



## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

3 September 2023 · 9:00 AM

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

### MORNING PRAYER

**Voluntary** *Andante Religioso*

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#### **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 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**

1. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
3. Glory in his holy Name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4. Search for the Lord and his strength;  
continually seek his face.
5. Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6. O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
23. Israel came into Egypt,  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24. The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;  
he made them stronger than their enemies;
25. Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26. He sent Moses his servant,  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
45. That they might keep his statutes  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

**The First Reading**

Exodus 3:1-15

*Reader* A reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of

Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle** *Earth as the Original Liturgy*

The Work of the People

**The Second Reading**

Romans 12:9-21

*Reader*     A reading from Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Reader*     Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and 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** What wondrous love is this

*Wondrous Love*



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Support the 2023 Hunger Hike—Sunday, September 17 at Riehle Plaza 1 p.m. Event & 2 p.m. Hike:** Hunger Hike is an annual community fundraising event whose mission is to Raise Awareness & Make a Difference in the Fight Against Hunger — locally, regionally & globally. Use the QR code to support the St. John's Team Page.

## **EWM Fall 2023 Women's Retreat**

The Diocese of Indianapolis' Episcopal Women's Ministries invites you join us September 22-24 for the IndyDio Women's Self-care Weekend at Waycross. Information cards can be found in St. John's Commons (on the table outside the kitchen). If you have questions, please contact Charlene Watson at 765.474.9101 or [cel.watson@comcast.net](mailto:cel.watson@comcast.net). Register or find more information at [bit.ly/Retreat2023EWM](https://bit.ly/Retreat2023EWM).

## **Book Fair – September 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

Former Sunday school and church library books are available in the Commons. Select books and make a donation to Jubilee Christmas.

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

**St. John's Cycle of Prayer** Jim & Sandy Bodenmiller, Sally Boniece, Vicki Bower, Carla & Rick Bowerman and their children Sadie, Sam, and Ellie, Sue Bracey

**Parish Prayer List-** Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Carol Helgerman, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Carolyn Speer, Barbara Hess, Pequita Behrndt, Roy Meeks, Sue Eichhorn, Dean Hunter, Janet Huber, John Howland, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Pam Ogorzaly, Ginny Hull, Helen Slagel, Don Nead, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Loagan, Caitlin & Ed, Joy, Martie & John, Scott, John, Julie, Corey, Jerry & Sandra, Marcus, Lori, Deb, Laura, 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** - 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; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; and Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

**Our Ministry Partners** - The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; and St. Paul's, Richmond

**This nation and all in authority** - Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and John, our mayors



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