



Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

## Trinity Sunday

June 4th 2023

# The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....James Reifinger, Organist  
Es ist das Heil uns kommen her Anonymous

Processional.....#362 Holy, holy, holy

Greetings BCP 355

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

Gloria.....Hendrick's Gloria

## Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every

kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and

there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm**

Psalm 8

*Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

### **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**F**inally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the hymn.*

**The Sequence Hymn**.....#366 Holy God we praise thy name

**The Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20



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

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

**T**he eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Edie Bird

**Nicene Creed**

*BCP 358*

*A/:* 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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*BCP 387*

*Reader:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People:* **That we all may be one.**

*Reader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
*People:* **That your Name be glorified by all people.**

*Reader:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People:* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

*Reader:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;  
*People:* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Reader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People:* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Reader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief  
or trouble;  
*People:* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Presider:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into  
joy;  
*People:* **May we also come to share in your heavenly  
kingdom.**

*Reader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### **The Confession**

*BCP 360*

*All kneel. The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

***Presider and People***

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.

*The Presider stands and says*

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**.....#423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*BCP p. 369*

*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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

***Presider:*** God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are  
worthy of glory and praise.

***People:*** Glory to you for ever and ever.

***Presider:*** At your command all things came to be: the vast  
expanse of the interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the

planets in their courses and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People:** **By your will they were created and have their being.**

**Presider:** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People:** **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

**Presider:** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People:** **By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds we are healed.**

**Presider:** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chrous, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**.....Hendrick's Insert

*The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**Presider and People**

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,**



**As we await the day of his coming.**

*Presider:* Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one Spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* **Risen Lord, be know to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Presider:* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

*The Presider then continues:*

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

*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**

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

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

**Fraction** Hendrick's Insert

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn**.....#324 Let all Mortal Flesh

### Post Communion Prayer

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 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

## Blessing

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Stand for the hymn and dismissal.*

Recessional Hymn.....#368 Holy Father, great Creator

## Dismissal

**Postlude**.....James Reifinger, Organist  
Herzlich tut mich erfreuen.....Johannes Brahms

## This Service's Servers

*Presider*  
*Eucharistic Minister*  
*Preacher*  
*Vergers*  
*Reader*  
*Greeter*  
*Altar Guild*  
*St. Isidore's Guild*  
*Vestry Counter*  
*Organist*

Edie Bird  
Gloria Miller  
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Chris Masters  
Brooke Clubbs  
Nona Nan Chapman  
Deb Brewer  
Bruce Mims  
Toni Alexander  
James Reifinger

# Notes on the Service

## Trinity Sunday

Gen 1:1-2:3 • Ps 8 • II Cor 13:11-13 • Mtt 28:16-20

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The period December-to-May or Advent-to-Pentecost features days commemorating events of Christ's life, from his birth to his ascension and the Spirit's arrival; all those saving events are summed up by the doctrine of the Trinity, that most distinctively Christian doctrine of God.

Today's collect, a late medieval composition, prays that we may be kept steadfast in our faith in and worship of the Holy Trinity.

Genesis 1 was written by a Jew who knew the best Babylonian science of his day, about 500 B.C. According to him, God speaks the universe into being out of a background of chaos. God's word is an active Agent. Christians developed Genesis 1 into our doctrine of the Word who creates the cosmos and becomes flesh, the foundation of Trinitarianism.

Genesis reckons days as starting on the evening before, a reckoning the church follows so that a feast (Christmas, for example) begins on the evening before (the Eve). What Genesis calls the firmament is a dome which ancient astronomers thought vaulted over the sky, holding back waters above it. Windows in it God opens to let precipitation fall. Human beings are images of God not because God has physical human features, but because people mirror God's attributes such as freedom, reason, and love, and we hold dominion over the other creatures as God holds dominion over us. A refrain repeated at the end of each day of creation the Jewish belief that existence is good, in contrast with, e.g., the Buddhist belief that existence is suffering.

Human dominion over other creatures is celebrated by Psalm 8. Contemplating the night sky, (last night was the June full moon) the author marvels that its Creator deigns to regard mankind. The alternate canticle, *Benedictus es*, comes from additions to Daniel in the Apocrypha. It is part of a hymn in the mouths of the three young men thrown in Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace. Like Ps 148, it praises God's glory. For liturgies, Trinitarians have added the *Gloria Patri* to the Jewish canticle.

The end of II Corinthians must have been picked as Trinity Sunday's epistle because of its last sentence which names Jesus, God, and the Spirit. Like the *Benedictus es*, that formula, called the Grace, is used in Morning Prayer. The "holy kiss" was the ancient greeting revived in 20th century congregations as the exchange of Peace.

At the end of Matthew, Christ tells his followers to baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the form which became standard, despite some apostles having baptized converts "in the Name of Jesus."

**Rev. Stephen Weissman**  
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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 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.

