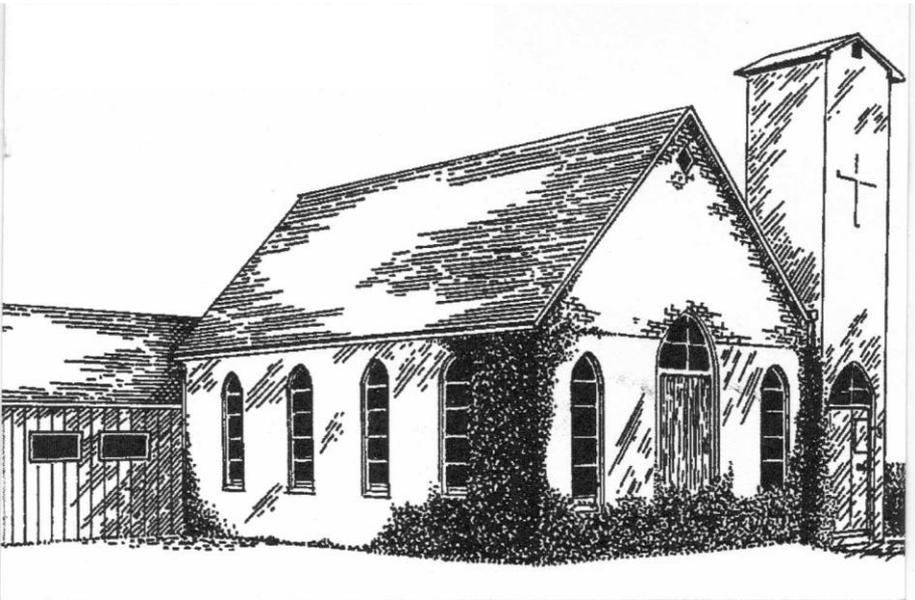


St. John's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2015



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A Note on Today's Readings

The Third Sunday in Lent—Year B

Welcome to our parish. The ultimate saving action of God, in the dying and rising of Jesus, was preceded by a series of salvation events in the history of Israel. Today, in that series of events, we reach the most important of the Old Testament actions of God, the time of the Exodus when Israel is definitively established as the chosen people and God makes the Covenant with the people at Mount Sinai. God's salvation of Israel requires a response by the people which is described in the Decalogue (Ten Commandments). Note that the grounds for these commandments is stated at the beginning, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

In the second reading, Paul speaks of the true wisdom which brings salvation. Rather than human wisdom, God places before us what seems to be foolish, the crucifixion of Jesus. In the dying and rising of Jesus, God showed that the divine power is greater than any human power or wisdom.

The Gospel reading is John's account of Jesus cleansing the Temple. That event may be taken as an image of Christ cleansing us from sin in Baptism. We are the continuation of the ancient people of God who were saved in the Exodus and given the Commandments. In the dying and rising of Jesus, salvation has been extended to all people. Through Baptism, we have become part of Jesus' Body and have died and are being raised with him. We use this time of Lent to recall all that God is doing for us in Jesus, and to prepare for the renewal of our redemption at Easter.

Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 08, 2015

Liturgy of the Word

Great Litany

All stand.

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 20:1-17

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 19

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

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

Sequence

All stand.

1 With Mir - iam we will dance and ce - le - brate the day
 2 With Ma - ry we will wait when ev - en hope seems dead
 3 With Con - stance we will stand for what we know is right
 4 Made whole, the hu - man race may an - swer to God's call

when sul - len seas were swept a - part to show the way,
 when o - thers rush down roads they say we may not tread.
 in an - swer to God's just de - mand and search - ing sight,
 in dance and si - lence, truth and grace, em - brac - ing all.

The danc - ers lend us grace to turn from seas of fear
 And wait - ing, strong and still through all our grief and pain
 con - front - ing each a - buse that stran - gles li - ber - ty,
 This jour - ney ne - ver ends, God's pro - mise calls us on,

to - wards the un - known wil - der - ness for God is there.
 we hear the whis - per of God's will we hear our name.
 God help us simp - ly state the truth that sets us free.
 un - til our sis - ters, bro - thers, friends may join the song.

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Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns: Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to John.

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.

