

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023 · 9:00 AM

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



MORNING PRAYER

Voluntary *The Gift to Be Simple*

arr. Dale Wood

Hymn Come, my way, my truth, my life

The Call

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

-Psalm 118:24

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-1 Corinthians 15:57

The officiant continues

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.

The Pascha Nostrum

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

The psalm is chanted.

1. In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
2. Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
4. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
5. Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
15. My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16. Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Reader A reading from Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Psalm 31

The Work of the People

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2–10

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

Michael Bennett

V. I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me.

The Gospel

John 14:1–14

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

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

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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

Let us pray.
**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

In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Church brought to life by the Holy Spirit, that in its diversity it may witness to one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ was put to death and was raised, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the Gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying, those who have died, and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the communities of Good Shepherd and St. John's, that we may see the tomb empty, experience the presence of the risen Christ, and walk joyfully in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

The presider continues

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Announcements from Good Shepherd

Announcements from St. John's

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

A member of the clergy dismisses the people. The people respond.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

Voluntary Sonata II: *Allegro maestoso e vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new **Forward Day by Day** booklets for the months of May, June and July are available at the back of the church and at the parish office.

Bread for the World – 2023 Offering of Letters & *The Working Hungry* Film Today after the 8 and 1030 services

Today after both services, you are invited to help create an “Offering of Letters” for Bread for the World. As Christians, we are called to seek justice, care for those experiencing hunger and poverty, and embrace our Creator’s vision of hope, love, and peace. We are called to embody it in public as we commit to live in solidarity with those who are made vulnerable by the inequities that drive hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

This year, Congress is working to renew farm bill programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and international food aid programs. Among the measures that should be included are strengthening nutrition security in domestic and international programs; creating a more equitable SNAP program; and increasing food systems sustainability. Tell your senators and representatives to support the reauthorization of the farm bill in order to build healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

In addition, we will watch the short film created by local Bread for the World organizers, *the Working Hungry*. The film shows the current situation in Indiana where over 800,000 Hoosiers struggle with food insecurity.



Jennifer Shook from LTHC at St. John’s Sunday, May 14

Jennifer Shook, Chief Development Officer at LTHC Homeless Services, will preach at each service and talk about LTHC’s work in the Greater Lafayette community.

Honoring Our Graduates at St. John’s

The end of the school year is upon us, and some of St. John's folks (or members of their family) will be graduating high school, college, graduate school, or other academic programs. **So that we can honor all our graduates, please email the St. John's office at stjohns@stjohns-laf.org and let us know when, where, and for what.** We will honor our graduates on Sunday, May 14.

And congratulations to all those who will be graduating. May God be with you during your end-of-year preparations and final exams. Thanks to and blessings upon all the teachers and school staff.

Rector’s Forum on “A Covenant to root out racism”

As Bradley wrote in the May *Eagle*, the St. John’s Vestry has been discussing “A Covenant to root out racism”, an anti-racism covenant created by the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson and adopted at our Diocesan Convention in 2022. This covenant begins with our laments (particularly the things we have done and left undone) and our commitments (the promises we make to do better going forward). You are invited to read more about the Covenant at www.diocesemo.org/blog/anti-racism-covenant/.

After the 1030 service on Sunday, May 21, Bradley will lead a discussion of the Covenant. A second session will take place on **Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom** (zoom link forthcoming).

PARISH PRAYER LIST

St. John's Cycle of Prayer

Carolyn Frueh, Cindy Gerlach and Gary Mueller,
Hilary & Rosemarie Goonewardene, Camp &
Comfort Gordinier, Mike & Kathryn Halliwell

Parish Prayer List

Jim Bodenmiller, Ginny Hull, Janet Huber, Sue
Eichhorn, Rose Marie Goonewardene, Anna
Burman, Barbara Cantwell, Dean Hunter, Jean
Redd, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Kathie Basden,
Pequita Behrndt, Alyce Dressler, Douglas
Campbell, Pam Ogorzaly, John Howland, Roy
Meeks, Barbara Hess, Paul Lawson, Camp &
Comfort Gordinier, Carolyn Speer, Carol
Helgerman, Deb, Ben, Rosemary, Rhianna, Jane,
Loagan, Bunny, Josh, Chris, Paul, and their
families.

For peace in Sudan, Ukraine, and all places of
conflict, for the victims of violence, and for repair,
understanding, and healing across our nation and
in our community.

For those who have died

For all who have died including Lillian Brooks,
Martha Mann, Kaye Kleine-Ahlbrandt, 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
Eva, Michael, & Teresa
Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

Our Ministry Partners

The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio
The Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Church in Wales

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's, Indianapolis

This nation and all in authority

Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony
and John, our mayors



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