

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri



May we all be....

just,

kind,

and humble.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Matt Palisch, Organist

Processional.....#506 Praise the Spirit in Creation

The Invitatory and Psalter

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 (p. 13)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O God, you have given us gifts of faith, hope and charity. Help us to use those gifts as you intended: to love all your world. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ruth 1:1-8

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 131

How very good and pleasant it is *
 when kindred live together in unity!
 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe .
 It is like the dew of Hermon, *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 For there the Lord ordained his blessing, *
 life for evermore.

The Second Reading

I Corinthians 13:1-8a

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

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.....#656 Blest are the pure in heart

The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37



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

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the

law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Annette Joseph

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

People stand or kneel.

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...

People: Let us pray: Christ our Light.
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.

People: Christ our Light.
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.

People: Christ our Light.
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.

Christ our Light.

People: **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.

Christ our Light.

People: **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.

Christ our Light.

People: **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...

Christ our Light.

People: **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.

Confession of Sin

All kneeling

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. Stay standing for hymn.

The Offertory Hymn.....#314 Humbly I adore thee

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 (p.13)

Presider:

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.

St. Elizabeth's Fraction

(p. 14)

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.

Communion Hymn.....#517 How lovely is thy dwelling place

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: **Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race, people and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing

A period of silence is kept. Sign of cross during the blessing.

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

Stand for the hymn and dismissal.

Recessional Hymn.....#680 O God, our help in ages past

Dismissal

Presider: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more that 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.....Matt Palisch, Organist

This Service's Servers

<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Toni Alexander
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Verger</i>	Chris Masters
<i>Reader</i>	Tyler Helm
<i>Greeter</i>	Sheila and Jude Thiele
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Alice Regenhardt
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	Bob Lowe
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Bob Lowe
<i>Organist</i>	Matt Palisch

Upcoming Sunday Servers

	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20
Celebrant	Rev. Annette Joseph	Carl Muench	Rev. Annette Joseph	Chris Masters
Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Miller		Kent Miller	
Preacher	Rev. Annette Joseph	Kent Miller	Rev. Annette Joseph	Gina Mills
Verger	Chris Masters		Chris Masters	
Reader	Richard Joseph	Gloria Miller	Brooke Clubbs	Kent Miller
Greeter	Gloria Miller	Judi Naeter	Doc & Karen Cain	Donna Richardet
Altar Guild	Monica W./ Elizabeth M.	Elizabeth Miller	Monica Waldon	Elizabeth Miller
St. Isidore's Guild	Gina Mills	Bruce Mims	Bob Lowe	William and Bruce Miller
Vestry Counter	Gina Thomas			
Organist		Mary Mims	Matt Palisch	Mary Mims

Be a bright flame before me

Carmina Gadelica

Richard Michael Joseph

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

"St. Thomas (Williams)" Sanctus

harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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!

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of two systems of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

"St. Elizabeth" Fraction

from Schleische Volkslieder, 1842

This is the true bread come down from hea - ven And gives

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The music is in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "This is the true bread come down from hea - ven And gives".

life, gives life to the world, Who - e - ver eats this bread

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "life, gives life to the world, Who - e - ver eats this bread".

lives for - e - ver. This is the light, the light of the world.

The third system of the musical score concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "lives for - e - ver. This is the light, the light of the world." The system ends with a double bar line and a common time signature (C) in both staves.

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.

