

# St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Sixth Sunday  
After Pentecost**

July 20, 2014



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

*Proper 11: Sunday closest to July 20—Year A*

Welcome to our parish. As we continue to read the Gospel according to Matthew each Sunday, we are in a section of Jesus' parables concerning the Kingdom of God. This parable of the wheat and the weeds reaffirms God's patience with the Church. While we are often impatient with its failures, God is merciful and waits until the end before separating the good from the bad. Jesus urges us to grow into fruitful members of God's family.

The story of God's ancient people continues today. Jacob, the wily grandson of Abraham, is fleeing because he has cheated his brother out of the family inheritance. God gives him a dream in which God renews the promise to Abraham, whose heir Jacob is. This story illustrates that God does not choose people because they are worthy but out of the love and grace God has toward all people.

In the second reading, Paul assures us that the whole creation is moving toward redemption. Through our redemption will come the redemption of the whole creation. Therefore, the whole creation waits with longing for our redemption to be complete.

We share in the Eucharistic action in order that God's redemptive power may lead us toward the Kingdom. We share also in order that we may be the means by which redemption comes to the whole creation. That is our vocation as the people of God and as members of the Body of Christ.

# Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 11

Sunday, July 20, 2014

## Liturgy of the Word

### Hymn

*Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might*

Hymnal 521

*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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

Genesis 28:10-19a

*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 139:1-11,22-23**

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### **Second Reading**

Romans 8:12-25

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.*

*O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God*

Hymnal 505

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, and Doug, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Jason, Les Jeff, Juanita, Jerry and Barbara, Cody, Jane, Calvin, Bill, Raymond and Elaine, Mary, Elaine, Jack, Linda, Fred, Dorothy, Avery, Debbie, Nellie, Michael, Jim, Rob, Mason, Kathy, Erin, Thelma, Erin, Ray, June, Daphne, Bishop Doug and Kaye, Rob, Paula, Wayne, and Fay. Please add your own prayers of intervention.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Anne Day Davis and Sharae Myers. In accordance with the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the deacons of the Diocese of Lexington. We also pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Silvestre. Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*



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**

*Beneath the cross of Jesus*

Hymnal 498

*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**

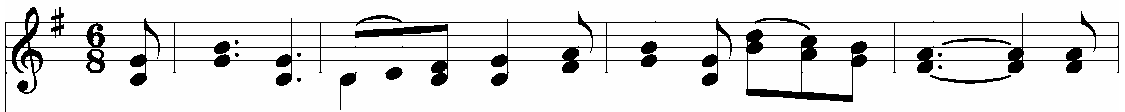
*The priest blesses the people, saying*

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

## **Postcommunion Hymn**

*We're Marching to Zion*

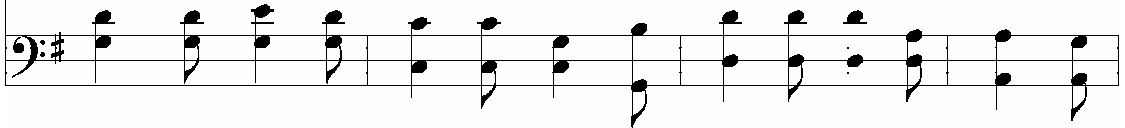
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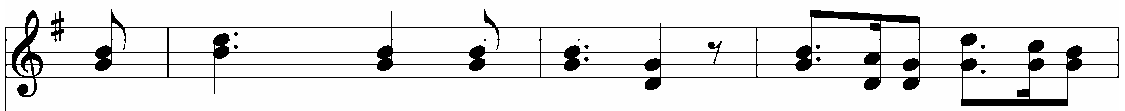
1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;— Join  
2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God;— But  
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets— Be -  
4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're



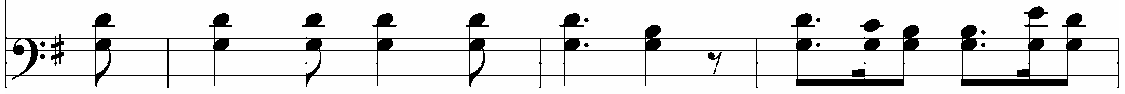
1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -  
2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly  
3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly  
4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground. We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's



1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—  
2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.  
3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.  
4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful



We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,  
 Zi - on, Zi - on.

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

The musical score consists of two systems of two staves each. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), and the bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The first system contains the lyrics 'Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, Zi - on, Zi - on.' The second system contains the lyrics 'The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.' The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

## Dismissal

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

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## News & Notes

**Rebecca's Schedule:** Next week, Rebecca will be on vacation. In case of pastoral emergencies please contact the Rev. John Burkhart 606-521-0345 or [jandmburkhart@yahoo.com](mailto:jandmburkhart@yahoo.com).

**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 14:13-21.

**Pot Luck Sunday:** Next Sunday, July 27 is our monthly pot luck. Bring a dish or drink to share. And all are welcome! Plan to fellowship with each other.

**KCEOC Lunch Program:** The KCEOC Summer Youth Lunch Program is distributing lunch Monday through Friday, 11:20-11:35am in our parking lot. Youth 18 and under are eligible for this free lunch. Youth are enjoying sitting in our park eating their lunch. Monday through Thursday is a cold lunch of sandwich, fruit or vegetable, juice, and milk. Friday is a hot lunch. Please continue to get the word out.

**Interested in being a member of St. John's?** If you have been baptized in another faith tradition, and want to be a member of The Episcopal Church and St. John's Church, plan to attend confirmation classes this fall. There will be 5 classes offered, most likely beginning in September. If you are interested, please let Rebecca know. If you have already been confirmed in another faith tradition and would like to be a member of St. John's, let Rebecca know, so you can be received into the church. If you are interested in baptism, also let her know. Baptisms, receptions, and confirmations will be done when the Bishop visits.

**Diocese of Lexington Stewardship event:** "Life as a Steward" is the theme of a daylong event designed to assist parish leaders enhance our ministry of stewardship. National stewardship leaders Keith Stroud of the Diocese of Virginia and Gene Musser of Kirby Smith Associates will be our guest leaders, and will guide us in presentations of theology of stewardship as well as practical aids for your parish stewardship program. This event will take place Saturday, August 2, from 9am to 3 pm at Ascension Frankfort.

**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/>

## Financial Report

June 2014 (5 Sundays)	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Monthly Budget	Actual Monthly
Total Revenue	\$23,735.50	\$14,991.06	\$3,955.92	\$2,453.11
Total Expense	\$23,735.50	\$23,092.42	\$3,955.92	\$3,249.69
Difference		-\$8,101.36		-\$796.58

**Computer and Furnace needed!** The **furnace** located in the sacristy, which heats part of the social hall and hallways must be replaced prior to this winter. Cost is \$2,250 for a furnace that will also be more energy efficient. We'll also need to replace two more furnaces over the next two years: one that heats the parish hall and one that heats the rectory. Our **computer** also needs replaced and \$600 will get us a new one plus the needed software. Donations for these two items can be put in the boxes back on the shelves in the parish hall.

The Vestry has voted to **donate a niche in the Columbarium** to the family of Deacon Dane. A bronze plaque needs to be purchased to mark the niche. The cost is \$208. If you would like to donate to the cost of this plaque, please let Gay Nell know.

**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.

**Serving Our Neighbors** – See baskets in the parlor.

- Everlasting Arm, 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.

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