



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

15 October 2023
10:15 a.m.

Voluntary *Berceuse*

Louis Vierne

Hymn 51

Decatur Place

Opening Sentences & Collect for Purity

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Laudate Dominum

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Reader A reading from Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The psalm is sung by the congregation.



1. The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Reader A reading from Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 515

Geneva

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

A brief silence follows.

Stewardship Address

Litany of Healing

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The people name those for whom they are interceding either silently or aloud. The leader then continues

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Need

Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some illnesses stem from our own fault, while others are beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitation

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to come forward, to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

The Anointing

At this time, the people are invited to come forward for prayer and anointing.

Music during the Anointing

Hymn 662

Hymn 684

Taizé

*Eventide
Caithness*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system has the lyrics 'Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.' The music is in 4/4 time and features a mix of chords and melodic lines.

After all who desire it have been anointed, the presider concludes with the following prayer

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.

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.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Adapted from “Prayer Shawl Blessing” Sarah E. Weaver

God of love and comfort, we celebrate the prayer shawl ministry at St. John’s. We give thanks for the opportunity to share a tangible gift to those in need. While you are always present in our lives and your love transcends all tragedy, illness, and pain, we know that a physical reminder can bring hope, healing, and peace to us in our times of trial and need. We pray that these shawls bring comfort to those who will receive them.

Oh God, open our eyes that we might see, open our ears that we might hear, and open our minds that we might recognize those in need of your healing presence. Open our hearts that we might minister to them.

God of creation, redemption, and sustaining grace, we give you thanks for the opportunity to share in your healing ministry that we might see a world beyond our own. We thank you for reminding us of those in need that we might fully live out your call to love and serve. We ask that you bless these shawls that they may be a blessing to those who receive them. May they know the love, comfort, and peace of your presence. May your light shine in them and be a beacon of the hope promised to each of us. **Amen.**

May the power of the Holy Spirit live and breathe within each one of us, through these shawls and through the lives that they will touch.

Shower us all with your loving grace, O God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory

Come to this table you who have much faith and you who would have more; Come to this table you have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; Come to this table you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come to this table for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Anthem Allegretto

Powell

The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Presider and the People. The second staff is for the Presider and the People. The third staff is for the Presider. The fourth staff is for the People.

Presider *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son....

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine....

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking the Bread

Douglas Major

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

The Invitation & Communion of the People

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn 663

Crimond

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, and they respond

Amen.

Hymn 376

Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people, and they respond

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *We've a Story to Tell the Nations*

Westenkuehler

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Bradley Pace
Preacher	Jason Fortner
MC	Maggie McClure
Acolyte	Greg McClure
Lectors	Linda Jeffries, Lisa Zimmerman
LEM	Kristine Holtvedt
Ushers	Becky Dick, Kyle Tribbett
Counters	Dawn Niccum, Elizabeth Ladd
Altar Guild	Dorinda Kueberth, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Linda Jeffries, Robert Kurtz



Welcome

May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.

We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. We also offer nursery care during the service. If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

St. John's has a Hearing Loop system, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

New To St. John's?

We're glad you're here.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit stjohns-laf.org/guest or use the QR code.



Parish Announcements

Please welcome our guest organist this morning, Ms. Lisa Mott.

Lisa is the Organist at Christ United Methodist Church in Lafayette. Welcome back, Lisa!

Healing & Holy Eucharist Today

Healing prayer (also known as unction or "ministration to the sick" in *the Book of Common Prayer*) has a long tradition in the Church. Those who desire it may receive healing prayer and be anointed with special oil. Today, we will include a time of healing prayer in our services. Special prayers of healing will be said by the congregation. Everyone is invited to come forward, as *the Book of Common Prayer* puts it, "whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body".

Service Sharing Community—the St. John's 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. Pledge cards are available in St. John's Commons, but you can beat the rush and pledge online using the QR code or go to www.stjohns-laf.org/giving.

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



Service Sharing Community

The St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets prayer shawls for anyone who might want one—anyone needing comfort, anyone who is sad or happy, anyone who just wants to know they are loved, anyone needing to know God's love.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first and third Mondays of each month from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in St. John's Commons. Beginners are welcome. If you would like to receive a shawl, please contact the St. John's office at 765.742.4079.

Considering Matthew Shepard

Sunday, October 29, at 3 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church

On Oct. 6, 1998, 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was kidnapped, robbed, beaten and left tied to a fencepost outside Laramie, Wyoming. He died six days later, the victim of a hate crime.

Now, 25 years later, the Lafayette Master Chorale and the Purdue University Choir will present Considering Matthew Shepard, a three-part oratorio, to mark this anniversary. And the week prior to the concert will feature several events that focus on the community coming together and learning from this horrific tragedy.

Considering Matthew Shepherd will be performed on Sunday, October 29 at 3 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in West Lafayette. Purchase tickets and learn about additional events marking the occasion at www.lafayettemasterchorale.org. St. John's is a proud sponsor of this event.



Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer—Ginny Hull, Dean Hunter, Joe Jakubowski & Lis Metzger and their children Marcie and Lenora, Linda Jeffries, Bruce & Kathy Johnson, Michael & Lane Johnson and their children Henry & Wesley

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, Julia, Joy, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Rhianna, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Deb, Paul, Marcus, Ben, Brent, Gabby, and their families. For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Afghanistan; 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 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 Church of Kenya; and St. Stephen's, Terre Haute

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

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