

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

First Sunday After Epiphany

January 8th 2023

Renewal of Vows

Prelude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Processional.....#91 Break forth, O beauteous

Beginning on BCP p. 299

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Presider then continues:

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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.....#119 As with gladness men of old

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17



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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Annette Joseph

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP p. 304

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellow-

People: ship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Presider: 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 Prayers of the People

Presider: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

A moment of silence is kept.

People: For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader: For the community of Cape Girardeau, for our weary and divided nation, and for the world that you have made;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader: For our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishop, Deon;

People: **for all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

People: Hear us, Lord,
for your mercy is great.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

People: We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

A moment of silence is kept.

People: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon those
who put their trust in you.

Confession

Presider: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A moment of silence is kept.

People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of lie, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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 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.

Offertory Hymn.....#7 Christ whose glory fills the skies

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.**

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Presider:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus Hymn.....Merton Sanctus (p.11)

Presider:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour

out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

All: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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.

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.

Morning Star Fraction

(p. 12)

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.

Stand for the hymn.

Communion Hymn#135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Post Communion Prayer

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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

Presider: May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the
Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River,
pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the wa-
ters of new birth. **Amen.**

Announcements

Stand for the hymn and dismissal.

Recessional Hymn.....#128 We three kings

Dismissal

Presider: Our worship is ended, our service in the world be-
gins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Merton Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly God of power and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes, comes from the Lord a - bove,

The first system of the musical score for 'Merton Sanctus' is written in treble and bass staves with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines.

Heav'n and earth sing out your glo - ry, ho - san - na Lord of Light!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na Lord of Love!

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and harmony. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, with the treble staff carrying the main melody and the bass staff providing accompaniment.

Morning Star Fraction

This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

The first system of the musical score for 'Morning Star Fraction' is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven'.

And gives life, gives life to the world,

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'And gives life, gives life to the world,'.

Who - e - ver eats this bread will live for - e - ver,

The third system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Who - e - ver eats this bread will live for - e - ver,'.

This is the true bread, the light of the world.

The fourth system of the musical score concludes the piece. The lyrics are: 'This is the true bread, the light of the world.'.

This Service's Servers

<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Gloria Miller
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Verger</i>	Chris Masters
<i>Reader</i>	Bob Lowe
<i>Greeter</i>	Doc and Karen Cain
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Elizabeth Miller
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	William and Bruce Miller
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Sue Balsamo
<i>Organist</i>	Mary Mims

Upcoming Sunday Servers

	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 5
Presider	Gina Mills	Rev. Annette Joseph	At St. Paul's in Sikeston	Kent Miller
Eucharistic Minister		Kent Miller		
Preacher	Tyler Helm	Rev. Annette Joseph		Rev. Edie Bird
Verger		Chris Masters		
Reader	Nancy Kennemore	Toni Alexander		Sheila Thiele
Greeter	Donna Richardet	Sue Balsamo		Monica Waldon
Altar Guild	Monica Waldon	Paula Fetherston		Barbara Giddens
St. Isidore's Guild	James Boyer	James Boyer		Tyler Helm
Vestry	Toni	Gina Thomas		Cheryl Essner
Organist	Mary Mims	Mary Mims		Kevin Hampton

Notes on the Service

First Sunday in Epiphany

Isa 42:1-9 • Ps 29 • Acts 10:34-38 • Mtt 3:13-17

Last Friday was the Epiphany, when the church commemorated the magi's homage to the Christ Child. Epiphany means showing or disclosure, so other disclosures of Christ's nature will be marked during this season after Jan. 6. The first Sunday of Epiphany marks the baptism of Jesus, when the Baptist defers to Jesus and a heavenly voice calls Jesus "my Son."

The collect presents the baptism of Jesus as a model for our baptism, because today is one of the four Sundays of the year which the Prayer Book recommends for holding public baptisms. New to the 1979 Prayer Book, this collect is based upon ones in the Roman Sacramentary.

Today's reading from Isaiah is one of that prophet's four songs about a servant whom God would chose to make a light to the nations. Two of the four songs speak of the servant's suffering vicariously for others. Writing at the exile's end, Isaiah envisioned such an agent whom God would use to free his people, forgiving the sins which had sentenced them to exile seventy years prior, and attracting Gentiles to Israel's glory. Although Isaiah did not name that servant, the New Testament invariably identifies Jesus as the one upon whom the spirit rests and in whom God is pleased, as at his baptism. Jewish commentators usually identify the servant as some righteous individual or some righteous group among the exiles.

"The voice of the Lord" occurs seven times in Ps 29, hence its applicability to the baptism of Jesus, where the voice of the Lord was also heard upon the waters. This antique hymn praises God's glory in the thunderstorm, seen as a manifestation of divine majesty. That same power is also to be seen in Solomon's temple, where Psalm 29 must have been used.

The reading from Acts is a part of the apostles' standard presentation which begins with John's preaching baptism and Jesus' identification as the anointed one. As he is speaking to a Roman officer, Peter declares that Gentiles who receive this message are just as eligible for God's acceptance as Jews are, an inclusion not common among first century Jews, despite Isaiah's "universalist" writings five centuries earlier about Gentiles coming to the light. Because it begins his public ministry, Jesus' baptism is at least as important as his birth; the New Testament gives it more press. Matthew's version addresses the problems of John's seeming to be Jesus' superior and of the need to cleanse someone who is sinless. Jesus overrules John's reservations to conform to Providence's plan, i.e., "to fulfill all righteousness."

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?

On Sundays, there are Morning Prayer services every Sunday at 8:00 AM.

Services are then held from 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.

