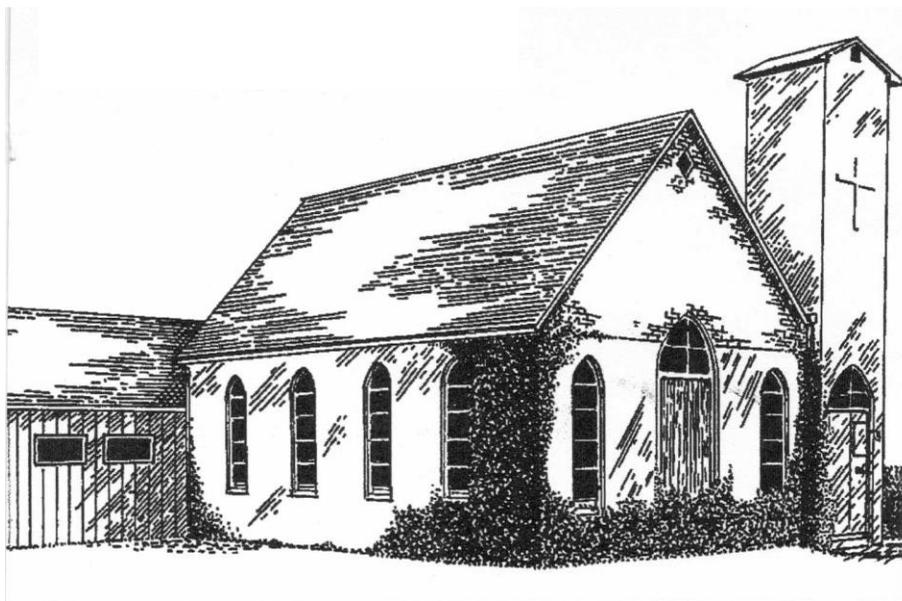


# St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Third Sunday  
After Pentecost**

June 29, 2014



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

*Proper 8: Sunday closest to June 29—Year A*

Today we continue reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. This passage follows Jesus' commissioning the disciples to go out and preach and his warning of the opposition they will encounter. Today he concludes this section describing those who accept their message. Matthew is speaking here of us and of all who have accepted the message and who have received the reward of our faith.

Abraham's greatest test of faith now comes as God tells him to sacrifice the child he and his wife had awaited for so long. Abraham sets out to obey but God intervenes, spares the child, and renews the promise to Abraham's descendants, including us.

The reading from Romans today carries on Paul's discussion of the result of baptism. We are dead to sin but we still have the choice between sin and grace. The choice is to be controlled by sin or by God. One receives only death from sin but from God comes sanctification, growing into the image of God in which we were created.

We gather as people who find our life in Christ rather than in the conventions of the world. Our action in worship is a contradiction of the world's standards. Our life as we go forth from worship is to show forth our new way of existing by ministry to the poor and neglected that God saves all who turn to God in faith. We are to live in accordance with God's kingdom, even when that reality is hard to find in the world around us.

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# Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 8

Sunday, June 29, 2014

## Liturgy of the Word

### Hymn

*In Christ there is no East or West*

Hymnal 529

*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*

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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

Genesis 22:1-14

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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

### **Psalm**

*Remain seated.*

### **Psalm 13**

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### **Second Reading**

Romans 6:12-23

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

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

# Sequence

All stand.

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom

Voices Found 60

## Descant

3 O ——— vir - tus

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture

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danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she  
in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -  
all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -

vir - tus Sa - pi - en - ti - a

teach - es, for her words are right and true. Wis - dom  
 mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the  
 pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us

O Sa - pi - en - ti - a

clears the path of jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
 word takes root and rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.  
 to be - come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

*Final Ending*

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## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 10:40-42

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*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,  
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.*

We pray for all the ministers of the church, lay and ordained. For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our bishop, and Rebecca, our priest. We pray for the vestry of St. John's and all the lay leaders of this community.

