

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

11 February 2024 · 9:00 a.m.

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

Morning Prayer

Hymn O wondrous type! O vision fair

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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 50:1-6

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

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle The Transfigured Moment

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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.

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The Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

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.

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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

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**.

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

Voluntary The Rejoicing

G.F. Handel



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 https://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.



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
- 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, Jacob, Nancy, Kirsten, 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 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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