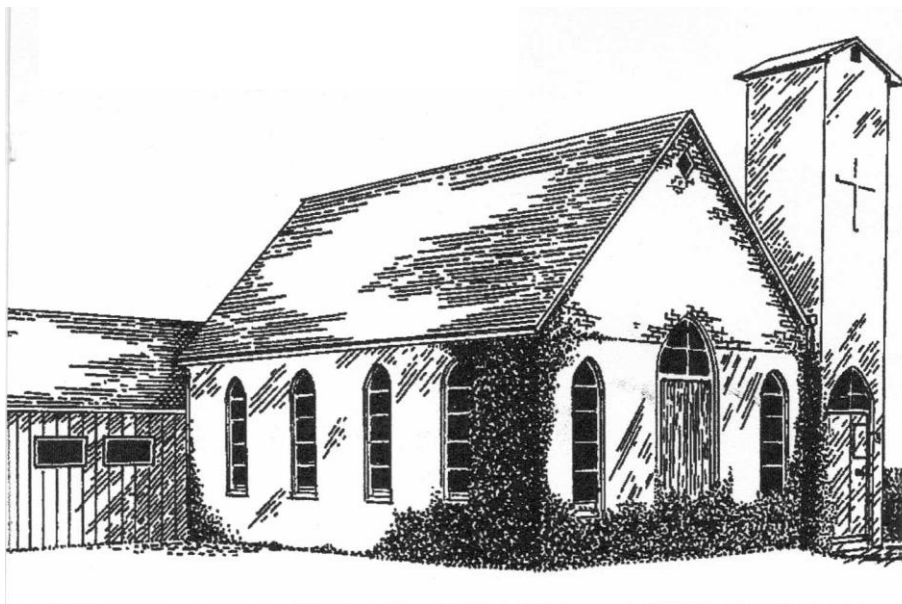


# St. John's Episcopal Church

## The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2014



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## A Note on Today's Readings

*Proper 16: Sunday closest to August 24—Year A*

Today we reach a watershed moment in Jesus' ministry as recounted by Matthew. Jesus asks his disciples who the people and they believe he is. It is Simon Peter who replies, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus affirms Peter's leadership of the church even though Peter will show lack of certainty in this confession later.

As we continue the story of God's people, last Sunday found them living a privileged life in Egypt. Several centuries have now passed and today we hear that a new king arose in Egypt "who did not know Joseph." The Hebrew people, the children of Israel, are now slaves and suffering. However, to one of them is born a child who is saved and adopted, ironically, by the daughter of the Egyptian king. He, Moses, will be the central character in the next several weeks.

We continue to read from the Epistle to the Romans in the second lesson. The final section, which we begin today, deals with the way God's people are to live in relationship to each other and to the world. Today Paul focuses on the varied ministries of all members of the Church given to us in baptism.

All our attempts to explain our faith—from Peter's faltering faith to Paul's complex theology—rest upon the encounter we have as a people with God. That encounter leads always into the symbolic, the metaphorical and sacramental expressions of Christian worship and that always leads us into the various ministries to which God has called us. Our most profound theological expression is this action of Word and Sacrament, of story, song, meal, and bath, which is at the center of our worship.

# Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 16

Sunday, August 24, 2014

## Liturgy of the Word

### Hymn

*The God of Abraham praise*

Hymnal 401

*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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

Exodus 1:8—2:10

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

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

### **Psalm**

*Remain seated.*

### **Psalm 124**

BCP p. 781

### **Second Reading**

Romans 12:1-8

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.*

*Ubi caritas [Aia no e loa' a]*

WLP 831

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

*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 [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.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray in particular for Jason, Les, Charlie, Juanita, Jerry & Barbara, Cody, Jane, Calvin, Bill, Raymond & Elaine, Clay, Mary, Elaine, Jack, Linda, Fred, Dorothy, Avery, Debbie, Nellie, Michael, Mason, Erin, Thelma, Thalia, Craig, Ray, June, Daphne, Donna and family, Rob, Paula, Wayne, Fay, and Bishop Doug and Kay. Please add your own prayers of intercession.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Tyler Pennington, Mary Scott and Ken Phillips. In accordance with the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the non-parochial, non-stipendiary, non-resident and retired clergy. 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*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *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.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of Christ be always with you.
<i>People</i>	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*

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Gracious Spirit, give your servants*

WLP 782

*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.*



## Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third and fourth staves are for the Celebrant and People respectively. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Celebrant*      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new  
life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the  
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus*

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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

*My God, thy table now is spread*

Hymnal 321

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

## Postcommunion Hymn

### 333 Help Us Accept Each Other

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us; teach  
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life we  
3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved in  
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, who

The score includes a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The lyrics are as follows:

us as sis - ter, broth - er each per - son to em - brace. Be  
 strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith. Teach  
 liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love; to  
 hun - ger for ac - cept - ance, for right - eous - ness and bread, we

pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve we  
 us to care for peo - ple, for all— not just for some, to  
 prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart the  
 need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on: re -

are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
 love them as we find them and as they may be - come.  
 ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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## 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 Friday, August 29, and her Sabbath day will be Tuesday, August 26. You can get a message to Rebecca by calling the church office at 606-528-1659 or [priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org](mailto:priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org).

**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 8:15-20.

We will once again be **distributing water at the Pow Wow** on Ken and Shelia's property on Saturday, August 30. If you'd be willing to donate for the water and ice and/or take a shift handing out water, let Rebecca know.

**Pot Luck Sunday:** Next Sunday, August 31, is our monthly pot luck. Bring a dish or drink to share. And all are welcome! Plan to fellowship with each other.

**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.

**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.

**Columbarium Niche:** 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.

**Grow Appalachia!** The Vestry has voted to move ahead to become a Grow Appalachia site for 2015. Please talk to the Vestry about your ideas, questions, and concerns. The Grow Appalachia website is <http://www.berea.edu/grow-appalachia/>

**Flowers for the altar:** Donations for flowers for the altar are accepted for any Sunday of the year. Please place your donation in the envelope, marking whether they are in honor of or in memory of someone.

**Hymn Selection Group** If you'd like to choose hymns for services, join this group. You will choose hymns for an upcoming service and then meet with the entire group to confirm the final selections. See Billy Hibbitts if you are interested.

**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).

**United Thank Offering.** Remember to get your box for your thank offerings for this ministry of The Episcopal Church. The next collection will be in the fall.

**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.

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