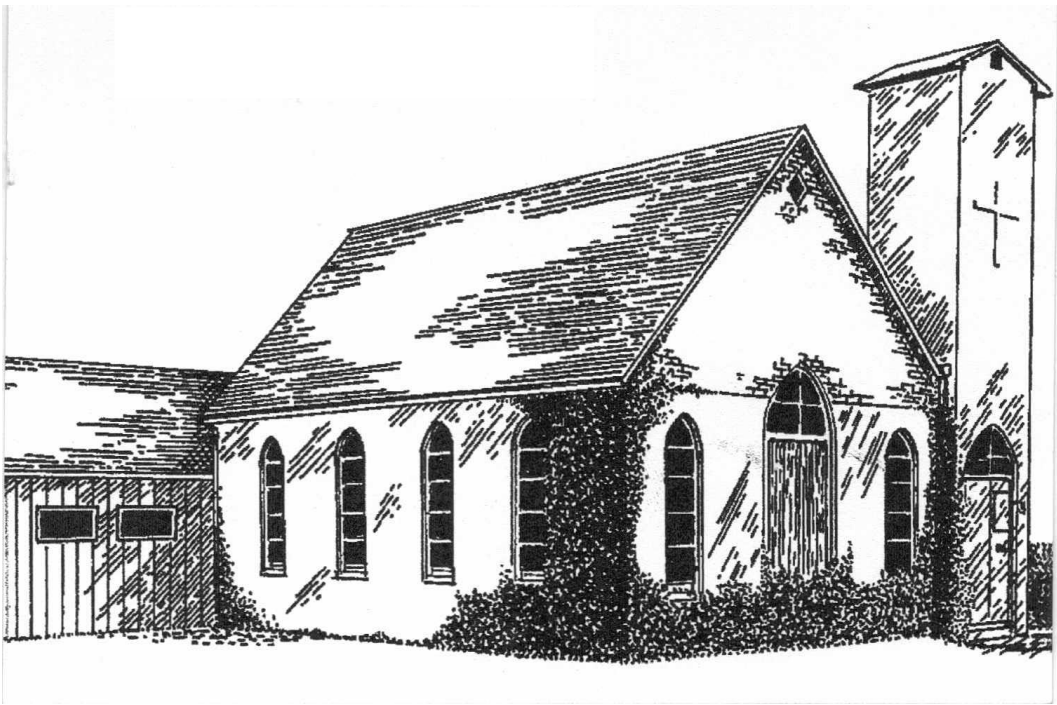


St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
September 15, 2013



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A Note on Today's Readings

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Sin and the need to repent are central to the liturgy today. In the reading from Luke, Jesus speaks in reply to those who complained that he had table fellowship with sinners. God, he says, cares about each person, seeks out each one, and rejoices as each sinner repents.

In the first reading Jeremiah laments what he foresees to be the consequence of the people's turning away from God. Like the hot wind from the desert which dries out and destroys, the prophet says, God will wipe away the kingdom of Judah. Jeremiah is known for his gloomy predictions; unfortunately for Judah, those predictions came true.

We begin a series of readings from the first letter to Timothy today. Paul is described as the greatest of sinners because he persecuted the faith. However, his life is held up as proof of God's forgiveness. His having been accepted by God has equipped him to proclaim God's love to all people. Paul, like Moses brings others into the goodness of God as well.

In our life of pilgrimage into God's kingdom, Jesus—God among us—is the embodiment of God's unremitting call to us to come home to our true lover and friend. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit in baptism to share the vocation of Moses and Paul to be mediators and instruments of God's love and forgiveness to the world.

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Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 19

Sunday, September 15, 2013

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

All standing, the Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

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 following is sung, all standing

O praise ye the Lord verse 4

Hymnal 432

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 14

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

A Reading from Paul's First letter to Timothy.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

All stand.

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal 645

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Rebecca Myers

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

With gratefulness toward Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened us, judged us faithful and appointed us to God's service despite our failures, let us pray for the grace of God.

Gracious God, grant to your church the spirit of your loving-kindness, that all of us sinners and outcasts may embrace our welcome to your banquet and rejoice with heaven at the inclusion of everyone into the perfect love of Jesus. The grace of our Lord overflows for us

with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Almighty One, look upon the foolish and those who have no understanding, and let your fierce anger burn against those who are skilled at doing evil but do not know how to do good, that those in authority among the nations of the world may embrace and ever share in your universal work of liberation and reconciliation. The grace of our Lord overflows for us

with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Loving God, seek thoroughly into all the corners of the earth and into each home and heart, that everyone who is lost may be found, the outcast may be welcomed, and the proud may be humbled. The grace of our Lord overflows for us

with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

There is joy in heaven whenever any human being is restored:

Hear our prayers for those who are wandering or wounded or ill, especially Diana, Jack, Jim, Sharae, Leroy, Phillip Faye, Jerry, Ruby, Brenda, Kevin, John and Emily.

We pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces, especially: Silvestre..

Your table is a generous and happy one, O Christ. We bring to you our gratefulness and thanksgiving, especially for those celebrating birthdays: Gay Nell Conley and Mary Disney.

In accordance with the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Michael's Church, Lexington, the Rev. Laurie Brock, Rector.

