



The Second Sunday of Advent

10 December 2023

10:15 a.m.

Voluntary *Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659*

J.S. Bach

Hymn 65

Bereden vag for Herran

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 Trisagion

David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

The Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Reader A reading from Second Peter.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 75

Ascension

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

As we joyfully await the coming of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, especially Michael our presiding bishop, Jennifer our bishop, Bradley and Jason our clergy, St. John's staff and vestry, the Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio, the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon, and the people and clergy of the Church of Pakistan, and Trinity, Anderson. Be present in ordering the life of St. John's and every congregation.

Come and teach us the way of wisdom.

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and your will.

Come and restore our common life.

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war, strife, or disaster; especially the people Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine. Lead us toward repair, understanding, and healing across the world, in our nation, and within our communities. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

Come and redeem the world made through you.

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

Come and free the oppressed.

O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: we lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially those commended to our prayers and those we name together; **Rosemarie Goonewardene, Sue Eichhorn, Don Nead, Janet Huber, Ginny Hull, Pam Ogorzaly, Barbara Hess, Paul Lawson, Pequita Behrndt, Douglas Campbell, Carolyn Speer, Carol Helgerman, John Howland, Alyce Dressler, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Bill McInerney, Jerry & Sandra, Terry, Lori, Martie, Joy, Ben, Judy, Rhianna, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Deb, Paul, Marcus, Ben, Brent, Gabby, Kirsten, Pam, Wendell, Charles, Kay, Dale, Sara & Juni, Crystal, and their families**, and those we name now either silently or aloud.... Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

Come and fashion us anew.

O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: shine your light on those who have died; including those buried in the Memorial Garden, and those we name now either silently or aloud.... Bring comfort to all who mourn.

Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Savior, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life and especially for the blessings we name now either silently or aloud.... Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you with gladness at the day of your appearing.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

The presider concludes the prayers

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

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 Confession of Sin

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.

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.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Mary, blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Musical score for the Lord's Prayer. It consists of ten staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef and one flat key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking the Bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 67
Hymn 54

*Psalm 42
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

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 76

Winchester New

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary *Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 661*

J.S. Bach

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Jason Fortner
Preacher	Bradley Pace
MC	Kyle Tribbett
Acolyte	George Moore
Lectors	Dorinda Kueberth, Kathy Johnson
LEM	Jack Kueberth
Ushers	Carl Taylor, Michael Benner
Counters	Dawn Niccum, 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

Jubilee Christmas—A Huge Success

Many thanks to everyone who helped with Jubilee Christmas at St. John's. Thanks to everyone who coordinated from Good Shepherd and St. John's—including Cathy Baron, Georgia Brist, Hilary Cooke, Mary Kay McCauley, Maggie McClure, and Angela Mosier. Thanks to our shoppers and those who helped with setup. Thanks to our hosts, cookie bakers, and other volunteers! We served 40 families, with more than 150 children and teenagers.

Children's Chapel—continues

Children's Chapel is an opportunity to show the kids what being an Episcopalian is all about. Children's Chapel is open to any children registered in Sunday school. Registration is simple and can be done here www.stjohns-laf.org/cfregistration/.

- 9:00-9:15 a.m. – Godly Play drop off in 2nd floor Art room. Snack provided.
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. – Godly Play pick up, Children's Chapel drop off, and break period.
- 10:15 a.m. – Chapel begins. Children are returned to parents at the Peace.

Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, December 17, after the 10:15 Service

Please stick around after the 10:15 service next Sunday to help ready the church for Christmas. Lunch will be served.

'Longest Night' Service - Wednesday, December 20, at 6 p.m.

The Christmas season can be a painful time. While the joyful sounds of the season are all around us — on the radio and television, in shopping malls, and in our churches — many of us are reminded of what we have lost or never had. Broken relationships, unemployment, ill health, the pain of isolation — all these can make us feel alone amid celebration. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone.

To honor and name the difficulty of this season, **St. John's will host a "Longest Night" Service at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20.** Let us join together, sharing and hearing prayers, Scripture, and music that acknowledge God's presence for those who struggle and for those who mourn. Hear the good news that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

End-of-Year Giving to St. John's

Each week throughout the year contributions that are delivered to the office, either in person or through the mail, are counted and then deposited with the offerings received on the following Sunday. December 24 - 25 will be the last opportunity to have your contributions counted and deposited in 2023. (Even though there will be an electronic deposit made on December 31, the deposit won't clear the bank until January 2.) Hand delivered contributions should be delivered to the office by December 22 as the office will be closed December 23 through January 1. If you are mailing your contribution, please allow at least seven to 10 days for delivery. Mailed contributions should also reach the parish office by December 22.

Epiphany Pageant Sunday, January 7, at St. John's

St. John's will host an Epiphany Pageant of lessons and hymns on Sunday, January 7. There will be only one service that Sunday at 10:15 a.m. All children ages 3 through the eighth grade are invited to participate. We will have a rehearsal at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, at St. John's. Please contact Amanda Yauney at amanda@stjohns-laf.org with any questions. More information will be forthcoming.

Advent and Christmas at ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE

Find the complete Advent and Christmas schedule at www.stjohns-laf.org/christmas.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17 – 8:00, 9:00 via Zoom, & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship
12:00 noon Greening of the Church

Wednesday, December 20 – 6:00 p.m. "Longest Night" Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve, December 24

9:00 via Zoom & 10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

4:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Service via Zoom, hosted by Good Shepherd

9:00 p.m. Carol Prelude & 9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 – 10:15 a.m. Carols & Holy Eucharist

1st Sunday after Christmas, December 31— 8:00, 9:00 via Zoom, & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship

The Feast of the Epiphany (observed), Sunday, January 7 – 10:15 a.m. Epiphany Pageant & Holy Eucharist (one service only)



Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer—Alyce Dressler, Sue Eichhorn, Gayle Ennis, Sharon Evander

Parish Prayer List—Rosemarie Goonewardene, Sue Eichhorn, Don Nead, Janet Huber, Ginny Hull, Pam Ogorzaly, Barbara Hess, Paul Lawson, Pequita Behrndt, Douglas Campbell, Carolyn Speer, Carol Helgerman, John Howland, Alyce Dressler, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Bill McInerney, Jerry & Sandra, Terry, Lori, Martie, Joy, Ben, Judy, Rhianna, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Deb, Paul, Marcus, Ben, Brent, Gabby, Kirsten, Pam, Wendell, Charles, Kay, Dale, Sara & Juni, Crystal, 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 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 Church of Pakistan, and Trinity, Anderson.

This nation and all in authority—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and John, our mayors and Erin, mayor-elect

ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE

Worshiping · Sharing · Making Christ Known

600 Ferry Street · Lafayette, IN 47901-1142 · 765.742.4079

www.stjohns-laf.org · stjohns@stjohns-laf.org · facebook.com/stjohnslaf · [@stjohnslaf](https://twitter.com/stjohnslaf)

Parish Staff & Leadership

Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop · Bradley Pace, Rector

Jason Fortner, Curate · Teresa Lohrman, Associate for Administration & Finance

Michael Bennett, Director of Music · Amanda Yauney, Director of Christian Education

Becky Dick, Sr. Warden · Bruce Johnson, Jr. Warden

St. John's is a parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Indianapolis.

