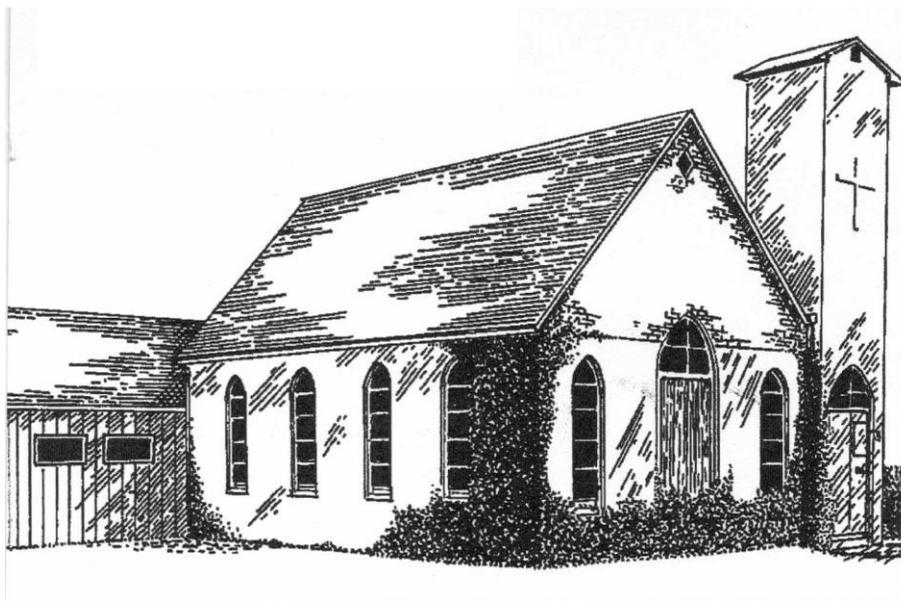


St. John's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2014



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A Note on Today's Readings

The Sixth Sunday of Easter—Year A

As we continue the Great Fifty Days of celebrating our redemption through the death and resurrection of Jesus, today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' words on the night before he died. The sign of our love of him is to follow his commandments and, above all, to love one another as he loves us. He promises not to leave his people alone but will send to them the Holy Spirit, the source of our unity with God and of Jesus' revelation of himself to us.

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles finds Paul preaching not to Jews and Greek converts to Judaism (as he usually did), but to the Greek philosophers in Athens. He proclaims that their unknown god is the God of the entire universe and the creator of all things. This God has been made known in the dying and rising of Jesus.

Peter's epistle about baptism continues in our second reading calling on all the baptized to understand the difficulties of living in this world as our own sharing in the dying and rising of Jesus.

Our sharing in his redemptive death and in his resurrection was not completed in baptism; it was only begun. We are to live out that passage from death to life with his living presence through the Holy Spirit in our daily living.

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Holy Eucharist

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Sunday, May 25, 2014

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Hymnal 204

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ 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 God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

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 66:7-18

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Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

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

Sequence

All stand.

This is my Father's world

Hymnal 651

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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.

In this Season of Easter, 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 and Barbara, Cody, Jane, Calvin, Bill, Raymond and Elaine, Mary, Elaine, Jack, Linda, Baby Ozzy, Dorothy, Avery, Ray, June, Pam, Bishop Doug and Kaye, Donna and family, Rob, Paula, Wayne, Rob, Jim Fay and the family of Dalton. Please add your own petitions.

Silence

Christ is risen...

He is risen indeed!

We pray for all who have died that they are with the risen Christ where there are no tears and no pain. Christ is risen...

He is risen indeed!

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and other joyous events this week. Please add your own petitions of thanksgiving.

Silence

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.

The Priest then 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 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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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!

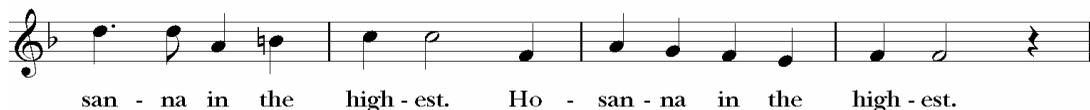
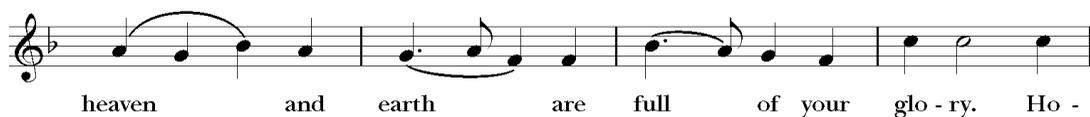
He lives, He lives,

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.

Holy Communion

All remain standing.



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.

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

More Love to Thee, O Christ

LEVAS 87

1. More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee!
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;
3. Then shall my ev - ery breath Sing out your praise;

1. Hear thou the prayer I make On bend - ed knee;
2. Now thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best;
3. This be the on - ly song My heart shall raise;

1. This is my ear - nest plea;
2. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
3. This still my prayer shall be:

More love to thee, More love to thee!

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

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.*

Postcommunion Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia

Hymnal 191

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

News & Notes

Rebecca's Schedule: Next week, Rebecca will be in Corbin on Thursday, May 29th and her Sabbath day will be Friday, May 30th. You can get a message to Rebecca by calling 859 -429-1659 or priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org.

Adult Forum: Our series on *Resurrection Living* concludes next week, June 1st, will next week's session on Luke 24:51, *While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.*

Picnic Today: Stay after church for a picnic lunch of hot dogs, chips, and coleslaw and fellowship..

Wednesdays in the Park: Join us each Wednesday through June 25 for hot dogs and fun. This Wednesday, May 28, Renata Farmer will come from Agricultural Extension to do a variety of activities for youth. She will be here from 4:30-6pm.

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.

United Thank Offering (UTO): is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Our ingathering of your UTO offerings will be today. The UTO Boxes will be gathered and brought forward with the offering.

Grow Appalachia: The Vestry voted to move ahead with this project. As we continue to work on this project, let the members of Vestry know your questions. Their website is <http://www.berea.edu/grow-appalachia/>

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.
- KCEOC's Women's Emergency Shelter is in need of donated baby items, including baby clothing (sizes 6/9 months), diapers, wipes, bottles, etc. Donations can be dropped off at KCEOC Community Action Partnership main office at Gray, KY.