



## The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

16 July 2023 · 9:00 AM

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

### MORNING PRAYER

#### **Voluntary** *Reverie*

**Hymn** Come, ye thankful people, come

Louis Vierne  
*St. George's, Windsor*

#### **The Opening Sentences**

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

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

-*John 4:24*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

-*Habakkuk 2:20*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

-*Philippians 1:2*

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

*The officiant continues*

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise:

**And your glory all the day long.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

God is the Rock of our salvation: **O come let us worship.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

**For you are a great God; you are great above all gods.**

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

**The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

**Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

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## Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14

*Te decet hymnus*

1. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
2. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,  
because of their transgressions.
3. Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you will blot them out.
4. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

5. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
6. You make fast the mountains by your power;  
they are girded about with might.
7. You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
8. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
9. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water.
10. You prepare the grain,  
for so you provide for the earth.
11. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
12. You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
13. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
14. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

### **The First Reading**

Isaiah 55:10-13

*Reader* A reading from Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Canticle** *The Sower*

The Work of the People

### **The Second Reading**

Romans 8:1-11

*Reader* A reading from Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Gospel**

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*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, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**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,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and 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 Prayers of the People**

Hear our cry, O God.

**And listen to our prayer.**

Let us pray.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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**

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 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.**

## The Blessing

### The Dismissal

*A member of the clergy dismisses the people. 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** Almighty God, your word is cast

*Walden*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Prayers of the People “Reset”

The prayers for the sick have been “reset”. Those who request prayers are reminded of their responsibility to share with us “how it goes” for the persons for whom you ask us to pray. Please, pass word to the clergy or email the office.

### Follow-Up for Discipleship Groups

Discernment is about finding how God is at work in the world and how we might get involved with that work. Where do I see God? What is God doing? How is God calling me to use my gifts? Who is God calling me to be? What is God calling me to do? How can we do this discernment work intentionally?

One way is to form “Discipleship Groups”. Discipleship Groups function as a kind of accountability group. Members ask one another: Which Christian practices do you need to emphasize in your life right now? Are you following through on your commitments to these practices? How can we support you in fulfilling your commitments? How can we call you back to the work you have committed yourself to do? And while discernment is singled out as one of the practices, the entire process is really shot through with those above questions.

If you are interested in being a part of a Discipleship Group at St. John's, please go to <https://forms.gle/mE4YsEnfmS7FBhWt8> for more information and fill out the form/questionnaire. You can also contact Fr. Bradley directly or just create a group. Groups commit to meeting “for a season” (a set number of meetings or period of time). And while there is a process and a framework, groups can meet in any number of ways (weekly, monthly/via Zoom or in-person, etc.) and focus their energy as will be most helpful for them.

Hopefully, this will be an ongoing part of our community’s way of being — an ongoing part of discerning where God is at work in our lives and in the world and how to join God in that work.

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

## St. John's Cycle of Prayer

Robert Kurtz and his daughter Sarah, Carol L'Homme, Brent & Elizabeth Ladd, Keith & Samantha LeGrand

## Parish Prayer List

Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Carol Helgerman, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Carolyn Speer, Douglas Campbell, Barbara Hess, Pequita Behrndt, Roy Meeks, Sue Eichhorn, Dean Hunter, Janet Huber, John Howland, Rose Marie Goonewardene, Pam Ogorzaly, Ginny Hull, Kathie Basden, Jim Bodenmiller, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Loagan, Caitlin & Ed, Joy, 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 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 Canada

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Stephen's, New Harmony

## This nation and all in authority

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



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