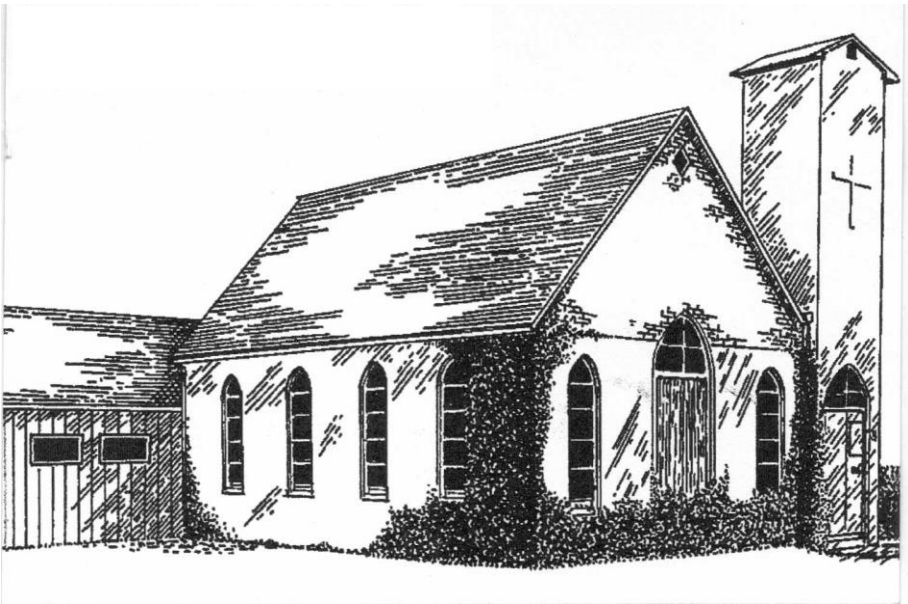


St. John's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015



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A Note on Today's Readings

The First Sunday in Lent—Year B

Welcome to our parish.

Originally the purpose of Lent was the final preparation of catechumens or candidates for baptism at Easter. Those to be baptized were formally admitted as candidates on this day. The involvement of all members of the Church in the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and alms-giving, as well as intensified study of Holy Scripture, was their way of sharing with those candidates in their time of preparation. We still carry out these Lenten disciplines even though we do not have candidates for baptism in our parish.

In the Old Testament reading today we have a prefiguring of Baptism. Noah and his family are saved from death in the flood and God makes a Covenant with them. In Baptism we are saved through water and made a part of the new Covenant established in Jesus' death and resurrection.

The reading from I Peter is an early Christian reflection on the meaning of the story of Noah in the light of Jesus' dying and rising. Baptism gives us a share in more than earthly life; it makes us part of God's eternal Kingdom.

The Gospel reading today describes Jesus' response to his own baptism and anointing by the Spirit. He spent forty days in the wilderness where his vocation was tested. We too spend these forty days in prayer and fasting as God leads us to discover anew the call he gives us in Baptism.

Holy Eucharist

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Sunday, February 22, 2015

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal 142

All standing, the Celebrant says

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be the God of our salvation:
<i>People</i>	Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

An Exhortation

This Exhortation may be used, in whole or in part, either during the Liturgy. The people stand or sit.

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must

remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

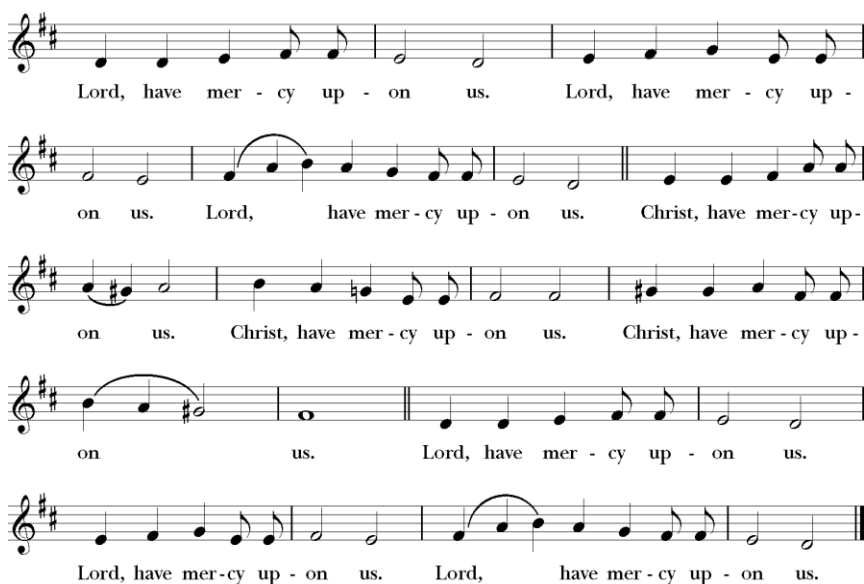
For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace.

