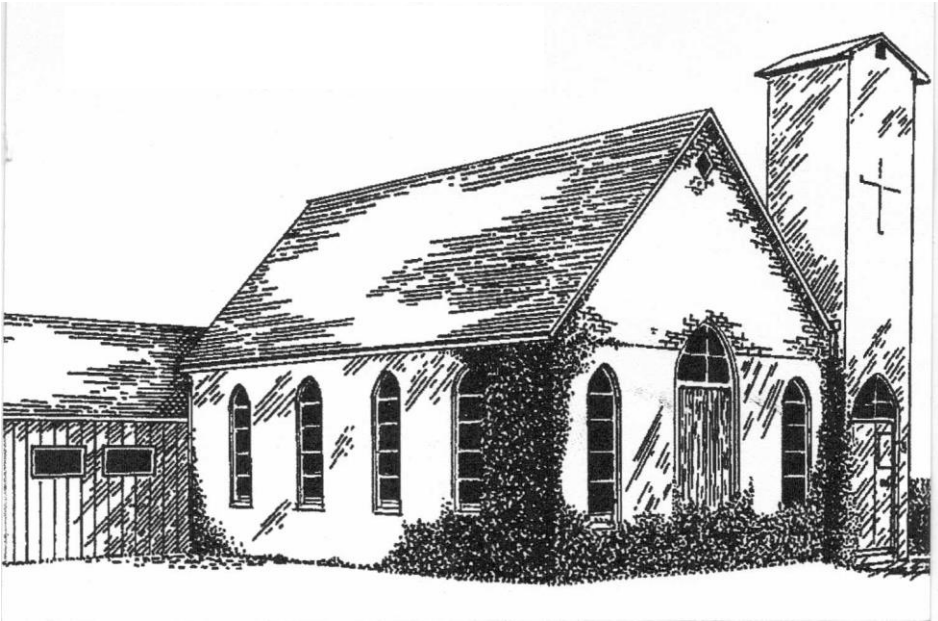


# St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Seventh Sunday of  
Easter**

May 17, 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter—Year B*

Today we begin the final week of celebrating the Lord's resurrection. Each Sunday during these fifty days, we have explored some aspect of our baptism into the dying and rising of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading is a portion of Jesus' prayer for his disciples on the night before he died. In that prayer, he asked the Father to unite us with him and to give us the same mission and grace the Father gave to him.

The sense of unity within the fellowship of Jesus' disciples was reflected in the period between his ascension and the day of Pentecost. We hear about the most significant event during that period in the first reading today when, under Peter's leadership, the disciples chose a replacement for Judas.

The reading from I John also reflects the theme of unity between Jesus and the Father, and between Jesus and us.

Our life in Christ is the gift of God in and through the resurrection. That new life by water and the Holy Spirit will be our theme next week when, on the fiftieth day of Easter, we rejoice that we are filled with the Spirit of God.

# Holy Eucharist with Baptism

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter:  
The Sunday after the Ascension**

Sunday, May 17, 2015

## Liturgy of the Word

### Hymn

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name*

Hymnal 450

*The Celebrant says*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<i>People</i>	Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	One God and Father of all.

*The Celebrant and People together all say:*

*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**

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

Acts 1:15-17,21-26

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

### **Psalm**

*Remain seated.*

### **Psalm 1**

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### **Second Reading**

1 John 5:9-13

A Reading from the First letter of John.

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

## Sequence

*All stand.*

*Crown him with many crowns*

Hymnal 494

## Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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

## Presentation of Candidates

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The Candidates are presented by their Sponsors who say*

*Sponsor(s)*        I present Michael Allen Myers to receive the  
                     Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented*

                     Do you desire to be baptized?  
*Candidate(s)*        I do.

*The Celebrant then asks*

*Question*            Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces  
                     of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer*             I renounce them.

*Question*            Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

*Answer*                    which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
I renounce them.

*Question*                Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you  
from the love of God?

*Answer*                    I renounce them.

*Question*                Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your  
Savior?

