



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

15 October 2023 · 9:00 AM

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

MORNING PRAYER

Hymn We are all one in mission

Nyland

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 23

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.
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 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *Fear No Evil*

The Work of the People

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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

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, 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.**

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 *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 at the in-person services, 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”.

If you would like healing prayer and anointing brought to you, please reach out to one of the St. John’s clergy by calling the church office at 765.742.4079.

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.



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.

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

Continues 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.**

Introduction to Anglican Christianity & the Episcopal Church

Continues Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at St. John’s

Come to St. John’s on Tuesday nights to discuss 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.



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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