



The Second Sunday in Lent

25 February 2024 · 9:00 a.m.

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

Morning Prayer

Hymn The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

The Opening Sentences

The officiant begins with one or more of the following

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -1 John 1:8, 9

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. -Joel 2:13

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. -Daniel 9:9, 10

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." -Mark 8:34

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.

Invitatory

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore, I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

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Psalm 22:22-30

22. Praise the Lord, you that fear him;

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them;

but when they cry to him he hears them.

24. My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27. For kingship belongs to the Lord;

he rules over the nations.

28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that he has done.

The First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Reader A reading from Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to

you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *Dayspring of Life*

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The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Reader A reading from Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for the people of Ukraine, Palestine, and Israel. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all those on our parish prayer lists and any others you name now silently or in the chat.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The officiant concludes the prayers

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

God of peace and justice, we pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. **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 Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon



Parish Announcements

St. John's Offering of Letters 2024—Begins TODAY

The U.S. Farm Bill is our nation's most important national food system legislation. It is critical to ending hunger and affects each of us. Bread for the World, a non-partisan Christian advocacy organization, calls on Christians from all political parties and denominations to encourage our elected leaders to do all they can to end hunger. Reauthorizing a family-friendly Farm Bill will go a long way to helping those suffering from food insecurity in the U. S. and internationally.

St. John's will write letters to our Senators and Representative beginning this Sunday and continuing through March 17. Look for more information in the St. John's Commons. We will again have sample letters and letter templates available. The QR code links to more information to assist with writing your letters. Letters may be mailed directly, delivered to the church, or submitted electronically (using the QR code or <http://tinyurl.com/yckeyhen>). For more information, contact Becky Dick at beckydick.wl@gmail.com.



New Fire: An Ecological Reading of the Easter Vigil Continues TODAY after the 10:15 a.m. service

"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 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through 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. For more information, contact Jason Fortner at jason@stjohns-laf.org.

Lenten Book Discussion—Wild Hope—Stories for Lent from the Vanishing Continues this Thursday 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. 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.

Eclectic Celts

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd

The Eclectic Celts will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6th at Good Shepherd. We will be continuing with a theme of the turning seasons and the bringing of new things to life. Come and set some intentions with us as we join together for liturgy, song, and reflection.

The Eclectic Celts provide an exploration of Celtic Christianity through a monthly contemplative liturgical service.

“The Episcopal Awakening” Event at St. John’s Friday, March 8, 7 p.m.

“The Episcopal Awakening”, a short film created by the Indianapolis chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) at our recent Diocesan Convention. The film offers a number of reflections from members of the Diocese along with important local Episcopal history. The film reminds us that it is one thing to think about the distant past or far off places. But when we realize that our own communities and even our own churches share concretely in this history, it has a particularly profound effect. We are not simply correcting for some abstract wrong done to “other people”, we are correcting wrongs done to the people who have sat in the pews with us and maybe still do. At the same time, we also share in stories of resilience and repair that give us examples and models of how to be the Church, the Body of Christ, in its truest form. As the film states toward the end, “Events of the recent past have shown us that there is still much work to do to heal our culture of racism. This journey... remains a work in progress.”

On Friday, March 8th at 7 p.m., Mother Andrea Arsene, Rector of All Saints, Indianapolis and former Curate at St. John's, will join us to screen the film and talk about local stories of struggle and resilience, of wrong and repair. Desserts and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Bradley at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org.

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? 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 <http://tinyurl.com/mreez3bc>.



Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer— Catherine & Ken Sandhage, Mark & Jill Scharer, Michelle Schmierer, Alex Schmierer, Ed & Lise Schools

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, Bill McInerney, Ben, Judy, Jerry, Sandra, Carole, Lynn, Jacob, Nancy, Kirsten, Scott, John, Michael, Bonnie, Johanna, Lowell, 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 Nex, June, and 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

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