The following is sung, all standing



Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

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 25:1-9

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Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Sequence

All stand.

<i>Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church</i>	Hymnal 149
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Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

All stand.

<i>Priest</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
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<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
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<i>Priest</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
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<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.
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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.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,
saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for
the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of
God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Theological Education Sunday Seminararians, Postulants and Candidates of the Diocese of Lexington, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sabrina, Connie, Erin, Linda & family, Juanita, Jerry, Mossie, Shirley, Calvin, Bill, Raymond & Elaine, James, Buck, Linda, Fred, Avery, Michael, Mason, Nellie, Leroy, Mary Ann, Katie, Jeff, Thalia, Craig, Amanda & James, Daphne, Rob, Fay, Wayne, Katrina, Teresa, Clay, Barbara, Logan, Rebecca, Shazia, and the Gill family. let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Bruce Schofield

Lord, have mercy

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all

the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, her spouse, St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

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.

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Celebrant continues

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord 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

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

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

LEVAS 145



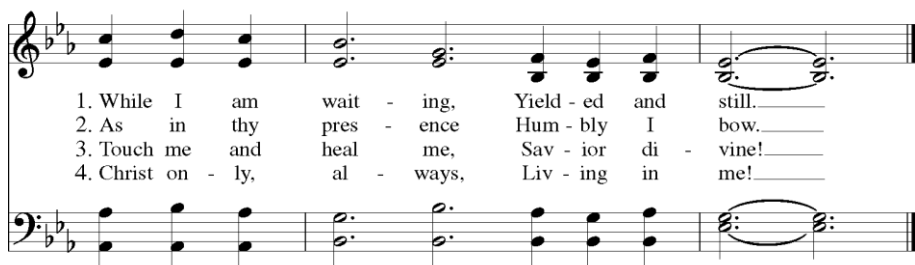
1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____



1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! _____
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____



1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____



1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still, _____
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow, _____
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

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 The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily eighth and quarter notes. The second staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff also includes a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth staff continues with triplet markings and concludes with a double bar line.

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. *AMEN.*

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Jerusalem, my happy home

Hymnal 620

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 Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their
weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they
may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postcommunion Hymn

Forty days and forty nights

Hymnal 150

Dismissal

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

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Schedule: Rebecca will be at St. John's Corbin, Thursday and Friday. She will be on vacation Monday through Wednesday. Amanda Musterman will be handling pastoral care needs during that time. You can contact Amanda at 859-227-1791. You can get a message to Rebecca by calling the church office at 606-528-1659 or priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org.

Adult Forum: During Lent, we are discussing various issues in Appalachia. Next week, Professor Jimmy Smith will lead a discussion on how people interact with the land and its consequences.

Family Game: The next Family Game Night is Friday, February 27th, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and drinks. Pizza will be provided.

Lenten Program: Plan to come on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a soup and bread supper, followed by a special series on Appalachia. This Wednesday, Professor Joseph Pearson will lead a discussion on Corbin Race Riots. Soup and bread will be provided by Anne Day Davis. If you are interested in contributing soup one evening, please see Rebecca or Anne Day Davis.

Mission Statement: The Vestry proposes the following Mission Statement for St. John's Church: *Proclaiming the Gospel, promoting justice, and preparing a diverse community of seekers to reflect the welcoming love of Christ.* Let us know what you think about this statement, which guides us to goals and actions that embody our Mission.