

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 22nd 2023

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Processional.....#537 Christ for the world we sing

Beginning on BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Presider says:

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

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

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 forever. **Amen.**

Song of Praise.....#S280 Gloria

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

Dominus illuminatio

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my
life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the hymn.

The Sequence Hymn.....#126 The people who in darkness walked

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23



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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader. The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Annette Joseph

The Nicene Creed

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Presider and People together, all standing

All:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Loving God, your presence fills our world, yet we are often blind to the signs and wonders all around us. In this season of Epiphany, open our eyes to your presence, open our minds to wonder, open our hearts to love, O God, Creator of all,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Reader: We give you thanks for the gift of life, and for (___). O God, creator of all,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Reader: You are with us in all the changes we experience, in birth and new birth in baptism, in marriage, in solitude, in family life, in health and sickness, in dying. We pray for ourselves and one another as we walk with you in life and death. O God, creator of all,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Reader: You know our needs before we ask, we pray for those we know who are sick or in need of guidance and strength (___). O God, creator of all,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Reader: Bring comfort to, (___) and all who suffer in the sadness of our world. O God, creator of all,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Reader: In Christ, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is

raised to heaven. Hold in your hand, (prayer list) and all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, may they be with you today in Paradise.

The Confession of Sin

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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 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.

Offertory Hymn.....#645 The King of love my shepherd is vs 1,2, 5, 6

The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

The Presider proceeds:

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sign this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S129 Gloria Sanctus

The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,

O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this

bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____. and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider then continues:

And now, as our Savior-Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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

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Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei Fraction (p. 11)

The Presider then continues:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn.....#LEVAS 151 One bread, one body (p. 12)

Blessing

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Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Stand for the hymn and dismissal.

Recessional Hymn.....#381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

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

Fraction

LEVAS #151 One Body, One Bread

One bread, — one bod - y, —

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with a series of chords and a left hand with a steady bass line.

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

bles - ing which we bless. — And we, — though

The third system concludes the musical score. The vocal line has a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a half note C6, a quarter rest, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note F#5. The piano accompaniment provides a final harmonic resolution.

man - y, _____ through - out the earth, we are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one _____ Lord. _____

Last time ⊕

<p>1. Gen - tile or Jew,</p> <p>2. Man - y the gifts,</p> <p>3. Grain for the fields,</p>	<p>ser - vant or</p> <p>man - y the</p> <p>scat - tered and</p>
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1. free, wom - an or man, _____
 2. works, one in the Lord _____
 3. grown, gath - ered to one _____

D.S.

1. — no more. _____ One
 2. — of all. _____ One
 3. — for all. _____ One

D.S.

⊕ CODA

Lord. _____

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>	Toni Alexander
<i>Greeter</i>	Sue Balsamo
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Paula Fetherston
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	James Boyer
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Gina Thomas
<i>Organist</i>	Mary Mims

Upcoming Sunday Servers

	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19
Presider	At St. Paul's in Sikeston	Kent Miller	Rev. Annette Joseph	Bob Lowe
Eucharistic Minister			Toni Alexander	
Preacher		Rev. Edie Bird	Rev. Annette Joseph	Kent Miller
Verger			Chris Masters	
Reader		Sheila Thiele	Kent Miller	Sue Balsamo
Greeter		Monica Waldon	Sheila and Jude Theile	Gloria Miller
Altar Guild		Barbara Giddens	Deb Brewer	Marilyn Reiger
St. Isidore's Guild		Tyler Helm	Bob Lowe	Bruce Mims
Vestry Counter		Cheryl Essner	Bob Lowe	Toni Alexander
Organist		Kevin	Matt Palisch	Mary Mims

Notes on the Service

Third Sunday in Epiphany

Isa 9:1-4 • Ps 27:1, 5 - 13 • I Cor. 1:10 - 18 • Mtt. 4:12 - 23

God's light penetrates everywhere and many respond to it, is a prominent theme in today's readings from Isaiah, the Psalter, and Matthew. To-day's collect, composed for the 1979 Prayer Book, asks that we may answer the call to follow Christ (as did four apostles in today's Gospel).

The first reading overlaps the chapter of Isaiah which was read on Christmas Eve, "the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light...." Today, however, "unto us a child is born...." is omitted, and emphasized instead is the light's location in the north, Zebulun and Naphtali, later called Galilee, whither Jesus went as reported by today's Gospel. "Day of Midian" refers to Gideon's victory over Midianite raiders 400 years before first Isaiah, when Gideon's men of Naphtali had repelled men of Midian.

"The Lord is my light" begins Psalm 27. It ends, "Your face, Lord, will I seek." Those sentiments could be expressed by seekers for God in dark Zebulun and Naphtali in the days of Gideon, and in the days of Isaiah, and in the days of Andrew, Peter, and the Zebedee brothers. Other parts of this post-exilic poem sound more like the prayer of a Levite or a priest, promising to offer sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple if God will protect him from his enemies. One could imagine any believer in difficulty, such as Martin Luther King, whose holiday was January 20, and Paul, whose conversion was marked on January 25, using Psalm 27.

Readings of I Corinthians continue through the after-Epiphany season. Paul is trying to heal divisions in the church which he had founded at Corinth, Greece. "Chloe's people" probably refers to the household of a woman prominent in the church; Apollos is Paul's learned assistant; Cephas is Peter. You Corinthians were not baptized into factions headed by those disciples, Paul says, rather you were baptized into one Christ. This passage is cited to support the argument that the sacrament of Baptism is valid regardless of who performs it, and ought not be repeated so long as its minister intends it be initiation into the church universal, not into some particular congregation, denomination, or sect.

Just as last Sunday we read John's account of the calls of the first apostles, today we hear Matthew's account, which is set after Jesus' temptations, in Galilee, Isaiah's dim land of Zebulun and Naphtali. Light shines in Galilee as Jesus starts preaching that the Kingdom is nearby. Four fishermen follow Jesus, believing his promise that he will make them "fishers of men;" or in the unmusical English of the NRSV, "make you fish for people." Like Abraham of old, they leave their parents and their livelihoods for a promise.

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