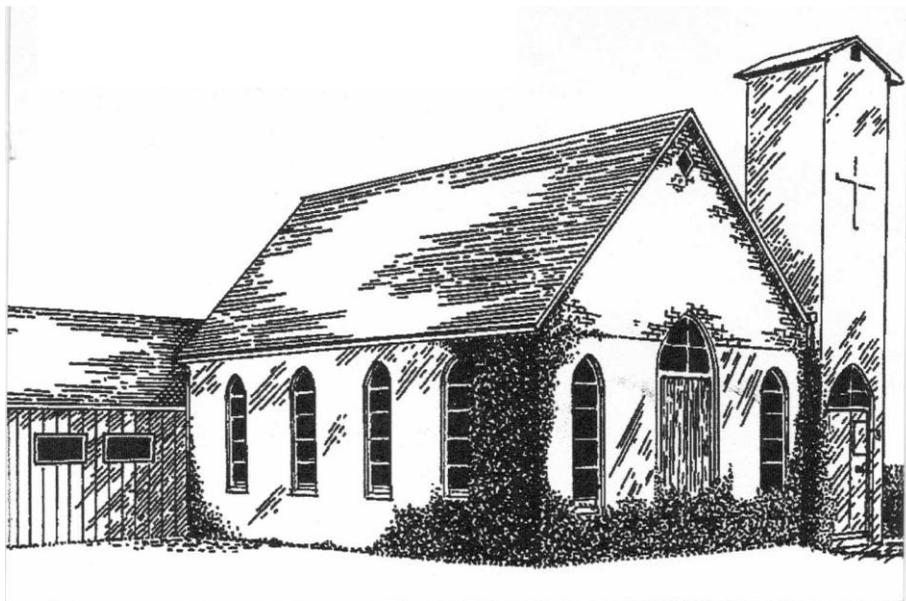


# St. John's Episcopal Church

**Easter Day**

April 20, 2014



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## **A Note on Today's Readings**

*The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day—Year A*

Today the Church completes its three great days of celebrating redemption. Since Maundy Thursday, we have been involved in an extended liturgy that will be brought to its conclusion today.

This is the celebration of the Passover of Christ from death to life. It is also the celebration of our own Passover in Holy Baptism in which “we were buried with Christ in his death and raised with him.”

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, a reading from the Acts of the Apostles is always used. These weekly readings from Acts describe the life of the first Christians and their proclamation of Christ's resurrection. So today we hear a portion of the sermon Peter preached to Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian.

The second reading reflects our share in the resurrection given us in baptism. The Gospel reading is the account of the women at the tomb and the angelic proclamation of the resurrection.

As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is known to us in the Breaking of the Bread. We are sent forth to tell others of his resurrection.

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# Holy Eucharist

Easter Day

Sunday, April 20, 2014

## Liturgy of the Word

### Hymn

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Hymnal 199

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*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*

S 280

- 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.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

Acts 10:34-43

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

### **Psalm**

*Remain seated.*

### **Psalm 118:1-2,14-24**

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### **Second Reading**

Colossians 3:1-4

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

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

## Sequence

*All stand.*

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain*

Hymnal 204

## Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.*

Today, all around our world, Christians are shouting. Just like Mary Magdalene, our weeping has turned into joy. Death has been overcome. Draw us ever nearer to be the church that brings resurrection to the world. Christ is risen...

*He is risen indeed!*

We pray for our nation, especially our leaders, and we who elect and choose them. Strengthen our hearing to create a nation and communities worthy of resurrection life. Christ is risen...

*He is risen indeed!*

Our nation's founding documents acknowledge our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In addition, you call us to care for each other. Guide us in the ways we can ensure that all of humanity has the basics to live and to develop into the people you have created us to be. Relieve conflict around the world, especially in South Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. Christ is risen...

*He is risen indeed!*

So often the cares of our community weigh us down. Mid this lovely creation and blessed community, we see corruption, self-interest, hatred, and dysfunction. Embed in our hearts your resurrection hope that we may see new ways to love each other and to build up our communities. Christ is risen...

