



## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

24 September 2023 · 9:00 AM

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

### MORNING PRAYER

**Voluntary** *Andante tranquillo*

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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, 37-45**

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.

**The First Reading**

Exodus 16:2-15

*Reader* A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

**Canticle** *Earth as the Original Scripture*

The Work of the People

## The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

*Reader* A reading from Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

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

## The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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** Glorious things of thee are spoken

*Austria*



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Stewardship Campaign 2023

## Stewardship Kickoff Lunch

**TODAY after the 10:15 a.m. service**

Join the St. John's congregation for the Stewardship Kickoff. There will be a celebratory lunch and entertainment after today's service. 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.



Service Sharing Community

If you would like to get a jump start in this year's campaign by pledging early, go to [www.stjohns-laf.org/giving](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/giving) or use the QR code. Brought to you by the Stewardship Committee: Bill McInerney (chair), Jamie Davis, Cindy Gerlach, Kristine Holtvedt, & Kathy Johnson.

## Children & Youth activities TODAY during the Stewardship Kickoff Event

This Sunday after they eat and during the Stewardship Kickoff Event, children, youth, and volunteers are invited to the Bishop's Parlor for fellowship and fun! We will start with a few games and prizes. Kids will be invited to make connections with and find God's presence in one another. We will discuss ways that we can all give back to God and craft a tithe savings bank. The goal is to create space for the question: "what else can we offer or give?" In the weeks to come, inspire your child to add coins, little treasures, and prayers to reinforce offering our treasure and talent to God. For more information, contact Amanda at [amanda@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:amanda@stjohns-laf.org).

## Hunger Hike Update

Many thanks to all who participated in or supported the 2023 Hunger Hike to combat food insecurity in our community. As of September 22, **St. John's raised nearly \$3400**. Overall, the Hunger Hike raised over \$113,000 to fight hunger in our community. For more information and final totals, visit [www.hungerhike.org](http://www.hungerhike.org).

You may still contribute by using the QR code to donate directly to St. John's Team Page.



## Sunday School/Godly Play for Pre-kindergarten-5th grade

**Sundays at 9:15 a.m., beginning October 1**

Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum for children 4 years-old through 5th grade that follows the pattern of Christian worship and our church seasonal calendar. It teaches children religious language through sacred stories, parables, and liturgical action, as well as enhances their spiritual experience through wonder and responsive play. Classroom size is limited so we encourage you to register your child or grandchild as soon as possible. Location: Art Room. **Register for Sunday School at [www.stjohns-laf.org/cfregistration](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/cfregistration).**

## Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 1, 5 p.m.**

Bring your furry friends to St. John's and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. There will be a short prayer service in the St. John's Memorial Garden during which animals may be blessed. All pets are welcome (as well as pictures or stuffed animals).

## Introduction to Anglican Christianity & the Episcopal Church

**Beginning October 3, 6 p.m. at St. John's**

Come to St. John's on Tuesday nights beginning October 3 for six sessions on the big questions of Anglican Christianity and the Episcopal Church. For those of you who are new to the Episcopal Church, we will also discuss the way Episcopalians approach theology and Scripture and learn a little about our shared history. We will be joined by our friends from Good Shepherd.

Dinner will be provided. Childcare will also be available (please contact Fr. Bradley if you need childcare). For more information, contact Fr. Bradley at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org) or call the church office at 765.742.4079.

## Fall Schedule for Greater Lafayette Episcopal Youth Group

The youth from Good Shepherd and St. John's will meet regularly throughout the fall. More information is coming soon about events in October including bowling, a trip to Exploration Acres, and formation. Get an updated schedule at [www.stjohns-laf.org/youth](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/youth). If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Hilary Cooke at [hilary@goodshep.org](mailto:hilary@goodshep.org) or Father Bradley at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**St. John's Cycle of Prayer**—David Riesbeck, Paul & Jo Roberts, Stuart & Bonnie Robertson, Mary Anne Robinson, Jim & Carolyn Roth

**Parish Prayer List**—Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Carol Helgerman, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Carolyn Speer, Barbara Hess, Pequita Behrnt, 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 Libya and Morocco; for peace in 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 Roy Meeks, Wes Shook, 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; 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 Ireland; and St. Michael's, Noblesville

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



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