

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023 · 9:00 AM

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



MORNING PRAYER

Voluntary Concerto in B Minor: *Allegro*

Johann Walther

Hymn O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

-Psalm 118:24

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-1 Corinthians 15:57

The officiant continues

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Pascha Nostrum

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Psalm 66:7-18

7. Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8. Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.
9. For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10. You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12. I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
14. Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15. I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.
16. If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
17. But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.

The First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Reader A reading from Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him

we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Another Advocate

The Work of the People

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

Michael Bennett

V. Open our hearts, O Lord; to listen to the words of your Son.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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 of the People

In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Church brought to life by the Holy Spirit, that in its diversity it may witness to one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ was put to death and was raised, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the Gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying, those who have died, and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the communities of Good Shepherd and St. John's, that we may see the tomb empty, experience the presence of the risen Christ, and walk joyfully in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

The presider continues

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Gift of Motherhood

On Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood. We pray for all the mothers among us today: For our own mothers, those living and those who have died; For the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; For all single mothers making sacrifices for their children; For all who hope to be mothers someday, and for those whose hopes to have children have been frustrated; For all mothers who have given children for adoption, and in so doing, allowed another to become a parent; For all mothers who have lost children; For all step-mothers; For all of any gender who have mothered others in any way; for those who have been our substitute mothers and for us who have done so for those in need. And we give thanks for our mother earth, that provides us with sustenance and the bounties of God's grace; We pray this all in the name of our one, holy and living God, who loves us like a mother. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Announcements from Good Shepherd

Announcements from St. John's

Thanksgiving for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other Milestones

Please use the chat feature to announce birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones to be celebrated.

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 Blessing

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people. The people respond.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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, dismiss us with thy blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

Voluntary *Trumpet Tune in G* *Sam Batt Owens*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome our guest preacher Jennifer Shook from LTHC

Jennifer Shook, Chief Development Officer at LTHC Homeless Services, joins us today to talk about LTHC's work in the Greater Lafayette community. Please join her for a Rector's Forum after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Rector's Forum on "A Covenant to root out racism"

As Bradley wrote in the May *Eagle*, the St. John's Vestry has been discussing "A Covenant to root out racism", an anti-racism covenant created by the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson and adopted at our Diocesan Convention in 2022. This covenant begins with our laments (particularly the things we have done and left undone) and our commitments (the promises we make to do better going forward). You are invited to read more about the Covenant at www.diocesemo.org/blog/anti-racism-covenant/.

After the 1030 service on Sunday, May 21, Bradley will lead a discussion of the Covenant. A second session will take place on **Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom** (zoom link forthcoming).

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Each year, Bread for the World holds an Offering of Letters campaign that engages churches in writing personalized letters to Congress on issues related to hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Yesterday after services, we several folks gathered to write letters asking Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young and Representative Jim Baird to include policies in this year's Farm Bill reauthorization that will bring nutrition access to those that need it most in America.

If you weren't able to write letters at church, you can still participate. Go to www.bread.org/offering-letters/ for more information about this year's offering. After you drop your letters in the mail, email Becky Dick at beckydick.wl@gmail.com and let her know. She's tracking St. John's efforts so we can report them to Bread for the World.



Pentecost Sunday, May 28

"Put on your red dress, baby!" and join Christians around the world as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the empowering of the Church's life and witness. Wear red to celebrate the fire of God's love and the mission of the Church. Services will be at 8 a.m., 9 a.m. (via Zoom), and 10:30 a.m. We will be joined by our friends from Good Shepherd AND have ice cream sundaes after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, June 4

St. John's summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, June 4. Morning Prayer with Good Shepherd will be at 9 a.m. via Zoom, and Holy Eucharist will be at 10 a.m.

Register for Pride Parade and Festival—Saturday, June 10

The Indy Pride Festival is set for Saturday, June 10. The schedule of events includes 9 a.m. Prayer Service at Chatham Commons Park, 10 a.m. Parade, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Diocesan Booth. Volunteers are needed to march in the parade, staff the diocesan booth at the festival, or both. Registration is required to march in the parade or volunteer for a booth shift. Go to indydio.org/event/indy-pride-parade-and-festival-2/ to register.

Participants are encouraged to increase our visibility by wearing their IndyDio Pride t-shirts. New shirts are available to order for home delivery. The order deadline is May 16 so they can arrive in time to wear for the Indy Pride Parade. Go to www.bonfire.com/indy-episcopal-pride-shirts-2023/ to order a shirt.

Please contact Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale at brendan@indydio.org with any questions.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

St. John's Cycle of Prayer

Karen Huber, Ginny Hull, Dean Hunter, Bethany & Garrett Jackson and their children Garrett, Hunter, & Maxwell, Linda Jeffries, Bruce & Kathy Johnson

Parish Prayer List

Jim Bodenmiller, Ginny Hull, Janet Huber, Sue Eichhorn, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Barbara Cantwell, Dean Hunter, Jean Redd, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Kathie Basden, Pequita Behrndt, Alyce Dressler, Douglas Campbell, Pam Ogorzaly, John Howland, Roy Meeks, Barbara Hess, Paul Lawson, Camp & Comfort Gordinier, Carolyn Speer, Carol Helgerman, Deb, Ben, Rosemary, Rhianna, Jane, Loagan, Bunny, Josh, Chris, Paul, and their families.

For peace in Sudan, Ukraine, and 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 Jenny 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 Church of the Province of West Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. John's, Washington

This nation and all in authority

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



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