

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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



## MORNING PRAYER

*Voluntary In Green Pastures*

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### 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 23**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **The First Reading**

Acts 4:5-12

*Reader* A reading from Acts.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

*Reader* A reading from First John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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## The Gospel

John 10:11-18

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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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, 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**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 Easter Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## 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** My shepherd will supply my need

*Resignation*



# Parish Announcements

## Forward Day by Day

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.

## Spring Fundraiser for Jubilee Christmas

### TODAY Sunday, April 21

The Jubilee Christmas committee would like to invite you to participate in an early fundraising effort to support our event this December. TODAY, we will be hosting a coffee hour to answer any of your questions about this year's Jubilee Christmas. Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our fundraiser this spring to help get the ball rolling early! For more information, please contact Mary Kay McCauley at [mccauley.mk3@gmail.com](mailto:mccauley.mk3@gmail.com).

## “How to Be Perfect”: Making Moral Decisions

### Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. from April 23 – May 7

Making moral decisions is hard. But we can have fun together while discerning how to make those decisions. Join Fr. Bradley for discussions about moral philosophy and Christian ethics using Michael Schur's book *How to be Perfect* and the TV show “The Good Place.” We will meet on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. from April 23 – May 7. Dinner will be served. Copies of the book are available in St. John's Commons. Copies are \$15 apiece. Please contact Bradley at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org) for more information, if you need childcare, and/or if you have any dietary restrictions.

## Newcomer's Event

### Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m.

Are you new to St. John's? New-er? New-ish? The Vestry would like to invite you to join us Friday, April 26th for a casual evening of food and fellowship from 6-8 p.m. at St. John's. Children's activities/childcare and food will be provided. For more information, please contact Julie Peretin at [julie.peretin@gmail.com](mailto:julie.peretin@gmail.com).

## Eastertide Hymn Festival

### Sunday, April 28, 5 p.m. at St. John's

On Sunday, April 28 at 5 p.m. the St. John's choir will lead an Eastertide hymn festival centered on creation. They will be joined by Marilyn Keiser, director of music emeritus at Trinity Episcopal in Bloomington, who was also professor of music (organ and church music) at Indiana University for 25 years. This kind of thematic hymn festival, featuring choral leadership with instrumental music and robust congregational singing, is cherished in many faith traditions. As a community of Christians, we will make a joyful noise and praise God together in song. For more information, contact Michael Bennett at [michael@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:michael@stjohns-laf.org).

# Parish Prayer List

**St. John's Cycle of Prayer**— Lou Nash, Dawn and Sean Niccum, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Merrill & Kathryn Nielsen, Allysha Nordyke.

**Parish Prayer List**—Janet Huber, Don Nead, Alice Anderson, John Howland, Kathie Basden, Sue Eichhorn, Paul Lawson, Carolyn Speer, Pam Ogorzaly, Bill McInerney, Carol Helgerman, Barbara Hess, Paul Roberts, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Ginny Hull, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Alyce Dressler, Pequita Behrndt, Brien Dick, Rachel, Judy, Peter, David, Judy, Angela, Heidi, Adam, Carole, Leslie, Dymphna, and their families. For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Afghanistan; for peace in 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 Carl, Hilda, 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 Anglican Church of Australia, Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders.

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



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