

St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Second Sunday
after Epiphany**
January 19, 2014



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A Note on Today's Readings

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany—Year A

Welcome to our parish. The liturgy today continues the theme of Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ. Therefore, in today's Gospel reading we hear the testimony of John the Baptist to Jesus. John recounts the Holy Spirit's descent at Jesus' baptism and tells his followers that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Two of John's disciples then follow Jesus and one of them, Andrew, brings his brother, Simon Peter.

In the first reading, one of the servant songs of Isaiah, God announces that the servant of God will bring not only the people of Israel into God's household but will be sent to all humankind.

Throughout this Epiphany period, we read from the First Epistle to the Corinthians. This letter of Paul is particularly concerned with the life of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the church is the ongoing manifestation of Christ in the world. The Spirit of God who rested upon Jesus at his baptism dwells in the church and Paul explores the meaning of our membership in Christ's Body.

Each time we gather to celebrate Eucharist, we are reconstituted as the church. We proclaim the story of God's salvation, we pray for the church and the world, and in the Eucharistic feast, God reveals our unity with Jesus in the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. We are revealed by Word and Sacrament to be the Body of Christ in the world.

Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

What star is this, with beams so bright

Hymnal 124

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

Opening Anthem

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- 1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
- 2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
- 4 you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;

- 5 you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
- 6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
- 7 you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 40:1-12

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

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

Sequence

All stand.

All praise to you, O Lord

Hymnal 138

Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
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

Let us pray for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

Father, we thank you that we shall be one.

Let us pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

Father, we thank you for justice and peace.

Let us pray that we may all have a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Father, we thank you for your temporal gifts.

Let us pray for our community, for the poor and unemployed, for those in need and those who serve.

Father, we thank you for opportunity.

Let us pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Sally, Dennis, Melanie, Tony, Jeff, Sherron, Barbara, Jerry, Linda, Jane, Calvin, Ellen, Tim, Carol, Ray, June, Shelia, Ken, The Beckner family, Donna, Rob, Mary, Reynold, Greg, Bill, Cody, and Paula. Are there other special requests?

The people may add their own petitions.

Father, we thank you for your healing mercies.

Let us pray for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

The people may add their own petitions.

Father, we thank you for eternal peace and joy.

Let us pray for the holy communion of our congregation, for our beloved Rebecca, for those celebrating birthdays, especially Dania Egedi and Melanie Monroe, for St. Wulfstan of Worcester and all the saints. We pray in thanksgiving for the gift of our family, friends and the church. In accordance with the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Peters' Church, Paris, the Rev. Christina Brannock, Priest-in-Charge.

Father, we thank you for fellowship and for love made manifest.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

The Priest says.

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 our Lord 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 Christ 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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory Hymn

Alleluia! sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

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.

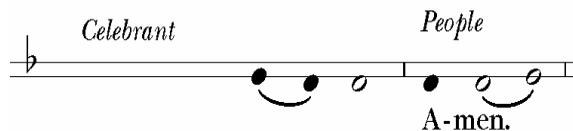
Christ is risen.

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.



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

As with gladness men of old

Hymnal 119

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

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.* (source: Celtic)

Postcommunion Hymn

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Hymnal 117

Dismissal

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

News & Notes

Rebecca's Schedule: Next week, Rev. Rebecca will be in Corbin on Friday, January 24, and her Sabbath day will be Thursday, January 23. Please feel free to contact her any time, however, by calling 859 -429-1659 or priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org.

Lazarus at the Gate, an eight week series on economic discipleship, will begin at the Adult Forum on Sunday January 5. Next week, January 26th, Jeff Davis will lead us in a session on *Wealth as a Potential Idol*.

Confirmation Classes continue on Wednesdays at 4:30pm through February 5. Classes are open to everyone. Sessions will focus on the history, theology and structure of The Episcopal Church. The January 22 session will be led by Bruce Cory and focus on church history.

Godly Play: There will be Godly Play classes this Sunday. If you are interested in assisting with these classes on an occasional basis, please let Anne Day Davis or Dura Anne Price know. You will observe the classes for 4 sessions and once you have received this training, you may be called upon to assist as you are available. Let the children deepen your faith!

2014 Church Calendars are available on the shelf in the parish hall. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested.

Serving Our Neighbors – See baskets in the parlor.

- Everlasting Arms, Corbin's shelter for people who are homeless, is in need of men's and women's razors, gloves, deodorant and socks.
- The Food Pantry at Corbin Presbyterian Church is always in need of nonperishable food items. Vegetables are especially appreciated.

Pot Luck Sunday: Next Sunday, January 26, is our monthly pot luck. Bring a dish or drink to share. All are welcome, so plan for an afternoon of fellowship with each other! The guests at Everlasting Arms will be joining us for worship and pot luck so bring lots of your favorite dish to share.

Hymn Selection Group If you'd like to choose hymns for services, join this group. You will choose hymns for an upcoming service and then meet with the entire group to confirm the final selections. See Billy Hibbits if you are interested.

Would you like to write Prayers of the People? If you are interested in writing these prayers (there are resources that can help with this task), please let Rebecca know by phone or email priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org.

Are you interested in assisting with the Sunday service? Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Crucifers, Altar Guild Members and choir members are all important for each Sunday service. If you're interested in serving, please let Rebecca know by phone 859-429-1659 or priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org.

Flowers for the altar: Donations for flowers for the altar are accepted for any Sunday of the year. Please place your donation in the envelope, marking whether they are in honor of or in memory of someone.

Reimagine the Episcopal Church: In 2012, the General Convention created a taskforce to reimagine The Episcopal Church for the future. The members of the Taskforce want to hear the memories, hopes and dreams that people have for The Church. We are trying to reach as many people as we can over the next few months. We will use what we hear to help us shape recommendations for The Church's structure, administration and governance. To add your memories, go online at <http://reimagnetec.org/> or see Rev. Rebecca for a paper copy you can submit. Deadline is March 4, 2014.

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world. Your UTO offerings are collected twice each year. Each time you feel thankful during your day, put some change into your box. We will gather these gifts of gratitude in May and begin again for the November offering. If you need a UTO box, please see Rebecca.

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