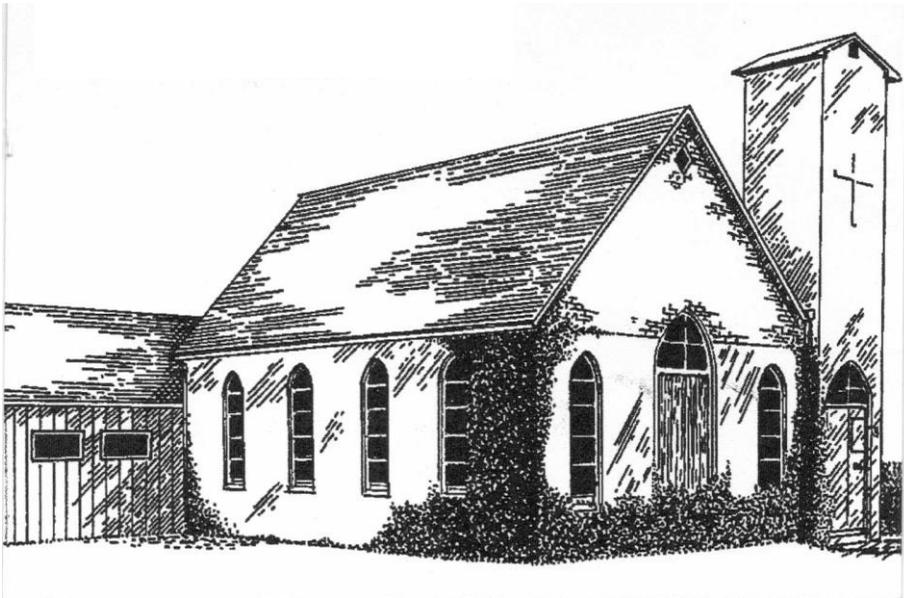


St. John's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

November 9, 2014



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A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 27: Sunday closest to November 9—Year A

Welcome to our parish. Now, as we enter the last weeks of the Church year, the liturgy is focused on the “last things,” and especially the return of Christ as Judge. The Gospel reading is the familiar parable of the wise and foolish maidens. The emphasis here is always to live in readiness for the Lord’s return.

We are drawing near the end of our reading through the ancient story of God’s people. The Israelites have now settled in the Promised Land. Joshua has called them together to renew the Covenant they made with God at Mount Sinai. This renewal recalls to them all the mighty acts God has done on their behalf from the time of Abraham to their own time.

The second reading continues the first letter to the Thessalonians. Some in that church, expecting the Lord to return in their lifetimes, have begun to doubt because some of the members have died. Paul assures these early Christians that those who die before the Lord’s return will nonetheless be saved.

In our Eucharistic gathering, we are in a kind of rehearsal for life in the Day of Judgment. We find in our prayer the model for the commitment to ministry and social justice, which gives heart and soul to our worship; and in communion, we meet the Lord as judge and as Savior.

Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 27

Sunday, November 09, 2014

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

O day of radiant gladness

Hymnal 48

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 78:1-7

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

All stand.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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.

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.

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Today we especially remember these people:

Please add your names silently or aloud

Today we especially pray for Les, Erin, Thalia, Juanita, Jerry, Erin, Leroy & Mary Ann, Brenda, Katie, Calvin, Bill, Raymond & Elaine, Mary, Craig, Elaine, Jack, Linda, Fred, Peter, Dorothy, Avery, Nellie, Michael, Mason, Daphne, Rob, Wayne, Fay, Katrina, Teresa, Steve, Amy, and Clay.

According with the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church Women, Katherine Harper, President and The Episcopal Men of the Diocese, Randy Railey, President.

We pray for all who serve in the Armed Forces, especially Silvestre.

We pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings in our lives. We especially pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; Daniel Thelan and Lauren Smith.

Today we remember all those who served in the Armed Forces. We thank them for serving our country and pray they be at peace.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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 against God and our neighbor.