*He is risen indeed!*

Many are suffering or in trouble. Some have made poor choices. Some suffer with illness of the mind, body or soul. You, too, suffered, so we know you understand. Provide solace and your healing touch to all, especially those we name now: Sally, Les, Jeff, Juanita, Jerry, Barbara, Cody, Jane, Calvin, Bill, Raymond, Elaine, Mary, Elaine, Jack, Linda, baby Ozzy, Dorothy, Avery, Laci Jo, Ray, June, Pam, Bishop Doug, Kaye, Donna, Rob, Paula, and Wayne. Christ is risen...

*He is risen indeed!*

We pray for all who have died, especially those in our parish who have died this past year: Linda Hutton, Ed VanGorder, Mary Beckner. We know they are with the risen Christ where there are no tears and no pain. Christ is risen...

*He is risen indeed!*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant continues.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*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 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*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

# Offertory Hymn

*He Lives*

LEVAS 42



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; \_\_\_  
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care, \_\_\_  
3. Re - joice, re - joice. O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing. \_\_\_



1. I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say; \_\_\_  
2. And though my heart grows wea - ry I nev - er will de - spair; \_\_\_  
3. E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! \_\_\_



1. I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, \_\_\_  
2. I know that He is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast, \_\_\_  
3. The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, \_\_\_



1. And just the time I need Him \_\_\_ He's al - ways near. \_\_\_  
2. The day of His ap - pear - ing \_\_\_ will come at last. \_\_\_  
3. None oth - er is so lov - ing, \_\_\_ so good and kind. \_\_\_



He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

He lives, He lives,

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!

He lives, He lives,

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart.

*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.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



*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.*

Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.

*Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.*

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has done for me?

*Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.*

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD.

*Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.*

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

*Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.*

In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## **Communion Hymn**

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth*

Hymnal 178

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

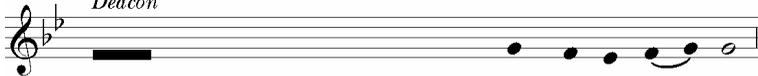
## Postcommunion Hymn

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

Hymnal 207

## Dismissal

*Deacon*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## News & Notes

**Rebecca's Schedule:** Next week, Rebecca will be in Corbin on Thursday, April 24, and her Sabbath day will be Friday, April 25. You can reach to Rebecca by calling 859-429-1659 or [priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org](mailto:priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org).

**Flowers for the altar:** The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and to the memory of Mr. & Mrs. George M. Golden, Mrs. R. Hollifield George, Thomas R. Hollifield, Mrs Jacqueline Golden Cooper and Mr. & Mrs. Coy Hart by Mr & Mrs. Jerry Hollifield. Easter flowers are also given in memory of John & Elizabeth by Sue Weedman, in memory of Robert & Mary Ann Myers by the Rev. Rebecca Myers, in memory of Keith Snider by the Swinford family, in memory of Anne & Lamar Jones and Pat & Cecil Davis by Anne Day and Jeff David, by Mrs. Thalia Harris and in memory of William R. & E. Irene Fink by Bruce W. Cory.

**Easter Egg Hunt** There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children after the service on Easter.

**Adult Forum:** Adult Forum will resume next week with a 7-week Easter series on *Resurrection Living*, using a Forward Movement pamphlet by Christine McSpaden. Mary Swinford will lead the first session on Luke 24:5, *Why do you look for the living among the dead?*

**St. George's Day, Saturday, April 26, Cathedral Domain.** Mary Swinford will be confirmed at the 3pm service. Spend the weekend or come for the day. Reservations for overnight must be received by April 18. Meals are included in the overnight stay or can be purchased separately if you are coming for the day. You are also welcome to bring your own food and have a picnic on the grounds. <http://www.cathedraldomain.org/stgeorge2014.html>

**Belk Charity Sales Day: The Belk Charity Sales Day will be Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00am to 10:00am.** Ticket may be purchased for \$5 tickets from our ECW, which allow you entrance to the sale and \$5 off your purchase. We are trying to sell 100 tickets, which provides \$500 for the church and tremendous savings for you!

**We're buying goats!** The *Lazarus at the Gates* Adult Forum study has prompted us to purchase goats through Episcopal Relief and Development for families in the Philippines. Goats provide milk, cheese, and manure for farming. Donations towards the \$80 purchase of each goat can be made through the goat bank in the parish hall or in the offering plate clearly marked ERD goat project.