*Help us to be a welcoming presence in this community to all, regardless of orientation or gender identity.*

We pray for this nation. For Barack, our President, our leaders in congress, governors, mayors and all civic leaders.

*May they lead justly, recognizing the essential dignity of all members of our nation.*

We pray for the world. For international leaders and in particular, during LGBT Pride month, for people working for justice and safety for people of all orientations throughout the world.

*Guide them with wisdom and strengthen them in their resolve.*

We pray for our community. In particular we pray for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning members of our community who feel isolated or marginalized from their faith communities.

*May they encounter oases of welcome and know the God who called into being all the wonderful diversity of creation.*

We pray for those in need. In particular we pray for those whose families have rejected them because of their identity. We also pray for the needs of Jason, Jeff, Juanita, Jerry and Barbara, Cody, Jane, Calvin, Bill, Raymond and Elaine, Mary, Elaine, Jack, Linda, Fred, Dorothy, Avery, Debbie, Michael, Mason, Jim and Rob, Kath, Ray, June, Daphne, Bishop Doug and Kaye, Donna, Rob, Paula, Wayne and Fay.

*Comfort them in their trials and strengthen them in their hope.*

We pray for those who have died. In particular we pray for those who have been killed because of their orientation or gender identity, and for those who have died in silence because they dare not speak of their love.

*May they be welcomed into the comforting arms of God and find rest and peace.*

We also lift our voices in thanksgiving and joy. We give thanks for the witness of LGBT people throughout history, particularly for the rioters at the Stonewall Inn in New York, whose resistance is commemorated this month.

*May we continue their struggle of resistance to oppression and celebrate the gifts that each person brings to our communities and families.*

We pray in thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week, particularly Leslie Schofield. We also pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Silvestre.

*Shelter them in their joy, strengthen them during trials.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Wondrous God, we praise you for the splendor of the world! We thank you, that woven throughout the tapestry of the earth are the varied threads of human diversity. Created in your image, we are of many colors and cultures, ages and classes, gender and sexual identities. Different and alike, we are your beloved people. Hear the prayers of your beloved people. Unite us in our diversity that we may live together as a reflection of the diversity that is you, Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *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.

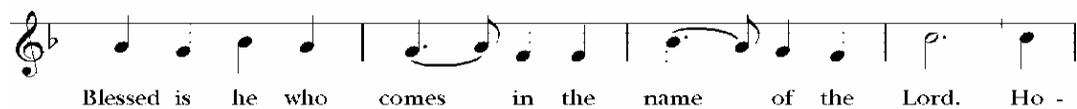
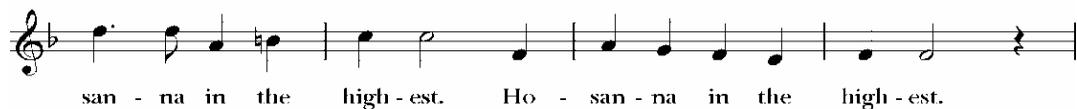
*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*



We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.*

The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.  
*We being many are one bread, one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

### **Communion Hymn**

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*

Hymnal 671

*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*

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.* (source: Celtic)

## **Postcommunion Hymn**

*Where cross the crowded ways of life*

Hymnal 609

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## News & Notes

**Rebecca's Schedule:** Next week, Rebecca will be in Corbin on Thursday, July 3, and her Sabbath day will be Saturday, July 5. You can get a message to her by calling the church office at 606-528-1659 or [priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org](mailto:priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org).

**Today we commemorate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Month:** The altar frontal and candles are in the rainbow colors of LGBT pride – red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet.

**Pot Luck Sunday:** Today is our monthly pot luck. All are welcome. Stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.

**Adult Forum:** This summer and early fall, we will discuss a portion of the Gospel of Matthew. We will follow our Gospel lectionary, discussing the following week's Gospel - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

**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.

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