



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 October 2023 · 9:00 AM

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

MORNING PRAYER

Voluntary *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

Johannes Brahms

Hymn Morning has broken

Bunessan

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 78:1-4, 12-16

1. Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3. That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
4. We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.
12. He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13. He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.
14. He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16. He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *Earth as the Original Spiritual Directors*

The Work of the People

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A reading from Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Sharing Community—the 2023 Stewardship Campaign

Through our service and sharing, we create the community of St. John's. In this season of stewardship, the Stewardship Committee invites you to give generously to make our service, sharing, and community flourish. More information and pledge cards will go out soon. Beat the rush and pledge online using the QR code or go to www.stjohns-laf.org/giving.

For more information, contact the Stewardship Committee chairperson, Bill McInerney at billmcinerney45@gmail.com.



Sunday School/Godly Play for Pre-kindergarten-5th grade Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. – 2nd floor Art Room

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.**

Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis—Blessing of the Animals TODAY at 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).

The prayers for the sick have been “reset”.

Today is the first Sunday of the fourth quarter of the year and 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. Pass word to the clergy or email the office, please.

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 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. If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Hilary Cooke at hilary@goodshep.org or Father Bradley at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

St. John's Cycle of Prayer— Alice Anderson, Mikhail & Karen Atallah, Jenni and Sam Augsburg, Briggitta August & Will Sartore and their children Nathan and Eleanor

Parish Prayer List—Rosemarie Goonewardene, Sue Eichhorn, Don Nead, Janet Huber, Ginny Hull, Dean Hunter, Nancy Moody, Pam Ogorzaly, Barbara Hess, Helen Slagel, Paul Lawson, Pequita Behrndt, Douglas Campbell, Carolyn Speer, Carol Helgerman, John Howland, Alyce Dressler, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Jerry & Sandra, Terry, Lori, Martie & John, Julia, Joy, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Rhianna, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Deb, Paul, Marcus, Ben, 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 Anglican Communion in Japan; and St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Zionsville

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



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