God, on this day, we pray for your whole church, especially those churches in the Diocese of Lexington. We pray for all of the members and especially during this Women's History Month, and International Women's Day, we pray for the women in our churches.

Reader: God of the Women

People: Hear our Prayer

We pray for our nation and for all in authority, that their decisions may build a world free from oppression. Especially today, we remember peacemakers like Leymah Gbowee. May we have courage like hers to bring an end to oppression of women.

Reader: God of the Women

People: Hear our Prayer

We pray for the welfare of the world. We pray for the peace of the world. We remember how Jesus defied many of the stereotypes of gender roles during His time. Help us to continue to confront the stereotypes of our day.

Reader: God of the Women

People: Hear our Prayer

We pray for Grace Church, Florence the Rev. Marshall Jolly,
Priest-in-Charge.

Reader: God of the Women
People: Hear our Prayer

We pray for the concerns of our local communities: Corbin, Knox
County, Whitley County, and Laurel County. Guide our churches
to be places of hope, healing, and justice, building Your Kingdom
here on earth.

Reader: God of the Women
People: Hear our Prayer

We pray for those who suffer and those in any trouble, especially
Sabrina, Connie, Erin, Linda, 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, the Cornelison
family and the Gill family. (Please add your own petitions). May
they feel your arms around them and know you are with them.

Reader: God of the Women
People: Hear our Prayer

We pray for those serving in the military especially Silvestre.

Reader: God of the Women
People: Hear our Prayer

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week especially Helen
Danser.

Reader: God of the Women
People: Hear our Prayer

We pray for all who have died. (Please add your own petitions).
May their light continue to shine on in us.

Reader: God of the Women
People: Hear our Prayer

O God, lover of all creation and source of all life: Hear our prayers and by your leading, strengthen us to work for your love, justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord 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. *Psalms 96:8*

Offertory Hymn

Our God, we thank thee for the night

Voices Found 28

1 2

1 Our God, we thank thee for the night, and for the pleas-ant
 2 Help us, to do the things we should, to be to oth - ers

morn - ing light, for rest and food and lov - ing care, and
 kind and good, may all we do in work or play be

For canon only

all that makes the day so fair. (the day so fair.)
 done with love and rest this day. (and rest this day.)

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

Words: Rebecca J. Weston, 1885.

Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?–1585).

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 our 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 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.

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

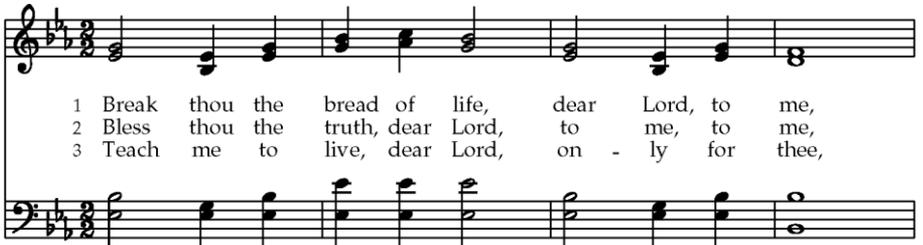
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Break thou the bread of life

Voices Found 73



1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
3 Teach me to live, dear Lord, on - ly for thee,



as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;
as thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;



be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
then shall all bond-age cease, all fet - ters fall,
then, all my strug - gles o'er, then, vic - t'ry won,

my spi - rit pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
 and I shall find my peace, my all in all.
 I shall be - hold thee, Lord, the liv - ing one.

Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841–1913).
 Music: William F. Sherwin (1826–1888).

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

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

God of the women

Voices Found 21

Chords: Eb(D) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

1 God of the wo - men who an - swered your call,
 2 God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' way,
 3 God of the wo - men long put to the test,
 4 God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
 5 O God of Phoe - be and min - is - ters all,

