



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

11 February 2024

10:15 a.m.

Voluntary Concerto in G Major: *Allegro*

J.S. Bach

Hymn 7

Ratisbon

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



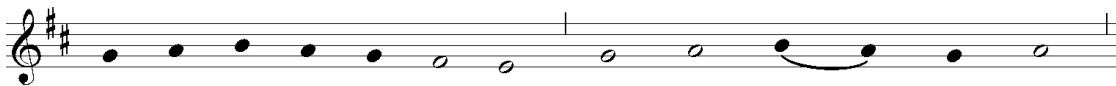
1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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,



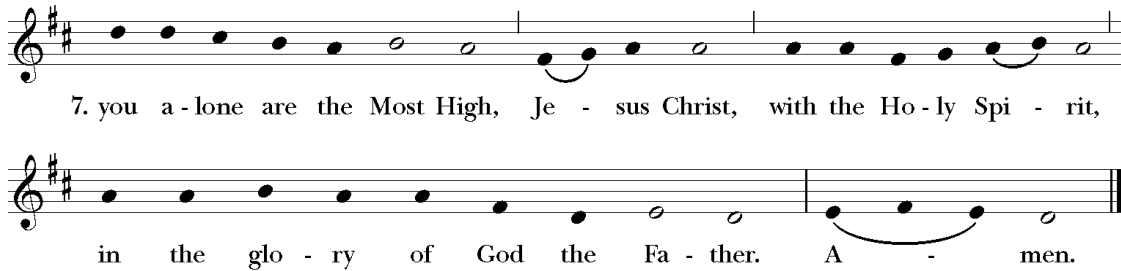
4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Reader A reading from Second Kings.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1. The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.
3. Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
4. He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people.

5. “Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
6. Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Reader A reading from Second Corinthians.

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 137

Wareham

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and the Diocesan Cooperating Ministries and the people they serve, **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, including Wendell, Pat, Norma, 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.**

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

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all....

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

The presider continues

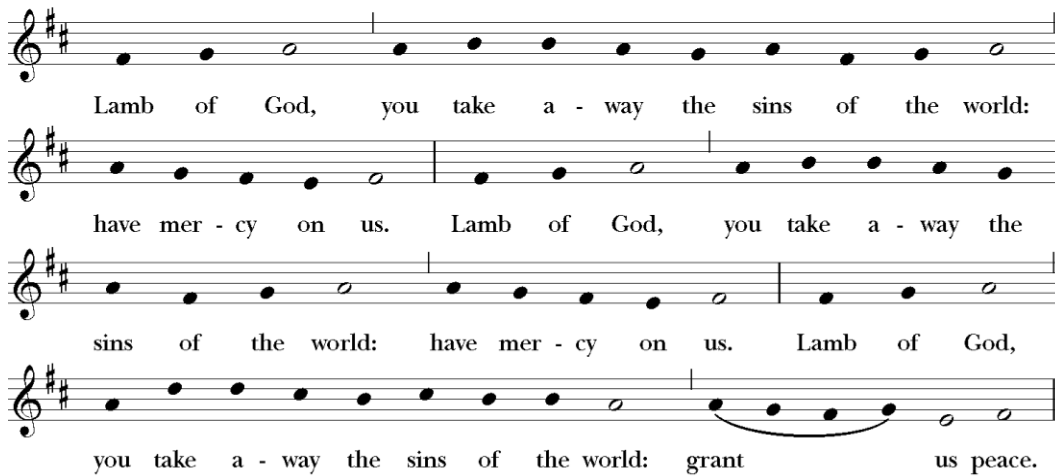
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts....

...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.

Presider *People*
 A - men.

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 129
Hymn 461

*Mowsley
Alleluia*

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 135

Salzburg

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary *Toccata*

John Weaver

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Bradley Pace
Preacher	Jason Fortner
MC	Greg McClure
Acolyte	Jennifer Stein
Lectors	Greg McClure, Kathy Johnson
LEM	Betty Tonsing, Dorinda Kueberth
Ushers	Carl Taylor, Mike Benner
Counters	Sally Hastings, Bruce Johnson
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

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.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper—TODAY Sunday, February 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.

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 THIS SUNDAY at noon in the kitchen. Please contact carla.bowerman@gmail.com to be added to the rotation list, or if you have questions.

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.

Lenten Book Discussion—Wild Hope-Stories for Lent from the Vanishing Beginning Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:15 p.m.

St. John's will host a discussion of stories from Wild Hope by Gayle Boss on Thursdays in Lent with Caleb Redick. This book attempts to orient us towards the brokenness of creation during the season of Lent by presenting short stories and illustrations of endangered creatures. **There will be six discussions beginning Thursday, February 15 at 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Commons.** A limited number of copies of the book will be available.

All ages are welcome to participate, however a few of the stories may be disturbing, as they present the reality of pollution, poaching, and sickness of creatures. Please contact Caleb Redick at calebredick@gmail.com for more information.

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

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.

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 21 (Note new start date)

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>.



Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer— Jason & Shelbi Fortner and their children Matthew and Elliott, Mara Fox, Rosemary Frederickson & Chuck Pavlue, Carolin Frueh, Miki Garrison and her daughter Zeriah

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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 Wendell, Pat, Norma, 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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and the Diocesan Cooperating Ministries and the people they serve.

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

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