



## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

17 September 2023 · 9:00 AM

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

### MORNING PRAYER

**Hymn** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

#### **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 114

- 1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. Judah became God's sanctuary  
and Israel his dominion.
3. The sea beheld it and fled;  
Jordan turned and went back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like young sheep.
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. You mountains, that you skipped like rams?  
you little hills like young sheep?
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8. Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## The First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

*Reader* A reading from Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

**Canticle** *Earth as the Original Saints*

The Work of the People

## The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

*Reader* A reading from Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

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

## The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*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 God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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*

**Voluntary** *Little Prelude in C Major*

J.S. Bach



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Support the 2023 Hunger Hike

**TODAY 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.



## Stewardship Kickoff Lunch

**NEXT Sunday, September 24**

Join the St. John's congregation for the Stewardship Kickoff. There will be only one service that Sunday, but we will have entertainment and a celebratory lunch. Everyone is welcome. We will also take a moment to share the value we find in being part of this community. We hope you'll join us. Brought to you by the Stewardship Committee: Bill McInerney (chair), Jamie Davis, Cindy Gerlach, Kristine Holtvedt, & Kathy Johnson.



## Book Fair – TODAY

Former Sunday school and church library books are available in St. John's Commons to take home. The books are free for the taking, but you're invited to make a donation to support Jubilee Christmas at St. John's!

## Welcome Amanda Yauney, St. John's New Christian Education Director

Please welcome Amanda Yauney, St. John's new Christian Education Director. Amanda has a wonderful energy and a deep desire to share God's love with our parish's children. Amanda officially began her ministry with us on September 1st. Please also welcome her husband John and her children to St. John's.

## Godly Play/Sunday Christian Education at St. John's

Would you like to support St. John's Christian Education ministries? If so, there will be an organizational meeting today at 12 noon in the Bishop's Parlor. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Amanda Yauney at [amanda@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:amanda@stjohns-laf.org) or Fr. Bradley at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study—Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

The Tuesday morning Bible continues Tuesdays in St. John's Commons. The Bible study will focus on topics of group interest and center on discussion of the chosen texts. Bible Study is open to anyone including members of other churches or folks unaffiliated with any church. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Bradley at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## Wednesday Evening Book Group at Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd's Wednesday Evening Book group usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd (610 Meridian St, West Lafayette).

- Wed., Oct. 11 Walter Brueggemann, *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*
- Wed., Nov. 8 Matthew Desmond, *Poverty, by America*

A limited number of copies of each book will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Mark Thomas at [mark@goodshep.org](mailto:mark@goodshep.org).

## **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).

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**St. John's Cycle of Prayer**—Brent & Elizabeth Ladd, Keith & Samantha LeGrand, Marilyn & Randy Leigh, Karen Lohmeyer, Teresa Lohrman

**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, Douglas Campbell, 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 the people of Florida; for peace in 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; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; 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. Matthew's, Indianapolis

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



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