



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

23 July 2023 · 9:00 AM

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

MORNING PRAYER

Hymn Praise to the living God!

Leoni

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 139:1-11, 22-23

1. Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
2. You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4. You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
6. Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
7. If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
8. If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
9. Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.
10. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
11. Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
22. Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
23. Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

Reader A reading from Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

The Work of the People

The Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Reader A reading from Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim
Voluntary *A Trumpet Minuet*

Paderborn
Alfred Hollins



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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.

Great Lafayette Indiana Black Expo—Backpack Giveaway & Carnival

Saturday, July 29th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Ivy Tech Community College (3101 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette). Join the Greater Lafayette Indiana Black Expo for games, entertainment, and free bookbags and school supplies.

Worship in the Park and Parish Picnic

Sunday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. at Happy Hollow Park

The Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 13, at Happy Hollow Park. Look for more details forthcoming. Holy Eucharist will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the parish picnic. Please bring a dish to share.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

St. John's Cycle of Prayer

Julie Peretin and her children Ezra, Elena, & Esther, Don Pilcher and Annis Householder, Raymond Polstra, Jean Redd, David Riesbeck, Paul & Jo Roberts, Stuart & Bonnie Robertson

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, Rebekah Sims, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Loagan, Caitlin & Ed, Joy, Jane, Martie & John, Scott, John, 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 Church of the Province of Central Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Augustine's, Danville

This nation and all in authority

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



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