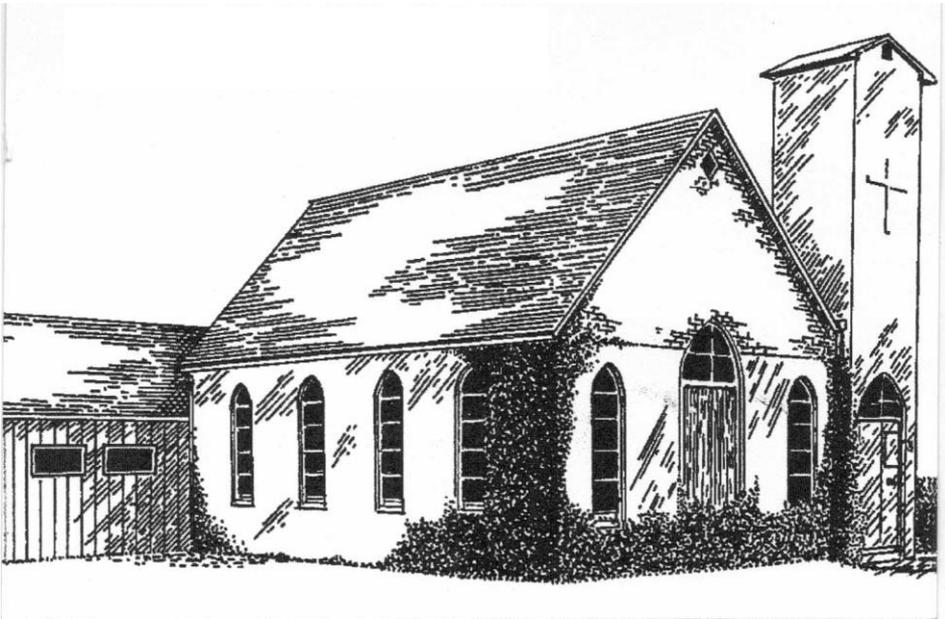


St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Second Sunday of
Easter**

April 12, 2015



*Proclaiming the Gospel, promoting justice, and preparing a diverse
community of seekers to reflect the welcoming love of Christ.*

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A Note on Today's Readings

The Second Sunday of Easter—Year B

Welcome to our parish. On this Sunday of Easter we always have as the central reading the account of Jesus' appearance to the Apostles on Easter Day and on the following Sunday. In that second appearance, Thomas, who had not been with them the first time, comes to believe in the Lord's resurrection and acclaim Jesus as Lord and God.

The first reading on every Sunday in Eastertide is from the Acts of the Apostles. This book about the life of the early Church as it lived in the joy of the Lord's resurrection tells us of the character of the early Christians' corporate life.

This year the second reading comes from the First Epistle of John. This brief epistle is thought to have been written in the last decade of the first century in the author's old age. In it he reminds his people of the primary characteristic of our Lord, his self-giving love. Our life in the risen Christ is to live out that love for one another. John reminds us that our salvation came by means of Jesus' death and our baptism into his death.

Each Sunday of the Great Fifty Days is a time to explore the life we share in Jesus Christ dying and rising, a life which begins for each of us at our baptism and which is renewed in us each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 182

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 133

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Second Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

A Reading from the First letter of John.

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

Sequence

All stand.

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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.

In this glorious season of resurrection, we pray for the whole church. We pray fervently for Christian unity with great diversity of expression. Today we pray especially for St. Philip's Church, Harrodsburg, The Rev. Peter Doddema, Rector. Remove our false belief that we must all be alike and help us to see the beauty of variety among all who celebrate this Easter day. We only love him:

He lives to carry us home

We pray for these United States, our Commonwealth of Kentucky, and our region. Bless our leaders who offer their gifts in service. We pray that they may hear and listen to your guidance in governing with justice. We only love him:

He lives to carry us home

We pray for your beautiful and awe-inspiring creation, the whole world. Heighten our awareness of how your creation is connected. Give us a sense of care for our earth and all who live on it. We only love him:

He lives to carry us home

We pray for our local community, for Corbin, and Knox, Whitley, and Laurel Counties. Guide us in the ways we may improve and strengthen our region, especially in providing meaningful jobs, feeding the hungry, and soothing the suffering. We only love him:

