

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 15th 2023

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Processional.....#533 How wondrous and great

Beginning on BCP p. 76

All stand as the Presider greets the people with these words.

Presider: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

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The following Confession of Sin may then be said.

The Confession And Absolution

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

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

Presider: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross:

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

The Psalm

Psalm 40:1-12

Expectans, expectavi

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God."
And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the hymn.

The Sequence Hymn.....#707 Take my life, and let it be

Third Reading

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of

God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Tyler Helm

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The Apostles Creed

Presider and People together, all standing

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

A/: 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.

The Prayers of the People

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

Presider. O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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A Collect for Grace

Presider. Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Prayers for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Offertory Hymn.....#439 What wondrous love is this

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The General Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and

the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Presider: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.

Then may be said:

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

Announcements

Stand for the hymn and dismissal.

Recessional Hymn.....#493 O for a thousand tongues

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Dismissal

The Presider may then conclude with one of the following

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Presider: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

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 for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....Mary Mims, Organist

This Service's Servers

<i>Presider</i>	Gina Mills
<i>Preacher</i>	Tyler Helm
<i>Reader</i>	Brooke Clubbs
<i>Greeter</i>	Donna Richardet
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Monica Waldon
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	James Boyer
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Toni Alexander
<i>Organist</i>	Mary Mims

Upcoming Sunday Servers

	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Feb. 12
Presider	Rev. Annette Joseph	At St. Paul's in Sikeston	Kent Miller	Rev. Annette Joseph
Eucharistic Minister	Kent Miller			Toni Alexander
Preacher	Rev. Annette Joseph		Rev. Edie Bird	Rev. Annette Joseph
Verger	Chris Masters			Chris Masters
Reader	Toni Alexander		Sheila Thiele	Kent Miller
Greeter	Sue Balsamo		Monica Waldon	Sheila and Jude Theile
Altar Guild	Paula Fetherston		Barbara Giddens	Deb Brewer
St. Isidore's Guild	James Boyer		Tyler Helm	Bob Lowe
Vestry Counter	Gina Thomas		Cheryl Essner	Bob Lowe
Organist	Mary Mims		Kevin Hampton	Matt Palisch

Notes on the Service

Second Sunday in Epiphany

Isa 49:1-7 • Ps 40:1-12 • I Cor1:1-9 • Jn 1:29-42

The ordinary season after the Epiphany began last Monday. A principal theme of the Epiphany, Christ the Light of the World, continues, as expressed in today's collect. Adapted from the Church of South India (at the earth's end), this collect prays that Christ's glory may be known to the earth's ends, thereby also expressing a corollary theme, that it is through God's people that the Light is spread. To illustrate the call to spread the light, readings today are about callings: to be servant, to be psalmist, saints, witness, apostles.

Like last Sunday's first reading, today's is another of the servant songs of Isaiah about one whom God called to restore lost Israelites and to shine on Gentiles. This song twice asserts that the calling of the servant occurred before he was born, as did the calling of Jeremiah to be a prophet. Considering either Isaiah or Jeremiah a predestinationist in the Calvinist sense would be mistaken, but these prophets do have a sense of unique callings from their starts. Christians see Jesus as the one who fulfilled the role of the servant who was from the womb a light to the Gentiles. So for Christian readers, "Kings shall see and arise" can echo the magi's visit to Christ, commemorated on January sixth.

Grateful for deliverance, the author of Psalm 40 vows to give God thanks before the congregation. The Letter to the Hebrews will apply vss 8-9 to Christ, "offerings thou has not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me...I have come to do thy will, O God."

Like the suffering servant, the psalmist, and John the Baptist, Paul "proclaimed righteousness in the congregation." In a manner unlike the callings of Andrew, John, and Peter, Paul had been "called to be an apostle." Paul began letters in the conventional way of his era by stating whom the letter was from, by greeting those to whom it was addressed, and by praying and giving thanks for them "called to be saints." Note how Paul uses the word "called" four times in this one paragraph.

The meeting of John the Baptist and Jesus told last Sunday by Matthew is retold today in John's variant where the Baptist does not actually baptize Jesus, but he does identify him as God's Son and God's Lamb (as in the sacrificial Paschal lamb). Two of the Baptist's disciples, Andrew and John the Beloved (the latter not explicitly named), accept Jesus' invitation to see where he is staying. Then Andrew, on his first mission, tells Peter they have found the Messiah. Andrew anticipates Peter's own confession of Jesus as that Messiah, a confession which the calendar will mark on January 18. (The Confession of Peter will begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.)

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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.