Carry all who have died into your eternal banquet, and hear us as we remember those who have gone before us in the faith. The grace of our Lord overflows for us **with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

Presider: Curb our pride, O God, that we may share in Spirit's work of compassionate love toward the sinful and the lost, to accomplish the inclusion of all in the joyful celebration of Christ, the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.*

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

Hymnal 671

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

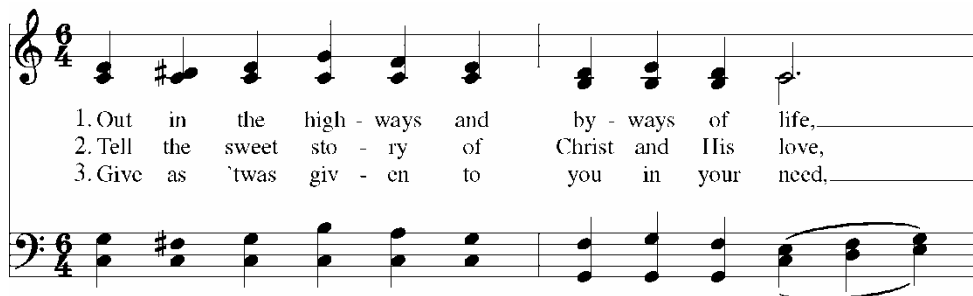
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.


Communion Hymn

Make Me a Blessing

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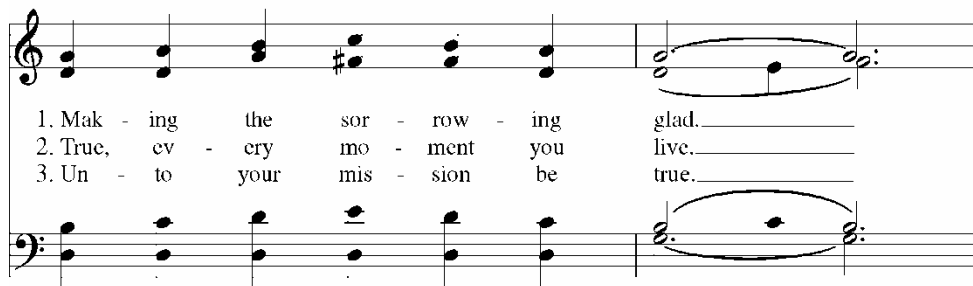
1. Out in the high - ways and by - ways of life,
2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love,
3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need,



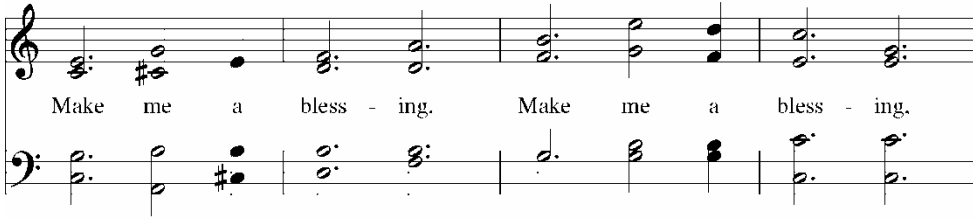
1. Man - y are wea - ry and sad;
2. Tell of His power to for - give;
3. Love as the Mas - ter loved you;



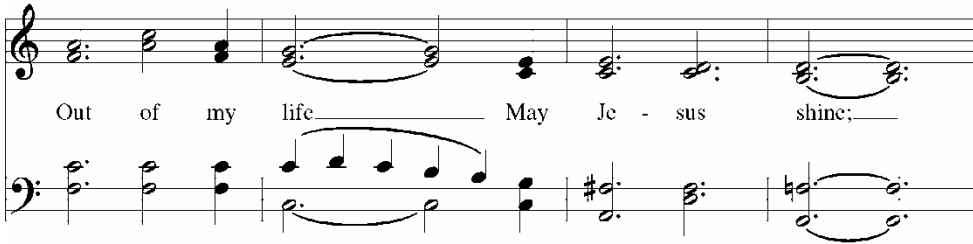
1. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife,
2. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove
3. Be to the help - less a help - er in - deed,



1. Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad.
2. True, ev - ery mo - ment you live.
3. Un - to your mis - sion be true.



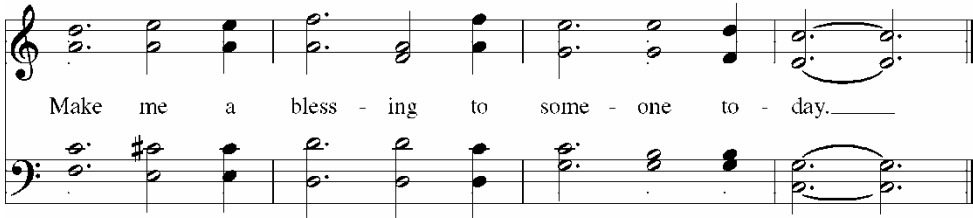
Make me a bless - ing, Make me a bless - ing,



Out of my life, May Je - sus shine;



Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior, I pray,



Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. *Amen.* (source: from Saint Claire)

Postcommunion Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Notes and News

Contact Information: Rev. Rebecca Myers will be available by appointment. She can be reached at 859-429-1659 or priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org .

Wednesday Worship: Each Wednesday evening there is a worship service that begins at 6:00 pm.

Memorial Celebration for Ed VanGorder: There will be a memorial celebration for Ed VanGorder on Sept. 22 at 2:00 pm in the Barn. Internment in the memorial garden will take place after the gathering.

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal church?

Bishop Hahn will make his annual visit to St. John's on Sunday, October 20. If you would like to be baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal church, please let me know so we can schedule the appropriate classes.

Christian Formation for children and adults begins October 6.

Children are invited to participate in the Godly Play program. Look for more information on the Adult Formation classes.

Volunteers are Needed for Christian Formation.

Is God calling you to service in the spiritual direction of children? If so, see Anne Day Davis about assisting with the Godly Play classes for children.

If you are being called to assist adults, see Rebecca.

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Prayers for the Week

For those seeking God's healing touch, especially: Diana, Jack, Jim, Sharae, Leroy, Phillip Faye, Jerry, Ruby, Brenda, Kevin, John and Emily.

For the men and women serving in the armed forces, especially: Silvestre.

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