

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

H A P P Y
Sunday



Woman's Day Celebration

08/14/2022

The Gathering of God's People

Opening Hymn.....#686 Come thou fount of every blessing

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider: Our souls praise the greatness of our God.

People: **Our spirits rejoice in our salvation.**

Presider: You in love bless us in every generation.

People: **You have done great things and holy is your name.**

Presider: Let us praise and glorify the Holy One.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise

to spring up before all the nations.

Reader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 34

Benedicam Dominum

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 [The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.]

The Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

The Sequence Hymn.....#699 Jesus, lover of my soul

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

A Dramatic Reading

Rev. Annette Joseph

Affirmation: Magnificat

Presider: Let us stand and affirm God's call to a world
redeemed and reconciled towards justice and peace,
in the song of Blessed Mary the Godbearer.

Reader: My heart praises you, O God,

People: **My spirit rejoices in you, my savior.**

Reader: You have remembered me in my lowliness,

People: **And now I will be called blessed.**

Reader: You have done great things for me,

People: **And shown mercy to all those who trust you.**

Reader: You have stretched out your arm,

People: **And scattered the proud with all their plans.**

Reader: You have brought down the mighty from their
thrones,

People: **And lifted up the lowly.**

Reader: You have filled the hungry with good things,

People: **And sent the rich away with empty hands.**

Reader: You have kept your promise to our mothers and
fathers,

People: **And come to the help of your people, to Abraham
and Sarah, and to all generations for ever. Amen.**

The Prayers Of The People

- Presider:* Let us pray for the Church and the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.
- Leader:* With holy reverence, we remember irreplaceable women. We honor those who nurtured us and taught us to honor and love you, O God.
- People:* **May their example of faith help transform us into your image.**
- Leader:* We honor women who feed the hungry, clothe the unclothed, befriend the lonely, and comfort the comfortless. We bless them for unselfishly loving your people as you love us.
- People:* **May you continue to meet their needs as they minister to others.**
- Leader:* We honor women grieving the loss of loved ones. May you, O God, continue to comfort them with your Word, spoken and blessed.
- People:* **May we learn to encourage them as they have encouraged us.**
- Leader:* We honor women pregnant with your unborn sons and daughters, O God.
- People:* **May you shelter them and the children they bear under the shadow of your almighty presence.**
- Leader:* We honor our sisters throughout the world who need your spiritual, economic, and physical healing.
- People:* **May you meet their needs, Holy One, according to your riches in glory, we pray.**
- Leader:* We honor all the women who have gone before us, named and unnamed.
- People:* **We give you thanks, O God.**
- Leader:* We bless those who wept for us, rejoiced with us, wiped our tears, prayed for us, and laughed with us.
- People:* **We give you thanks, O God.**
- Leader:* We bless those who undauntedly sacrificed for us.
- People:* **We give you thanks, O God.**
- Leader:* We honor all those who stand alongside and for these women. We bless those who encourage them to dream, who bring out the best in them, who help them bear their burdens, and who love them rightly, O God.
- People:* **May you watch over and keep all your people, with your care, gracious God. Consecrate this day for your**

glory. In the name of the Triune God, the one who parents us and creates us, who redeems us, and empowers us forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Everywoman - Carole Trickett 2014

Blessed is the woman who is dislocated, Is removed from what is straight and true.

Blessed is the woman who has been cast out.

Blessed is the woman who alone holds the story.

Blessed is the woman who longs for the quenching of her thirst.

Blessed is the woman who needs to honor the truth of her heart.

Blessed is the woman who shines her lamp upon her grieving soul.

Blessed is the woman who drags into her being her reluctant courage.

The Recognition & Celebration of Ministry

The Presider recognizes the ministries of women in the Christ Church.

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God's gifts and mercies have been lavished upon us with abundance. These gifts and mercies have been taken up by many faithful people, and this day we celebrate the faithful women who have used their gifts and shared God's mercies with us. May we, inspired by God's grace and the fearless women in our lives, go forth from this place, ready to serve, ready to listen, ready to answer God's call.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ.

Holy Communion

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Offertory Hymn.....Special music

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus Hymn.....St. Thomas (Williams) Sanctus (p.)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Invitation

The Presider then says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Presider may add.

So come you who have been here often and you who have not been here in along time. You who are full of faith or full of doubt. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Communion Hymn.....#318 Here, O my Lord, I see these face to face

Post Communion Prayer

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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 Presider blesses the people, first saying

Presider: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People: **From this time forth for evermore.**

Presider: Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those whom we love or those walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind and may the Divine Mystery that is beyond our ability to know be your companion along the way. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the grace of Christ the Son and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn.....#707 Take my life and let it be

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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"St. Thomas (Williams)" Sanctus

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O ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, O ho-ly God of might, All
O bless-ed is the one who comes from God a-bove. Ho-

heav'n and earth sing out your name, ho-san-na Lord of Light!
san-na in the high-est heav'n, ho-san-na Lord of Love!

Thank you for coming to Christ Episcopal Church.

We hope to see you again soon.



*We are a community forgiven and loved by God,
joyfully called to the work of reconciliation.*

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