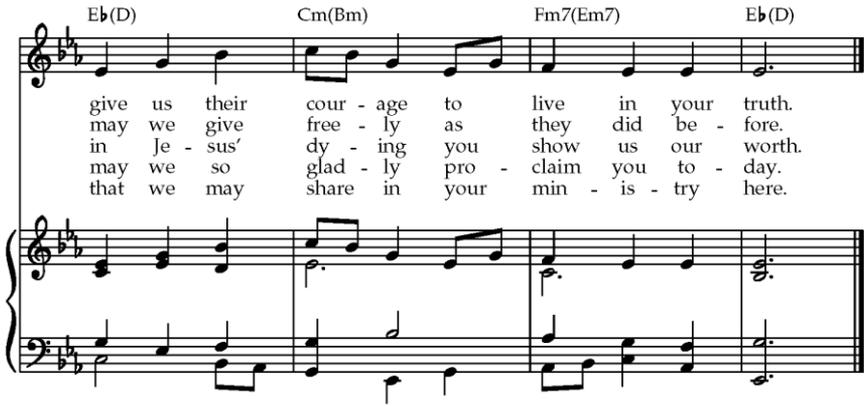
Chords: Bb(A) Fm(Em) Ab(G) Bb(A)

trust - ing your prom - ise, giv - ing their all,
 giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,
 left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
 prayed with the o - thers in that up - per room,
 may we be joy - ful in answer - ing your call.

Chords: Ab(G) Eb(D) Cm(Bm) Ab(G) Bb(A)

wo - men like Sar - ah and Han - nah and Ruth _____
 Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Sus - an - na, and more _____
 qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?" _____
 then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day _____
 give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near _____

E♭(D) Cm(Bm) Fm7(Em7) E♭(D)



give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
 may we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
 in Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
 may we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
 that we may share in your min - is - try here.

E♭ (capo 1, D). Keyboard and guitar should not sound together.

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Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Women's History Month

St. John's is observing Women's History Month today in conjunction with the 11:00 Celebration of Holy Eucharist.

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News & Notes

Schedule: Rebecca will be at St. John's, Corbin, Tuesday through Thursday. Her Sabbath will be Monday, March 9 and Friday, March 13. 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 exploring various issues in Appalachia. Next week, Professor Joseph Pearson, Union College, will lead a discussion related to The Last Acceptable Prejudice "Left Behind" in Appalachia, 1965-2015.

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, March 11th we will discuss How People Interact with the Land and its consequences. Soup and bread will be provided by Rev. Rebecca.

Make a Covenant with St. John's: God has made unconditional covenants with us that God will always be with us, always be our God. Likewise, through our annual pledge, we state our promise and obligation to the mission and work of the people of St. John's Episcopal Church. Our mission and work not only includes our worship, Grow Appalachia, and family game nights, but also God's work in our region through our Diocese and in our nation and world through The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion. If you'd like to make a covenant with St. John's through a pledge, please see Rebecca or Gay Nell Conley.

A Confusion of the Spirit: Holy or Distilled?: On Saturday, March 21st, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, the Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke, a priest in North Carolina and one of Rebecca's professors at General Seminary, will lead a program designed to raise our community's awareness about addiction and recovery. As a recovering individual himself, Stuart is very much involved in helping churches, congregations and individuals deal with the disease of alcoholism and addictive illness. He will also preach at the Sunday service.

Grow Appalachia Committee: The Grow Appalachia Committee will meet Thursday, March 12, 6:00pm. If you're interested in planting your own garden, either here in St. John's Park or in your own backyard, or helping with a community plot here in the park, please plan to attend these meetings.

Vestry Meeting: The scheduled monthly Vestry meeting will take place today following the 11:00 service.

Planning for Holy Week & Easter: The Altar Guild and Worship Committee will meet Friday, March 20, 4:30-6:00pm to plan for Holy Week and Easter. If you are able to assist with altar and worship preparation for this busy week of the Church year, please try to attend or let Rev. Rebecca know.

Fun Fun Fun: Family Game night is the 4th Friday of the month. The next Family Game Night is March 27, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and drinks. Pizza will be provided.

Reading Camp Meeting: The Reading Camp Group will meet on March 26 at 10:15am to discuss raising \$2,000 to support five children at the Pine Mountain Settlement Reading Camp, July 12-18. If you are interested in helping recruit children, mentor children, volunteering for Reading Camp, or raising funds, let Rebecca know.

Easter Flowers: Donations are being accepted until March 29, for flowers to decorate the church for Easter. Use the donation envelopes and indicate whether the donation is "in honor of/in memory" of a loved one or a special occasion. Donations in any amount will be accepted.

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.