

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri



May we all be....

just,

kind,

and humble.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Processional.....#337 Unde et memores vs 1-2

All standing, the Presider says

Presider: Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire.

People: **And fill us with celestial fire!**

Presider: 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.

Song of Praise.....Be a bright flame before me (on p. 9)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you showed your love for the whole world. We pray that your Church may show that same love to all, in steadfast faith.
Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 33:1-12

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since

you have received me with such favor. Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want." So he urged him, and he took it. Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go alongside you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 131

O LORD, I am not proud; *

I have no haughty looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters,*

or with things that are too hard for me.

But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; *

my soul is quieted within me.

O Israel, wait upon the LORD, *

from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:3, 9-18

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

The Sequence Hymn.....#470 There's a wideness in God's mercy

When Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Presider: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Tyler Helm

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Let us affirm our faith: Do you believe in God?

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

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the
dead.

Presider: Do you believe in 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. Amen.

The Prayers Of The People

Presider: God has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what
does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to
love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8

Reader: Let us, in this season of national preparation, offer our
prayers and thanksgiving to Almighty God who calls
us to dwell together in unity...

Let us pray: Christ our Light.

People: **Shine in our hearts.**

Reader: You who framed the brightness of the first light in
creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger
that shatters the unity of your holy Church.

Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth,
that we may be made one in faith, hope and love.

Christ our Light.

People: **Shine in our hearts.**

Reader: You who delivered your people from the misery of
bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free
us from enslavement to division, disunity and distrust
in our public life and labor.

Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that
they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater
unity and concord.

Christ our Light.

People: **Shine in our hearts.**

Reader: You who patterned the stars and called the sun into
being, who appointed the moon and chartered the

cosmos.

Pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity.

People: Christ our Light.
Shine in our hearts.

Reader: You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature; help us to delight in the diversity of the earth our island home.

Inspire your people to care for the earth and its creatures and repent and return when we abuse, misuse and neglect our fellow creatures.

People: Christ our Light.
Shine in our hearts.

Reader: You who call us into relationship with you and one another; renew our hearts to be people of community.

Knit us together to listen respectfully to one another so that all might glorify you by using our various gifts to raise up those most in need in our neighborhoods.

People: Christ our Light.
Shine in our hearts.

Reader: You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost and the least; help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Show the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering, especially those we now name...

People: Christ our Light.
Shine in our hearts.

Reader: You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife.

Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, especially those we now name...

Christ our Light.

People: Shine in our hearts.

Presider: Just and compassionate God, you walk with your people in humility and compassion in times of trial. You call us to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with You and each other. Set us free from the rancor of division and distrust that infect our hearts and fracture our nation; that following the Way of Jesus we may cast out fear; all for your love's sake. Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

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.

The Offertory Hymn.....#616 Hail to the Lord's anointed

The Agape Meal

The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of our daily bread.

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

People: You bring forth bread from the earth; we long for the day when we may once again partake of the bread of life, the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of wine.

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

People: You create the fruit of the vine; we long for the day when you will once again refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of food.

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

People: You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the Eucharistic fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. Glory to you for ever and 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.

Blessing

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: 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.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn.....LEVAS #178 Sweet Hour of Prayer (p.10)

Dismissal

Presider: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20, 21

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Be a Bright Flame Before Me

Carmina Gadelica

Richard Michael Joseph

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Be a Bright Flame Before Me'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning of the second staff. The lyrics are: 'Be a bright flame be - fore me, Be a guid - ing star a - bove me, Be a smooth path be - low me, And a kind - ly shep - herd be - hind me, To - day, to - night and for - ev - er. A - men.'

LEVAS #178 Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from — a
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my — pe -
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -

1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make
 2. ti - tion bear, To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -
 3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I

1. all my wants — and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me
 3. view my home — and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

1. thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
 2. wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
 3. well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!"

This Service's Servers

<i>Presider</i>	Kent Miller
<i>Preacher</i>	Tyler Helm
<i>Reader</i>	Bob Lowe
<i>Greeter</i>	Judi Naeter
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Deb Brewer
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	James Boyer
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Julie Wittenborn-Sikorski
<i>Organist</i>	Mary Mims

Upcoming Sunday Servers

	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13
Celebrant	Rev. Annette Joseph	Rev. Annette Joseph	Carl Muench	Rev. Annette Joseph
Eucharistic Minister	Toni Alexander	Gloria Miller		Kent Miller
Preacher	Rev. Annette Joseph	Rev. Annette Joseph	Kent Miller	Rev. Annette Joseph
Verger	Chris Masters	Chris Masters		Chris Masters
Reader	Tyler Helm	Richard Joseph	Gloria Miller	Brooke Clubbs
Greeter	Sheila and Jude Thiele	Gloria Miller	Judi Naeter	Doc & Karen Cain
Altar Guild	Mary Alice Regenhardt	Monica W./ Elizabeth M.	Elizabeth Miller	Monica Waldon
St. Isidore's Guild	Bob Lowe	Gina Mills	Bruce Mims	Bob Lowe
Vestry Counter	Cheryl Essner	Gina Mills		
Organist	Matt Palisch		Mary Mims	Matt Palisch

Thank you for visiting Christ Episcopal Church!

Who are We?

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

Known throughout Cape Girardeau as "the Red Door Church" by those we serve, our mission is to share God's love and grace.

When are our Services?

Services are held 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. on Sundays and Evening Prayer is from 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.

We are hosting a Bible study group before service at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays as well.

