

THOSE SERVING

Bradley Pace	•	Presider
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Kyle Tribbett	•	MC
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Greg McClure	•	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Carl Taylor, Mike Benner	•	Ushers
Ross Watson	•	Sunday Morning Opener
Sally Byrn, Mary Anne Robinson	•	Counters
Dorinda Kueberth, Robert Kurtz	•	Altar Guild
Heather Johnston Nicholson		

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome the Rev. Lisa Hood our guest preacher today.

Congratulations to Teresa Lohrman

Recently, the St. John's Vestry promoted Teresa Lohrman to the position of Associate for Administration & Finance. This action by the Vestry recognizes that, for many years, Teresa has been performing duties above and beyond what most parish administrators normally do. Please congratulate Teresa when you see her!

Follow-Up for Discipleship Groups

Discernment is about finding how God is at work in the world and how we might get involved with that work. Where do I see God? What is God doing? How is God calling me to use my gifts? Who is God calling me to be? What is God calling me to do? How can we do this discernment work intentionally?

One way is to form "Discipleship Groups". Discipleship Groups function as a kind of accountability group. Members ask one another: Which Christian practices do you need to emphasize in your life right now? Are you following through on your commitments to these practices? How can we support you in fulfilling your commitments? How can we call you back to the work you have committed yourself to do? And while discernment is singled out as one of the practices, the entire process is really shot through with those above questions.

If you are interested in being a part of a Discipleship Group at St. John's, please go to <https://forms.gle/mE4YsEnfmS7FBhWt8> for more information and fill out the form/questionnaire. Hopefully, this will be an ongoing part of our community's way of being — an ongoing part of discerning where God is at work in our lives and in the world and how to join God in that work.

Great Lafayette Indiana Black Expo—Backpack Giveaway & Carnival

Saturday, July 29th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Ivy Tech Community College (3101 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette). Join the Greater Lafayette Indiana Black Expo for games, entertainment, and free bookbags and school supplies.

Worship in the Park and Parish Picnic

Sunday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. at Happy Hollow Park

The Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 13, at Happy Hollow Park. Look for more details forthcoming. Holy Eucharist will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the parish picnic. Please bring a dish to share.

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

St. John's Cycle of Prayer

Julie Peretin and her children Ezra, Elena, & Esther, Don Pilcher and Annis Householder, Raymond Polstra, Jean Redd, David Riesbeck, Paul & Jo Roberts, Stuart & Bonnie Robertson

Parish Prayer List

Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Carol Helgerman, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Carolyn Speer, Douglas Campbell, Barbara Hess, Pequita Behrndt, Roy Meeks, Sue Eichhorn, Dean Hunter, Janet Huber, John Howland, Rose Marie Goonewardene, Pam Ogorzaly, Ginny Hull, Kathie Basden, Jim Bodenmiller, Rebekah Sims, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Loagan, Caitlin & Ed, Joy, Jane, Martie & John, Scott, John, and their families.

For peace in 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 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 of the Province of Central Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Augustine's, Danville

This nation and all in authority

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



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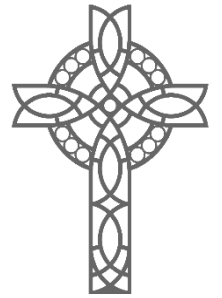
Worshipping · Sharing · Making Christ Known

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

23 July 2023 · 10:00 AM

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Voluntary Reverie

Opening Sentences & Collect for Purity

Hymn 372

The Collect of The Day

The First Reading

R A reading from Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

The psalm is read as directed.

1. Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
2. **You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.**
3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4. **You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.**
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
6. **Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?**
7. If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Louis Vierne
BCP 355
Leoni

Genesis 28:10-19a

8. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9. Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

10. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

11. Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

22. Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

23. Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

R A reading from Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 589

Walden

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

R The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather

the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

R The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Lisa Hood

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

The presider introduces the prayers

In praise of the one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us lift our prayers saying: Holy God, hear us.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop; for our clergy, staff, and vestry; for the Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, and St. Augustine's, Danville. For the whole Church's mission and ministry that we may build a community of love which flows from the community of God, we pray.

Holy God, hear us.

For all peacemakers and those who work for justice, that we may be guided to all truth by the Spirit of truth, we pray.

Holy God, hear us.

For the stewards of the earth, that they accept creation as a wondrous gift and work to preserve its beauty, we pray.

Holy God, hear us.

For the members of our church communities and for the spirit of unity across the whole Church, that our differences may make us rich, we pray.

Holy God, hear us.

For those who are sick, suffering, or in any kind of need, that they may have endurance and hope and find comfort. For all those we name together: **Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Carol Helgerman, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Carolyn Speer, Douglas Campbell, Barbara Hess, Pequita Behrndt, Roy Meeks, Sue Eichhorn, Dean Hunter, Janet Huber, John Howland, Rose Marie Goonewardene, Pam Ogorzaly, Ginny Hull, Kathie Basden, Jim Bodenmiller, Rebekah Sims, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Loagan, Caitlin & Ed, Joy, Jane, Martie & John, Scott, John, and their families;** and for those we name now either silently or aloud... and for those commended to our prayers, we pray.

Holy God, hear us.

For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died may drink of the fruit of the vine in glory; for those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden, and those we name now either silently or aloud..., that they may rest in the peace of the divine community, we pray.

Holy God, hear us.

The presider concludes the prayers

O God, the Creator of all good things, we thank you and praise you, singing Holy, Holy, Holy. Answer our prayers and bring us hope through Christ your Son, who celebrates life with you in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

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

Welcome & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating are invited to come forward for a blessing.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Come to this table you who have much faith and you who would have more; Come to this table you have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; Come to this table you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come to this table for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Holy Eucharist Prayer A

BCP 361

The Sanctus and Benedictus S125

Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer Contemporary Version

BCP 364

The Breaking of The Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

The presider invites the congregation with these or similar words.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People – please read

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 receive. If it is not your custom to receive Communion, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by placing both hands on your shoulders in a crossed position.

Wine is offered in the common cup. If you would prefer not to receive from the common cup for any reason, please know that the fullness of Communion is available to anyone receiving either the consecrated bread or wine alone. Because of the increased possibility of contamination, we ask communicants not to intinct or dip the bread in the wine.

The Prayer After Communion

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn 705

Forest Green

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Voluntary Festive Trumpet Tune

David German