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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory Hymn

O How I Love Jesus

LEVAS 95



1. There is a name_ I love to hear, I love to sing_ its worth;_
2. It tells me of_ a Sav - ior's love, Who died to set_ me free;_
3. It tells me what_ my Fa - ther hath In store for ev - 'ry day,_
4. It tells of one_ whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est woe,_



1. It sounds like mu - sic in mine ear, The sweet - est name on earth._
2. It tells me of_ His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's per - fect plea._
3. And though I tread_ a dark - some path, Yields sun - shine all the way._
4. Who in each sor - row bears a part, That none_ can bear be - low._



O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,_



O how I love Je - sus, Be - cause_ He first loved me!_



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

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Hymnal 328

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. 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

My faith looks up to thee

Hymnal 691

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

We remember those who have served in the
Armed Forces of the United States.

Silvestre Alaniz, Army, 2008-present

John Echols, Air Force, 2001-present

Jason Beams-Jackson

Larry Conley

Ed Van Gorder

Taylor Justice

Elmer Parlier

Don Sullivan

Lamar, R. Jones

Richard Swinford

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News & Notes

Rebecca's Schedule: Rebecca will be at St. John's Tuesday, November 11, through Thursday, November 13. Her Sabbath Day will be Monday, November 10 and Friday November 14. You can get a message to her by calling the church office at 606-528-1659 or by e-mailing priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org

Weekday Morning Eucharist will be available Wednesday, November 12, 9am, in the Sanctuary.

Adult Forum: The Adult Forum meets each Sunday at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Next Sunday's session will focus on end-of-life issues.

Sunday School - Godly Play: The Godly Play program is for children is offered each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. All children are invited to participate in this special form of spiritual development.

Addiction and Grace, a service for people affected by addiction, will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, November 9, 3:00pm.

Youth grades 10-12 are invited to Happening at Cathedral Domain from 6:30pm Friday, November 14 until Sunday, 5:00pm. See Rebecca for more information.

The Second **Diocesan Ministry Fair** will be held Saturday, November 15 at Emmanuel Church, Winchester, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Keynote speaker is The Rev. Stuart Hoke, Th.D. He will speak on the church's role in addiction recovery. Cost is \$20. Forms are on the bulletin board and online registration is at www.diolex.org.

Our **Annual Meeting and Potluck** will be held on Sunday, November 16. We will pass a 2015 budget, vote for new Vestry members to begin their terms on January 1, and vote for Delegates to the Diocesan Convention in February.

Thankoffering Sunday will be November 16. Please bring your United Thankoffering boxes to church that day.

The Communitywide Thanksgiving Service will be held on Monday, November 17, 7pm, Freedom Point Church of God, 472 N Hwy 1223.

Game Night, Friday, November 21, 6:30-8:30. Pizza provided. Bring your favorite drink. The Young Adults of the church are hosting a game night! Let Blythe Swinford, TJ or Jason Beams-Jackson, or James Partin know what card and board games you'd like to play! Everyone is invited!

We will celebrate Native American Heritage Month at our service on Sunday, November 23. Ken and Shelia Phillips will lead our observance. We are reminded that the worship of The Episcopal Church is in many languages and traditions each and every week of the year.

Chocolate Fest, Saturday, December 6, 9am – 3pm. If you can contribute something to the fest, please turn in your donation form by November 23.

Rotary Club of Corbin is collecting 500 new winter coats, especially for boys and girls ages 3-9. Coats will be distributed at the Empty Stocking Fund party on December 22. If you'd like to donate a coat, bring it to church and give it to Rebecca. You can also make a financial contribution to Empty Stocking Fund and give it to Rebecca.

Two furnaces replaced, 1 more to go! The furnace located in the sacristy has been replaced and funds received for the second furnace. Thanks so much to all who donated! Now we need to replace the furnace in the rectory. Cost is just under \$1,700 for a furnace that will also be more energy efficient. Donations for the furnace can be put in the box on the table in the parlor.

Kroger Rewards: St. John's is now registered with the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Please register your Kroger card at <http://krogercommunityrewards.com>. Our NPO number is 47782.

The Vestry has voted to donate \$25 each month to Everlasting Arm Homeless Shelter. If you'd like to contribute, put your donations in the collection box by the guest register or mark your donation and put it in the collection plate.

Please prayerfully consider the gifts God has given you that you will give back to St. John's for Christ's ministry and mission during 2015. We continue to accept pledge cards as the finance committee works to prepare for our November 16 Annual Meeting and adoption of the 2015 budget.

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.