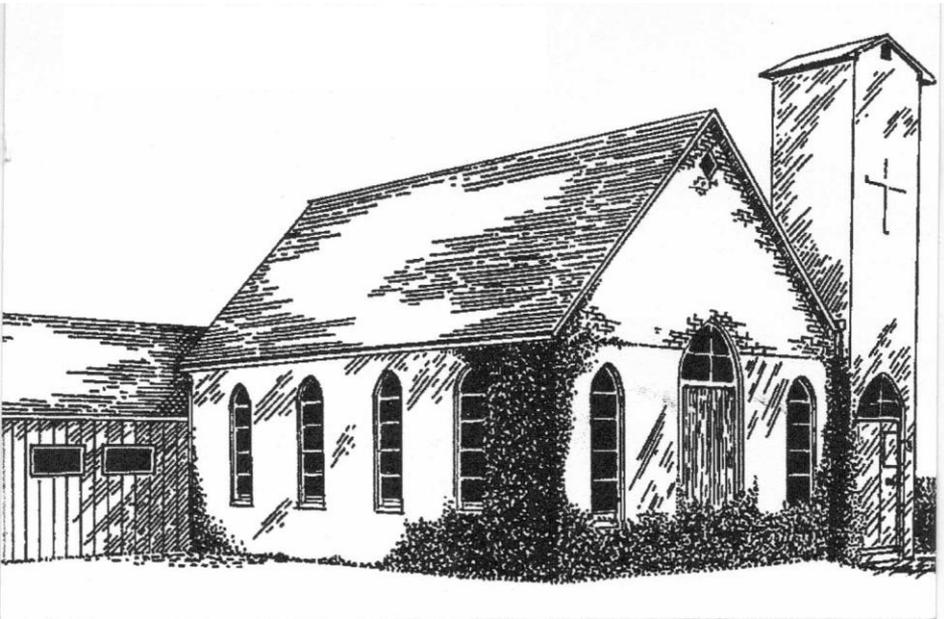


St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Fourth Sunday of
Easter**

April 26, 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter—Year B

Welcome to our parish. This Sunday of Easter is traditionally called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Each year we hear a part of Jesus’ discourse on his relationship to us in the image of the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd loves his sheep so much that he lays down his life for them. We are called by him into his life, the life which he has given for us.

Today’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles continues the story of the first days of the Church. Peter and the other Apostles are on trial before the rulers of the people because in spite of being commanded to speak no more of Jesus, they had continued to preach and to heal in his name. Today we hear portion of Peter’s response.

The reading today from I John tells us that as God’s children we are to reveal God’s love by living in love with all other people. That love is to be more than a kind feeling. We cannot claim to have God’s love if we do not care for the needs of our poor and neglected brothers and sisters. Our identity now comes from God and our lives are to reflect God’s own nature and love. How we live reveals our relationship to God.

Thus the description of the Church as the Body of Christ is not merely an analogy. It describes our life together as the embodiment of Christ’s love and mercy toward all people. We are not only “the sheep of his pasture,” but we are to shepherd all his people in his name.

Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 199

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us
each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the
Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

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 23

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Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

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.

The day of resurrection Hymnal 210

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

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 The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, 105th Archbishop of Canterbury; The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop. 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, Thelma, Juanita, Jerry, Mossie, Shirley, Calvin, Bill, Raymond & Elaine, James, the Cornelison Family, Linda, Fred, Avery, Michael, Mason, Nellie, Leroy, Mary Ann, Katie, Thalia, Craig, Barbara, Logan, the Gill Family, June, Amanda & James, Daphne, Wayne, Fay, Katrina, Shazia, Teresa, Clay, Rena, and the Beams – Jackson Family. 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 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 Edith. 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 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

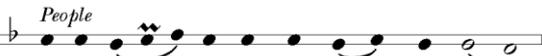
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



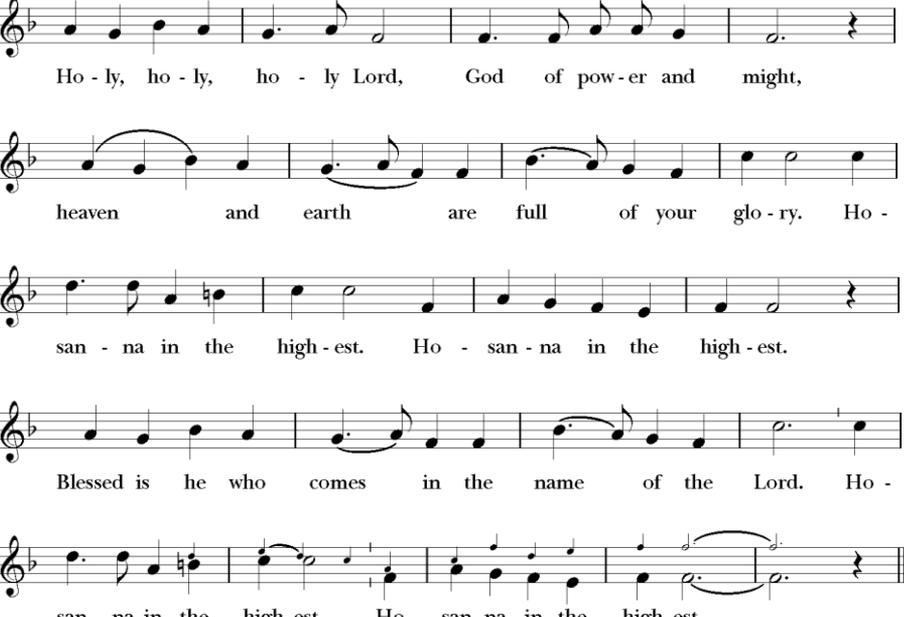
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 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, The bread which we break is the communion
of the body of Christ.

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

That Easter day with joy was bright

Hymnal 193

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 strife is o’er, the battle done

Hymnal 208

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 at St. John's Corbin, Tuesday and Wednesday and in Lexington on Thursday. Her Sabbath days are Monday and Friday. 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 continue a 5-week series on *Ten Ways to Pray*. Next week Rebecca will lead us in praying with scripture and the Daily Office.

Appreciation Sunday: Each of us is important to the community of St. John's, especially when we are together each Sunday. Today we honor those among us who volunteer additional time to our life together. A big thanks for your time and talent!

Asian/Pacific Sunday: Next Sunday we observe Asian/Pacific Islander Sunday. We especially remember the Diocese of Taiwan, a Diocese of The Episcopal Church. There are 15 Episcopal churches on the island.

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.

United Thank Offering: The ingathering for United Thank Offering will be May 17. Remember to bring your thank offering boxes AND pick up another one for the fall ingathering. A thank offering box is a great way to give thanks and gratitude each day. When combined with thousands of others, it supports wonderful projects in The Episcopal Church.

Pot Luck Sunday: Today is our monthly pot luck. All are welcome and there will be plenty! Join together after the Service for a time of fellowship with each other.

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 speak with Billy Hibbitts if you are interested in being part of this group.

2015 Goals: The Vestry has adopted the following goals for 2015, in line with our recently adopted Mission Statement;
Proclaiming the Gospel, promoting justice, and preparing a diverse community of seekers to reflect the welcoming love of Christ:

- Support Al-Anon group meeting at the Church.
- List St. John's Church on the Integrity and Believe Out Loud websites as an open and welcoming church, especially for people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning.
- Remodel space for use as a sacristy.
- Repurpose the parlor.
- Serve as a site for the KCEOC Summer Lunch program for youth ages 18 and under.

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.