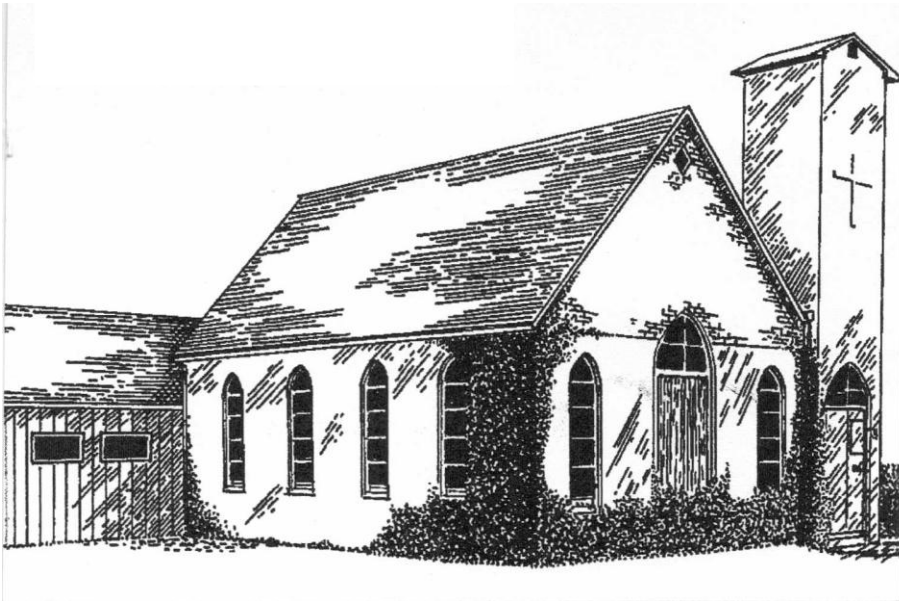


# St. John's Episcopal Church

## The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 31, 2014



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# Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 17

Sunday, August 31, 2014

## Liturgy of the Word

### Hymn

*We all are one in mission*

WLP 778

*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*

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*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 3:1-15

*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 105:1-6,23-26,45c**

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### **Second Reading**

Romans 12:9-21

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.*

*Blessèd Jesus, at thy word*

Hymnal 440

## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-28

*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 Thelma, Erin, Les, Juanita, Jerry and Barbara, Cody, Jane, Calvin, Bill, Raymond and Elaine, Jack, Linda, Fred, Dorothy, Avery, Debbie, Michael Mason, Nellie, Jim, Rob, Kathy, Thalia, Craig, Ray, June, Daphne, Bishop Doug and Kaye, Donna, Rob, Paula, Wayne, and Fay. 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 Linda Sue Leas, Latosha Leas, and Katie Egedi. In accordance with the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Patrick's Church, Somerset, the Rev. Marcia Hunter, Priest-in-Charge. 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*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

*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*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Hymnal 470

*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.*





*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.

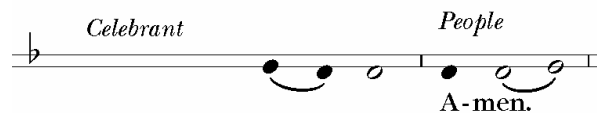
Christ is risen.

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**

*Rock of ages, cleft for me*

Hymnal 685

*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**

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

Hymnal 344

## **Dismissal**

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

## A Note on Today's Readings

*Proper 17: Sunday closest to August 31—Year A*

Beginning with today's Gospel reading, the ministry of Jesus is directed toward his approaching death and resurrection and his preparing the disciples for that event. Peter, who moments before expressed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, now recoils at the thought of Jesus' death. Jesus begins to explain that the way into the Kingdom of God is sacrifice. His death and resurrection will be the model for that way.

Last Sunday, we heard of the birth of Moses into slavery, and his adoption by the daughter of the Egyptian king. Now as a young man, he has fled Egypt to escape punishment for killing an Egyptian who was mistreating a Hebrew slave. At Horeb, also called Mount Sinai, God revealed himself and sent Moses to set the people of Israel free from their slavery.

Today's passage from the Epistle to the Romans deals with the characteristics of Christian living. Note that we are called to love each other and to recognize that our lives are completely bound up in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

In the Eucharist, we find both of the scriptural themes for today. We are given many and varied ways of ministering and the Eucharist is a model of our ministry in caring for others and the world. In the Eucharist, by remembering Christ's dying and rising, we become participants in God's redemptive action. Our own lives are filled with meaning because we share in his life, death, and resurrection.

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## News & Notes

**Rebecca's Schedule:** Rebecca's schedule is changing. St. John's will have Rebecca 50% of her time. She will spend one week in Corbin and one week at St. Agnes' House, with every Sunday in Corbin. Rebecca will be in Corbin Tuesday through Thursday this week. Her Sabbath days will be Friday and Saturday. 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).

**Adult Forum:** The Adult Forum is reviewing and discussing the *39 Articles of Faith*, pages 867-876 in the *Book of Common Prayer* through September 28.

**Godly Play offered for children.** All children are invited to participate in this special program of spiritual development.

**Godly Play Teachers needed.** Godly Play teachers are needed. Training is provided. This is a wonderful program of spiritual development for children and we'd like to keep it going in the parish. Please let Rebecca know if you are willing to be trained and serve as a teacher for a period of approximately 1 month.

**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 Wednesday evenings September 3, 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 6:30-7:30pm. 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 on October 19.

**Confirmation classes** are being held every Wednesday through October 1 from 6:30-8pm. All are invited. This week's session will be creating your spiritual autobiography.

**Celebration of a New Ministry:** St. Philip's, Harrodsburg, requests our prayers and presence at the service of Celebration of a New Ministry for the Reverend Peter Doddema as Rector, Sunday, September 7, 4pm.

**Daughters of the King Fall Retreat, September 18-20,** Cathedral Domain. Register by September 4. Registration forms are on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

**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/>

The **Grow Appalachia Committee** will meet after church on Sunday, September 7.

**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 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.