



The First Sunday after Christmas
31 December 2023
10:15 a.m.

Voluntary *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*

arr. Dale Wood

Hymn 93

Regent Square

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.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

13. Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;
14. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.
15. He has established peace on your borders;
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
16. He sends out his command to the earth,
and his word runs very swiftly.
17. He gives snow like wool;
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
18. He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;
who can stand against his cold?
19. He sends forth his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
20. He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
21. He has not done so to any other nation;
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader A reading from Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 96

Gloria

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

A brief silence follows.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The presider introduces the prayers

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayers to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more. We pray for Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and for the safety of those who serve our country and those who protect our communities. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop; for our companion diocese of Brasilia and their bishop, Mauricio; for the Diocese of Haiti, and St. Andre's, Mithon. O God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service to others in the name of Christ. We pray for all peacemakers and for those who seek justice, including those we name now, either silently or aloud.... O God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in need that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. We pray for those who live in fear and confusion: for the people of war-torn countries and for all migrants and refugees. We pray that all barriers, including the wall surrounding Bethlehem, may come down. O God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those assembled here today and all who find community here, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth to be his hands and heart in the world. We give thanks for all those who find community here and for those we have yet to meet. O God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all those commended to our prayers, including **Rosemarie Goonewardene, Sue Eichhorn, Don Nead, Janet Huber, Ginny Hull, Pam Ogorzaly, Barbara Hess, Paul Lawson, Pequita Behrnt, Carolyn Speer, Carol Helgerman, John Howland, Alyce Dressler, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Bill McInerney, Jerry & Sandra, Terry, Lori, Martie, Joy, Ben, Judy, Rhianna, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Deb, Paul, Marcus, Ben, Brent, Gabby, Kirsten, Pam, Wendell, Charles, Sara & Juni, Crystal, Gloria & Brad, and their families,** and for all others that we name now either silently or aloud.... May we wait faithfully upon God in hope and confidence. O God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died: for those buried in our Memorial Garden, and for those we now name either silently or aloud.... May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. O God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Presider continues

We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do it, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

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 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.

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.

Offertory *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*

Keith Chapman

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 as follows:

- Staff 1:** Presider: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.
- Staff 2:** Presider: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4:** 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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

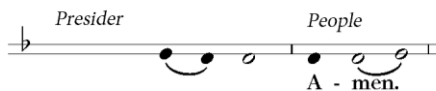
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Mary, blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 109

The First Nowell

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, and they respond
Amen.

Hymn 99

Go Tell It on the Mountain

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people, and they respond
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Neil Harmon

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

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| Presider | Jason Fortner |
| MC | Kathy Johnson |
| Acolyte | Kyle Tribbett |
| Lectors | Carol L'Homme, Greg McClure |
| LEM | Sally Boniece |
| Ushers | Dorinda Kueberth, Jack Kueberth |
| Counters | Stephanie Amador Tribbett, Kristine Holtvedt |
| Altar Guild | Angela Mosier, Jennifer Stein, Julie Peretin, Mitchell Finley, Sally Byrn |

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!

Today is the final Sunday of the fourth quarter of the year and we will “reset” the prayers for the sick beginning next Sunday. 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.

Epiphany Pageant NEXT Sunday, January 7, at St. John’s

St. John’s will host an Epiphany Pageant of lessons and hymns next Sunday, January 7. There will be only one service at 10:15 a.m. All children ages 3 through the eighth grade are invited to participate. We will have a rehearsal at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, at St. John’s. Please contact Amanda Yauney at amanda@stjohns-laf.org with any questions. More information will be forthcoming.

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For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine; for hostages and all innocent civilians in harm’s way; for peace in all places of conflict; for the victims of violence; and for repair, understanding, and healing across the world, in our nation, and within our communities.

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 Rwanda, and Church of the Nativity, Indianapolis.

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

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