



The Third Sunday in Lent

3 March 2024 · 9:00 a.m.

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

Morning Prayer

Voluntary *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

Craig Phillips

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.

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

Psalm 19:7-14

7. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
11. By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.
13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Reader A reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in

six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader A reading from 1st Corinthians.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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The Gospel

John 2:13-22

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 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*

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Parish Announcements

St. John's Offering of Letters 2024 Continues

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 collect letters to our Senators and Representative 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”

Friday, March 8, 7 p.m. at St. John's

“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— Darby Bigelow, Jim & Sandy Bodenmiller, Sally Boniece, Vicki Bower, Carla & Rick Bowerman and their children Sadie, Sam, and Ellie

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 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 the Province of Uganda, and St. James, New Castle.

This nation and all in authority—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and Erin, our mayors.

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