



The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

4 February 2024

10:15 a.m.

Voluntary Sarabande on *Land of Rest* (found at hymn 620)

Gerald Near

Hymn 423

St. Denio

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



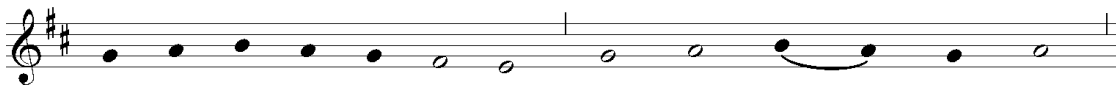
1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



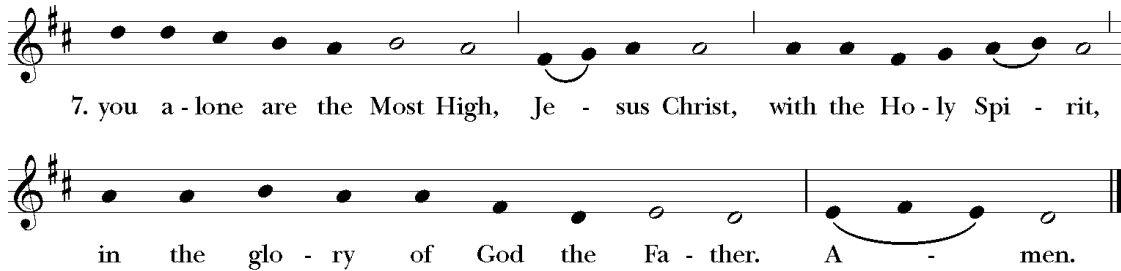
4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-12, 20c

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1. Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
2. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
3. He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
4. He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.
6. The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.
8. He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;
9. He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.
10. He provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.
11. He is not impressed by the might of a horse;
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
12. But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who await his gracious favor. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Reader A reading from First Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 529

McKee

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

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

Jesus left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 anymore. 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 **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, Jacob, Nancy, Kirsten, 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, 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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

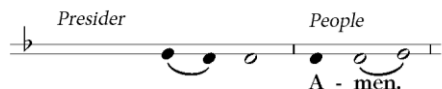
The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

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

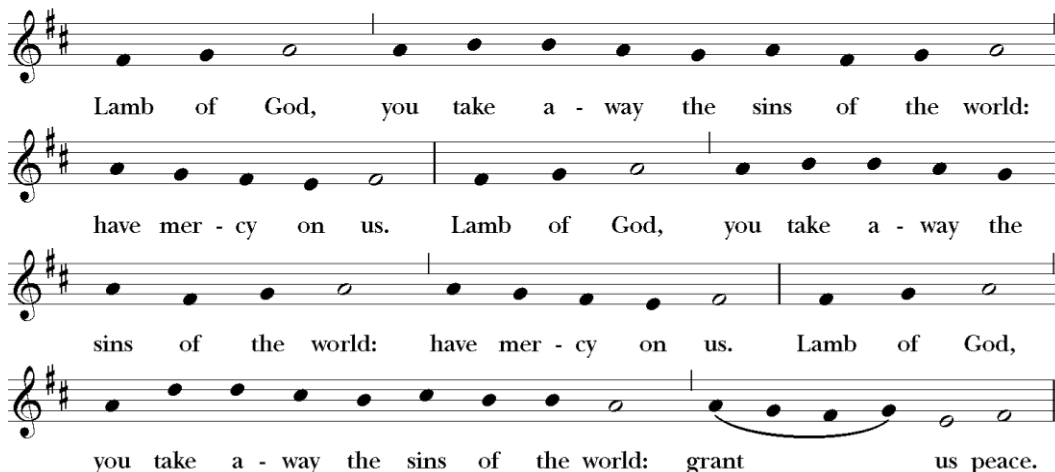
Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

...All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 Agnus Dei



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 567
 Hymn 684

*St. Matthew
 Caithness*

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 Wonder, Love, and Praise 779

Dunedin

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary “*The People Respond: Amen*”

Dan Locklair

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Jason Fortner
Preacher	Bradley Pace
MC	Jennifer Stein
Acolyte	Jack Kueberth
Lectors	George Moore, Marylin Howland Ross
LEM	Greg McClure, Maggie McClure
Ushers	Carol L’Homme, Kyle Tribbett
Counters	Sally Byrn, Elizabeth Ladd
Altar Guild	Carl Taylor, Elizabeth White, Jennifer Chandler, Jo Roberts, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Evander, Stephanie Amador Tribbett



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

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.

Sunday morning hospitality

Would you like to help with Sunday morning hospitality (aka "coffee hour") after the 10:15 service? Do you need to know more about what hosting entails or want to be more comfortable navigating the kitchen? Training is being offered February 4 and February 11 at noon in the kitchen. Please contact carla.bowerman@gmail.com to be added to the rotation list or if you have questions.

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#/.](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AABAA22A5F49-47019083-esaspring#/)

Sacred Ground—Begins 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>.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Sunday, Feb. 11, from 5-7 p.m.

We will celebrate our Mardi Gras Pancake Supper with a live jazz band, a float parade, and loads and loads of PANCAKES! Tickets are \$5 apiece and \$13 for families of 3 or more. Kids under 5 eat free. For more information, contact the St. John's office at 765.742.4079.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Noon, 5:30 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14. We will have three services this year:

- 12 (noon) – Joint service with downtown churches at First Christian (Corner of 6th and North)
- 5:30 p.m. service for children and youth focusing on the traditions and meaning of Ash Wednesday
- 7 p.m. Traditional liturgy with the St. John's choir

Each service will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist. Let us come together and begin a Holy Lent.

Wednesday Evening Book Group at Good Shepherd

The book group'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.

New Fire: An Ecological Reading of the Easter Vigil Beginning February 18 after the 10:15 a.m. service

Theologically and sacramentally, baptism and Eucharist go hand in hand, and no other special liturgical celebration combines the two like the Great Vigil of Easter. This spectacular liturgy is replete with deeply meaningful symbolism that engages all of one's senses. It also provides something unexpected: a unique opportunity to reflect on humanity's connection to and place in the created universe.

Beginning February 18, our class "New Fire" will explore the intersections of theology, liturgy, and ecology in the Easter Vigil during the weeks leading up to the service. The hope is that our conversation will help us experience the Vigil in a new and powerful way. We will bring our own experiences to this discussion, and we will also employ the lenses of feminism and queer eco-spirituality as we seek to dive deeper into the meaning of this crucial Episcopal liturgy. **The class will meet in the church itself at St. John's from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on February 18, February 25, March 3, and March 10.** We will be engaging with all the liturgical elements of the Vigil, so there will be smells and there will be bells as well as bread, water, and wine. **Please note—on February 18, incense will be used during the class.** For more information, contact Jason Fortner at jason@stjohns-laf.org.

Parish Prayer List

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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 South America, and St. Paul's, Columbus.

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



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