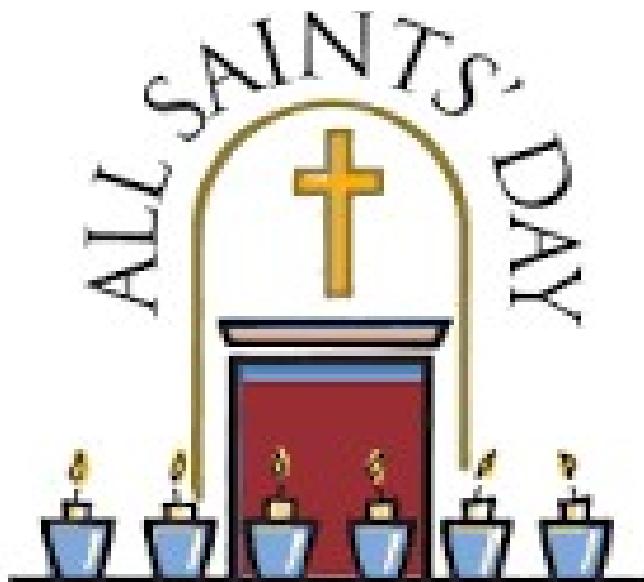


Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri



All Saint's Sunday Service

The Gathering of God's People

Processional.....#287 For all the saints

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:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

First Reading

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus

Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in 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.....#618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

The Gospel

Luke 6:20-31



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

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

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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.**

Prayer of Intercession

People stand or kneel.

Presider: God has raised Jesus Christ to sit at his right hand. Let us therefore pray to our Father in heaven through his Son for all the world and all the saints.

Reader: O God, Heavenly Father: we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives you look at us and see Jesus' perfect life and death covering ours. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptized.

Lord in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Thank you for every Christian who has helped us on our journey and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Thank you for all those who taught us the faith. Thank you for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to ensure others could hear of your love in Christ.

Lord in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We remember the saints in heaven. Thank you for releasing them from the burden of sin and death in this life and for keeping your promise to them. We especially remember those from our community who have passed away in the past year Elizabeth Ann Hogan, Charlotte Bess, Mary Van Hoet-Miller, and Melba Hamilton. Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your word can offer us.

Lord in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for your church on earth, that it may remain faithful to the apostles' teaching and that it will strive for unity. We pray for all Christians, especially those under persecution, that they may imitate the martyrs in bold witness to the gospel.

Lord in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Bring peace to those nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are

poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help all people to love their neighbor as themselves.

Lord in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

People: Presider: God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. We look forward to being part of the crowd around your throne in heaven on the last day. In the meantime keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' holy name we pray.
Amen.

-from the LCA Worship Planning Page, the Lutheran Church of Australia

Confession of Sin

All kneeling

Presider: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors - places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes - all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

Silence may be kept.

All: Beloved God,
who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears,
have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness,
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
Hold us, dear One -
comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but

you.

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A time of silence.

Presider: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! **Amen!**

~ written by Rev. Lucas Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink.

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.....#293 I sing a song of the saints of God

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#290 Come, ye thankful people come

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: Go on your way rejoicing; Surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself from a fall, In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope, accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving.

The blessing of God Most Wonderful, whom the saints have trusted as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be with you now and ever more. **Amen!**

– Bruce Prewer, on Bruce Prewer's Homepage. Visit that site for other good All Saints worship resources.

Announcements

Stand for the hymn and dismissal.

Recessional Hymn.....#620 Jerusalem, my happy home

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.

This Service's Servers

<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Kent Miller
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Verger</i>	Chris Masters
<i>Reader</i>	Richard Joseph
<i>Greeter</i>	Karen Cain
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Monica Waldon/Elizabeth Miller
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	Gina Mills
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Gina Thomas

Upcoming Sunday Servers

	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
Celebrant	Carl Muench	Rev. Annette Joseph	Chris Masters	Rev. Annette Joseph
Eucharistic Minister		Kent Miller		Gina Thomas
Preacher	Kent Miller	Rev. Annette Joseph	Gina Mills	Rev. Annette Joseph
Verger		Chris Masters		Chris Masters
Reader	Gloria Miller	Brooke Clubbs	Kent Miller	Bob Lowe
Greeter	Judi Naeter	Doc & Karen Cain	Donna Richardet	Sue Balsamo
Altar Guild	Elizabeth Miller	Monica Waldon	Elizabeth Miller	Marilyn Reiger
St. Isidore's Guild	Bruce Mims	Bob Lowe	William and Bruce Miller	James Boyer
Vestry Counter				
Organist	Mary Mims	Matt Palisch	Mary Mims	Matt Palisch

Be a bright flame before me

Carmina Gadelica

Richard Michael Joseph

Musical score for "Be a bright flame before me" in G major, common time. The vocal line consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. 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.

"St. Thomas (Williams)" Sanctus

harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Musical score for "O holy, holy, Lord, O holy" in G major, common time. The vocal line consists of two staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are:

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

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

"St. Elizabeth" Fraction

from Schleische Volkslieder, 1842

This is the true bread come down from heaven And gives

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.

Notes on the Service

All Saint's Sunday

Dan 7:1-3,15-18 • Ps 149 • Eph 1:11-23 • Lk 6:20-31

A church may observe All Saints on the Sunday following November 1 as well as on the date itself. In place of a medieval collect which mentioned our homage to the saints' merits and asked God to show mercy on us at their intercession, Cranmer wrote a collect based on the Reformation doctrine of the elect coming to the joys prepared for them after virtuous living enabled by grace. Like last Sunday's collect, today's proper preface pictures saints as foot-racers surrounded by cheering fans.

Joys prepared for the saints is a theme common to today's readings. For instance, Daniel says, "the holy ones of the Most High shall...possess the kingdom forever...." Daniel is referring to those Jews who did not forsake observance of the Torah during the Maccabean persecutions of the second century B.C. The four great beasts of which Daniel dreams are the empires of Babylon (where Daniel is set), Media, Persia, and Greece. It was heirs of Alexander's Greek empire who were persecuting the Maccabees. This section of Daniel is a part of "the Hebrew Bible" written in Aramaic, not in Hebrew.

In older English translations Ps 149:5 read, "Let the saints be joyful..." and v 9 read, "...such honor have all his saints," hence its traditional use on All Saints. Scholars theorize that this psalm originated as a song to accompany festive dancing. The dancing may have been for victory against Gentiles. V 9, "this is the glory for all his faithful people," refers to the revenge listed in vv 5-8. A "timbrel" (v 3) was like a tambourine.

"In [Christ] we, [i.e., we Jews] have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined,...so that we who were the first to set our hope on Christ might live.... In him you [i.e., you Gentiles] when you had heard the...Gospel of your salvation...were marked with the seal...." This sentence at the beginning of today's epistle sets out the major subject of Ephesians, that God's plan is to unite in Christ Jews and Gentiles who had been enemies, as in Ps 149. The author hopes that, after reading his letter, his readers will know (1) what is the hope to which God has called them, (2) what riches will the saints inherit, and (3) what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power. This passage's emphasis on God's election of saints and on believers as the body of Christ influenced today's All Saints collect.

Ps. 149:4a, "The LORD...adorns the poor with victory," has parallels in the Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Luke's Jesus says directly to the lowly, "Rejoice...your reward is great in heaven.". The woes to the well-fed and the privileged are characteristic of Luke. Before Jesus, injunctions like the Golden Rule had been given by Confucius, Isocrates, and Hillel.

Rev. Stephen Weissman
Asheville, North Carolina

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.

