

# St. John's Episcopal Church

## The Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2014



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

*The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday—Year A*

(The word “Pentecost” means fifty days.) Today we celebrate of the Lord’s resurrection, ascension, and his sending the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Spirit in the Church continues Jesus’ saving work into our own time. The presence of the Holy Spirit incorporates our lives into the risen life of Christ and makes us part of his Body. This is one of the four times in the year when Holy Baptism is particularly significant, for it is in baptism that we receive the

Spirit and are made partakers in the resurrection life.

The gospel reading takes us back to the beginning of this season on the first Easter when Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection. He gives them the Holy Spirit and the authority to be God’s agents of reconciliation to all humankind.

The reading from Acts is the account of the first Pentecost Day when the Holy Spirit empowered the infant Church to proclaim Jesus as Lord to all people. In the presence of people from many parts of the world, they spoke the Word to all.

The second reading from 1 Corinthians describes the work of God’s Spirit in the church. Each of us in baptism has received the Spirit and each has been given gifts for ministry.

We gather in Eucharist as people reborn by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism. Gifted with God’s Spirit, we are sent to proclaim good news to every people and language and nation and to be built into a royal priesthood in Christ.

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# Holy Eucharist

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Sunday, June 8, 2014

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **Hymn**

*Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing*

Hymnal 225

*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 said, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,  
    and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
    we worship you, we give you thanks,  
    we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
    have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
    receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
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.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

Acts 2:1-21

*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 104:25-35,37**

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### **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

Hymnal 508

## Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

*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.*

*Presider: O Holy One, you have poured out your Spirit upon all creation: Continually send forth your Spirit to empower and unite us for service for the sake of the healing and unity of the whole earth, as we pray: We will sing to God as long as we live; we will praise our God while we have our being.*

Prayer leader: Gracious God, your Holy Spirit allots to your church varieties of gifts, services and activities in the one Spirit: Empower us in our ministries for the common good. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

Almighty One, how manifold are your works: Continually pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and especially upon all who hold power or authority in the world, that they may see visions and dream dreams of unity and peace. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

Compassionate One, all creation looks to you to give them their food in due season; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things: Bless those who hunger and all who are in need throughout the world, that they may know your peace, your glory and your joy. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

Loving One, fill our community with the wind of your spirit and enlighten us with your presence, that we may be a place of creativity and vitality, where all are welcome to manifest their gifts. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

Risen One, you come to us behind our locked doors and our fears, speaking your healing words of peace: Visit with your Spirit those for whom we pray, especially Les, Jeff, Juanita, Jerry and Barbara, Cody, Jane, Calvin, Bill, Raymond and Elaine, Mary, Elaine, Jack, Linda, baby Ozzy, Dorothy, Avery, Nellie, Michael, Ray, June, Bishop Doug and Kaye, Donna and Family, Rob, Paula, Wayne, and Fay. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, in particular for Silvestre. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

In accordance with the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Martha's, Lexington, the Rev. Sandy Stone, Priest-in-Charge. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

We praise and bless you as we offer our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Maleah, June, and Fred, who celebrate birthdays this week. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

We commend to your everlasting arms those who have died, especially for those who we name at this time. (*pause*) May they live in your eternal spirit forever. Lord, send forth your Spirit.

**And renew the face of the earth.**

*Presider: Holy and Eternal God, grant to your people the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, and interpretation, all activated by one and the same Spirit, that we who are many may be one body, serving the world in your name, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. 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*

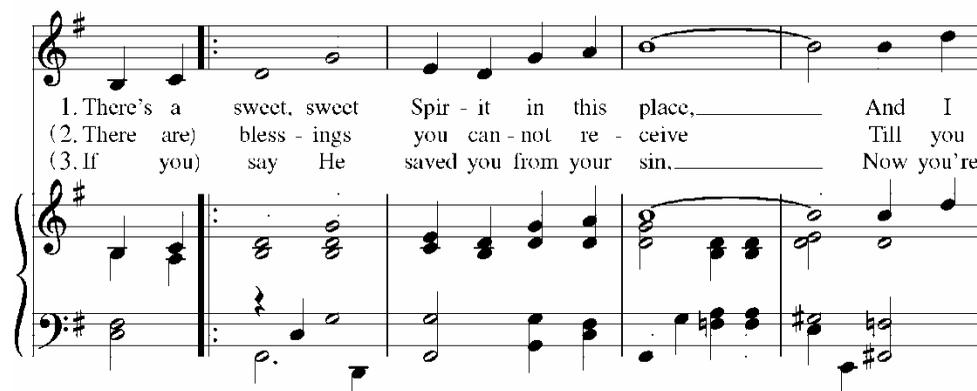
## Offertory Hymn

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

LEVAS 120

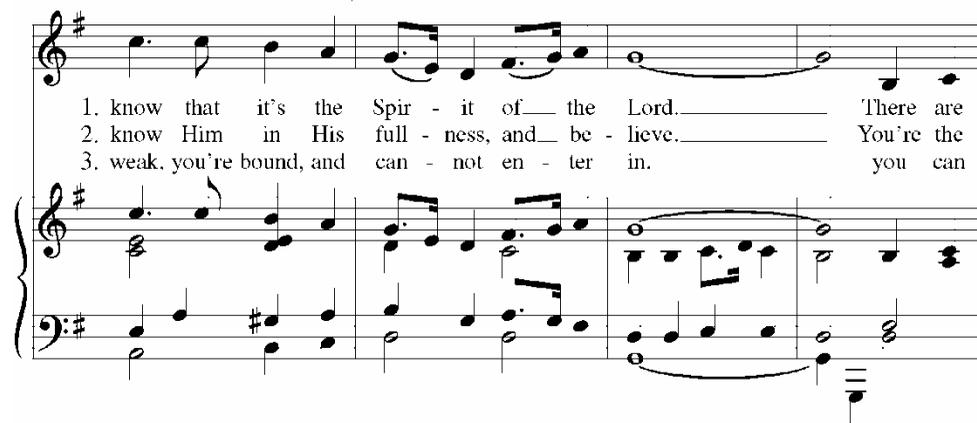


Piano accompaniment for the first system of the Offertory Hymn. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef with a grand staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.



Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first system of the Offertory Hymn. The vocal line is in G major and 4/4 time, with lyrics for three verses. The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time, with a grand staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you  
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're



Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second system of the Offertory Hymn. The vocal line is in G major and 4/4 time, with lyrics for three verses. The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time, with a grand staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
2. know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in. \_\_\_\_\_ you can

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, And I  
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, "I am  
 3. make it right if you will yield; You'll en -

1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way."  
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

The first system of music features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The vocal line consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment includes chords and moving lines in both hands.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in

The second system continues the musical piece. The vocal line has a longer note with a slur over it. The piano accompaniment features a prominent chordal texture in the right hand.

praise; With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

The third system concludes the visible portion of the music. The vocal line continues with quarter notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 2. There are 3. If you place.

*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.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*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**

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove*

Hymnal 510

*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*

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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**

*Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove*

Hymnal 512

## **Dismissal**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## News & Notes

**Rebecca's Schedule:** Next week, Rebecca will be vacation. For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. Peter Helman at 940-735-1235.

**Adult Forum:** This summer and early fall, we will be discussing a portion of the Gospel of Matthew. We will follow our Gospel lectionary, discussing the following week's Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

**Wednesdays in the Park:** Join us each Wednesday through June 25 for hot dogs and fun. This Wednesday, June 11, Doug Thelen will set up an obstacle course for children ages 8 and under.

**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/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org).

**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.