He lives to carry us home

We pray for those who suffer and those who are in any trouble. Especially today, we pray for Sabrina, Connie, Erin, Juanita, Jerry, Mossie, Shirley, Calvin, Bill, Raymond & Elaine, James, the Cornelison Family, Sharon, Linda, Fred, Avery, Michael, Mason, Nellie, Leroy, Mary Ann, Katie, Thalia, Craig, Barbara, Logan, the Gill Family, Buck, Amanda & James, Daphne, Wayne, Fay, Katrina, Shazia, Teresa, Clay, and Rena. Relieve their suffering. Restore their strength. Comfort them during these difficult times. Help them to know there is always resurrection. We only love him:

He lives to carry us home

During this joyous Easter season, we thank you for all the blessings of our lives. For the birthdays of Paula Bain and Christine Alaniz. For being part of a church where everyone is welcome. *(Please add your own thanksgivings.)* We only love him:

He lives to carry us home

We remember all those who serve in our Armed Forces, especially Silvestre. We pray for your love and your peace to abound so war and fighting are no longer necessary. We only love him:

He lives to carry us home

We pray for all who have died, especially Jeff Geffine. We pray that she is with the risen Christ where there are no tears and no pain. We only love him:

He lives to carry us home

The Celebrant continues

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *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 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff continues: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth and final staff concludes with: "san - na in the high - est. 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.

Alleluia. Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

This joyful Eastertide

Hymnal 192

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

The day of resurrection

Hymnal 210

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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News & Notes

Schedule: Rebecca will be on vacation through Thursday, April 23. For pastoral care emergencies, call The Rev. John Burkhart, 606-521-0345. You may leave a message for Rebecca by calling the church office at 606-528-1659 or at priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org.

Godly Play: All children are invited to participate in Godly Play, a special program of Spiritual development each Sunday morning at 10:00am.

Adult Forum: We begin a 5-week series on *Ten Ways to Pray*. Next week Bruce Cory will lead us in the rosary and praying with icons.

Daughters of the King: The Regional Luncheon Meeting for Daughters of the King will be held Saturday, April 25, 11:30am – 1:30pm. All women members and those interested in becoming members are invited! Please let Shelia Phillips know if you would like to attend.

Diocesan Leadership Training: Diocesan leadership training sessions will be offered at St. Patrick's Church, Somerset on Friday May 8, 5:45pm-9:00pm and Saturday, May 9, 9am – 4pm. Let Rev. Rebecca know if you'd like to attend this important and informative training. The focus is on effective communication and effective community behaviors. The format is a mix of lecture and small group discussion.

Belk Charity Sales Day: Belk department store will host a Charity Sales Day on Saturday, May 2, 6am – 10am. Buy tickets for \$5.00 to get into this special sale. The church keeps the money and you get \$5.00 off an item for each ticket you have. Members of the ECW will be selling tickets prior to the event

Grow Appalachia: The Grow Appalachia committee will meet Thursdays evenings at 6pm through April and May.

Property Committee: The Property Committee will meet Tuesday, April 28th, 6:00 to 7:00pm. Please see Billy Hibbitts if you are interested in being part of this committee.

2015 Goals: The Vestry is considering adopting 3-5 goals for 2015 to reflect our mission statement. Ideas include sacristy renovation; support of LGBT people, possibly through a chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) or ongoing support of Union College's Gay/Straight Alliance; Support for people dealing with addictions and their families; opening up the amphitheater and park to church bands; providing our parish hall to other religious groups; more ecumenical church services. What do you think we should be doing to put our mission statement into action?

St. George's Day: Join other members of the diocese for *Fun and Worship* at the Cathedral Domain on April 18. Hiking, cooking contest, fellowship, and special worship are part of this enjoyable day. Register at www.diolex.org or see Rev. Rebecca.

Rotary Scholarship Scramble: Participate in or help sponsor the Dave Hudson Memorial Rotary Scholarship Scramble, Friday, April 24, London Country Club. All proceeds benefit college scholarships for local high school students. See Rev. Rebecca for more information.

Fun, Fun, Fun: The next Family Game Night is April 24th from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and drinks. Those who wish to, may gather at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church for their fish fry at 5:45. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children for a full meal.

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.