LIST

## St. John's Cycle of Prayer

Ray & Mary Kay McCauley, Greg & Maggie McClure, Jennifer McDonald, Bill & Olynn McInerney, Roy Meeks

## Parish Prayer List

Pam Ogorzaly, Roy Meeks, Kathie Basden, Dean Hunter, Carolyn Speer, Alyce Dressler, Camp & Comfort Gordinier, Rose Marie Goonewardene, Janet Huber, Barbara Hess, Debby Lindenlaub, Carol Helgerman, Douglas Campbell, Ginny Hull, Jean Redd, Paul Lawson, Barbara Cantwell, Pequita Behrndt, John Howland, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Sally Byrn, Jim Bodenmiller, Sue Eichhorn, Peggy, Noah, Roz, John, Loagan, Kristine, Bunny, Chris, Josh, Mark, Barb, Jim, Elise, Mike, Judy, Maddie, Ben, Molly, Alice, Monica, Fred, Brad, Jenny, John & Martie, Jack, Emily and Justin, Teressa & Steve, Bess, Gerry, Rhianna, Rosemary, Ben, Deb, Stanley, and their families.

For peace in all places of conflict, for the victims of violence, and for repair, understanding, and healing across our nation and in our community.

## For those who have died

For all who have died including Neil, Rob, and those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden

## The leaders of our Communion

Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

## St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian

The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff  
Eva, Michael, & Teresa  
Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

## Our Ministry Partners

The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio  
The Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon

## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis

## This nation and all in authority

Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and John, our mayors



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