



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

28 January 2024 · 9:00 a.m.

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE

Morning Prayer

Voluntary Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Charles Callahan

The Opening Sentences

The officiant begins with one or more of the following

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

-Isaiah 60:3

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

-Isaiah 49:6b

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

-Malachi 1:11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 1:2

The officiant then says

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

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 111

1. Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2. Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3. His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4. He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5. He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6. He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7. The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

8. They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

9. He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name.

10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reader A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the Lord replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *Wait For It*

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The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Reader A reading from First Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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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 Lord's Prayer

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 Prayers of the People

The officiant introduces the prayers saying
Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our Bishop; for the Church of England; for our companion diocese of Brasilia, and their bishop, Mauricio; for the Diocese of Haiti, and St. Andre's, Mithon; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for the victims of violence, racism, and other forms of aggression and intimidation. We pray for peace in all places of conflict and in our own cities. We remember Joe our President, Eric our Governor, and Tony and John our mayors; and we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks for the members of Good Shepherd and St. John's and all who find community here. Grant us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We remember all those in any need or distress, those commended to our prayers, and those we name now either silently or aloud....

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those serving their country and protecting our communities. Give them courage in harm's way and hope for the days ahead.

That they may find strength and faith.

We give thanks for the many blessings of this life including those blessings we name now either silently or aloud.... Give us thankful hearts and minds;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

We remember those who have died including those we name now either silently or aloud.... Give to the departed eternal rest, O Lord.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

The officiant concludes the prayers

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A 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 & 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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol



Parish Announcements

Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the Altar are given this week as a thank offering.

Forward Day by Day

The new forward Day by Day booklets for the months of February, March and April are available at the back of the church and at the parish office.

The 2024 St. John's Annual Meeting is TODAY

The St. John's Annual Meeting is TODAY after the 10:15 a.m. service. If you can join in-person, wonderful. If not, the meeting will be available via Facebook Live at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/942268963986854/>. Annual Reports are available at www.stjohns-laf.org.

Children & Youth Activities in the Bishop's Parlor

TODAY during the Annual Meeting

Calling all youth of St. John's! Eat first, then come to the Bishop's Parlor during the annual meeting for fun activities. We will look back over the past year and plan for the year to come. Bring all your ideas and fast reflexes because when we're done, we will have several rounds of prize-winning bingo! I hope to see you there.

Support the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Purdue—Volunteer for Sunday meals!

The Purdue Campus Ministry is inviting St. John's folks to help prepare dinner for our students on Sunday nights. The church can pay for the ingredients (save your receipts!). Hilary Cooke, the Episcopal Campus Minister at Purdue, can help navigate recipes to address dietary concerns. For more information, contact Hilary at hilary@goodshep.org or sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AABAA22A5F49-47019083-esaspring#/.

Eclectic Celts Imbolc, St. Brigid's Day, and Candlemas Service

February 1, 6:30 p.m. at St. John's

The Eclectic Celts group of St. John's and Good Shepherd will be having a combined celebration of Imbolc, St. Brigid's Day, and Candlemas: Thursday, February 1, 6:30 pm, at St. John's. All are welcome.

Reunification Discernment Listening Sessions

Next session, February 1 at 7 p.m.

The Diocese of Indianapolis and Northern Indiana are in conversation about ways we can coordinate our ministries moving forward. Share potential benefits you see, concerns you have, and dreams you hold for the Episcopal Church in Indiana. Go to www.episcopalindiana.org/events to sign up for a listening session. All meetings are held via Zoom. The next listening session will be February 1 at 7 p.m.

Sacred Ground Series Resumes

Beginning February 7

Sacred Ground is an 11-week video and reading series designed for people that are looking to deepen their commitment to the Beloved Community. Sessions are held online, and both the series and materials are provided at no charge. Sacred Ground is open to all. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divisions confronting us today. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/2vrvt4us>.

Wednesday Evening Book Group at Good Shepherd

The book's next book is *The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve: The Story That Created Us*, by Stephen Greenblatt. Several copies are available at Good Shepherd. The group will discuss the first half of the book Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. The group will discuss the second half on Wednesday, March 13. If you have questions, please contact Mark Thomas at mark@goodshep.org.

Prayer List

Parish Prayer List— John & Elizabeth Barrett, Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Pam Ogorzaly, Paul Roberts, Carol Helgerman, Ginny Hull, John Howland, Sue Eichhorn, Pequita Behrndt, Don Nead, Barbara Hess, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Janet Huber, Carolyn Speer, Kathie Basden, Ben & Judy, Jerry, Sandra, Carole, Lynn, and their families.

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 Southern Africa, and Peace Church, Rockport.

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



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