*Answer*                    I do.

*Question*                Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer*                    I do.

*Question*                Do you promise to follow and obey him as your  
Lord?

*Answer*                    I do.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support  
this person in his life in Christ?

*People*                    We will.

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ  
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant*                Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*                    I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant*                Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*                    I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the  
prayers ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving  
your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all  
people, and respect the dignity of every human  
being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*The Clergy and People process to the Baptismal font.*

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the people*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for this person who has renewed his commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*People* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*



## Thanksgiving Over the Water

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Baptism

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

Michael, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*When this action has been completed for all the candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one*

Michael, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## **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.*

## Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Especially  
today, we pray for Sabrina, Connie, Erin, Thelma, Juanita, Jerry,  
Mossie, Calvin, the Parents of Glennis, Raymond & Elaine, James,  
the Cornelison family, Debbie, Sharae, Linda, Fred, Avery,  
Michael, Mason, Nellie, Leroy, Mary Ann, Katie, Shelia, Thalia,  
Craig, Barbara, Logan, the Gill family, June, Jordan, Margaret,  
Amanda & James, Buck, Daphne, Wayne, Fay, Katrina, Shazia,  
Teresa, Clay, Rena, and the Beams – Jackson Family.

In accordance with the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Trinity  
Church, Danville, the Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Rector.

We pray for the newly baptized and his family.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jeff Davis and Herschel Love.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Silvestre.

Please feel free to add your own petitions.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

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.*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus*

Hymnal 495

*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*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

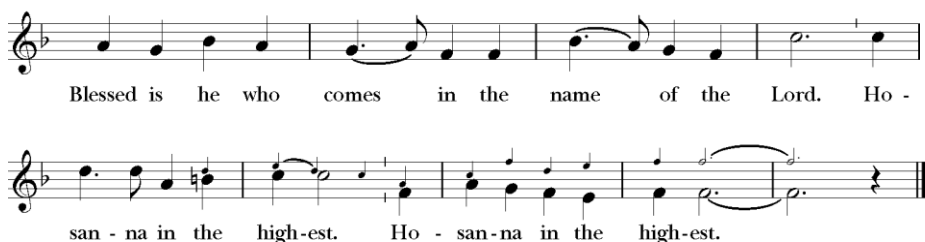
*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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.



*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.*

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

*You shall eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, says the Lord.*  
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, thou fount of every blessing*

Hymnal 686

*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 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

*We all are one in mission*

WLP 778

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



## **News & Notes**

**Schedule:** Rebecca will be at St. Agnes' House Monday through Thursday. Her Sabbath will be Friday. You may leave a message for Rebecca by calling the church office at 606-528-1659 or at [priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org](mailto: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:** Next Sunday we begin a summer series on the Gospel of John.

**Al-Anon Family Group:** An Al-Anon Family Group will meet in St. John's Parish Hall on Tuesdays from 7-8pm.

**Work Day:** A Parish work day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 30 starting at 9:00am. There are several areas of concern to be addressed, such as **such as mulching, lattice-work around the amphitheater, and caulking the windows.** Please let Billy Hibbitts know that you are available and willing to help. **You may also come by and take your Prevention of Sexual Misconduct (POSM) training if needed.**

**Pentecost Peace Cranes:** Stay after church on today to make these origami peace cranes used to decorate the church for Pentecost on Sunday, May 24.

**Fun, fun, fun:** The next Family Game Night is May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and drinks. Pizza will be provided.

**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.

**Grow Appalachia:** The Grow Appalachia committee will meet Thursdays evenings at 6pm through the month of May.

**Pot Luck Sunday:** Sunday May 31 is our monthly pot luck. We will also be having the first stage of the celebration of the Rev. Rebecca Myers ministry at St. John's.

**The Good Goodbye:** The Rev. Rebecca Myers' last Sunday will be June 7. Dr. Kay Collier McLaughlin will be present on behalf of the diocesan leadership to lead us in a Litany of Leave-taking.

**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.

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