

St. John's Episcopal Church

Easter Day

April 5, 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 Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day—Year B

Welcome to St. John's on the Feast of the Lord's Resurrection. Today the Church completes its three great days of celebrating redemption. Since Maundy Thursday we have been involved in an extended liturgy which will be brought to its conclusion today.

This is the celebration of the Passover of Christ from death to life. It is also the celebration of our own Passover in Holy Baptism in which "we were buried with Christ in his death and raised with him."

The first reading is Isaiah's vision of the fulfillment of God's kingdom, when all of humanity gathers on God's holy mountain in festivity as death is destroyed and the richness of eternal life is revealed. The second reading from Acts is the first in a sequence we will hear throughout this season, describing the joy of the resurrection as it was experienced in the first days of the Church. Today we hear a portion of the sermon Peter preached to the first Gentiles to be baptized.

The Gospel reading from John describes the women going to the tomb and the Lord's appearance to Mary Magdalene.

As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is made known to us in the Breaking of the Bread. We, like Mary and the other women, are sent forth to tell others of his resurrection.

Holy Eucharist

Easter Day

Sunday, April 05, 2015

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say Hymnal 179

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

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

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; 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

Isaiah 25:6-9

All sit.

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

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

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Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

All stand.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

Hymnal 178

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

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.

On this glorious resurrection day, we pray for the whole church.
We pray fervently for Christian unity with great diversity of
expression. Today we especially pray for Calvary Church,
Ashland; The Rev. Antoinette “T.J.” Azar, Rector, The Rev.
Deacon Tina Mussetter, and The Rev. Deacon Diane Zwick.

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.

Leader: We only love him

People: 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.

Leader: We only love him

People: 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.

Leader: We only love him

People: 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.

Leader: We only love him

People: 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, Jeff, Thalia, Craig, Barbara, Logan, the Gill Family, Buck, Amanda & James, Daphne, Wayne, Fay, Katrina, Shazia, Teresa, Clay.. Relieve their suffering. Restore their strength. Comfort them during these difficult times. Help them to know there is always resurrection.

Leader: We only love him

People: He lives to carry us home

During this joyous Easter, 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.

Leader: We only love him

People: 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.

Leader: We only love him

People: He lives to carry us home

The Celebrant continues

O Risen Christ, your agony on the cross was the birth pangs of a new creation: Give us the courage of the women who first discovered your empty tomb, that we may marvel with them at the wonder and glory of your resurrection and proclaim the glory to others; in the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit. *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.*

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

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia

Hymnal 191

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

All remain standing.



The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

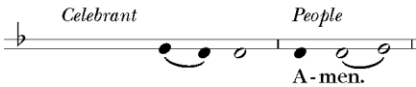
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the

presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



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.

Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.
Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Come away to the skies

Hymnal 213

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

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.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal 207

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

News & Notes

Schedule: Rebecca will be at St. Agnes House Tuesday through Thursday. Her Sabbath days will be 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.

Flowers for the altar: The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George M. Golden, Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. George, Thomas R. Hollifield, Mrs. Jacqueline Golden Cooper and Mr. & Mrs. Coy Hart by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hollifield. Easter flowers are also given in memory of Duran I. & Margaret Anne Phillips by Dura Anne Price, in memory of Rob Myers by the Rev. Rebecca Myers, in memory of Peter J. Ruddick by Camille Ruddick, and in memory of Anne & Lamar Jones and Pat & Cecil Davis by Anne Day and Jeff Davis.

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: Next week Rebecca will lead the Adult Forum on *Celebrating the 50 Days of Easter*.

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.

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.

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