

A vertical stained glass window is the central focus, featuring a large dove in flight with its wings spread, set against a background of colorful geometric patterns including diamonds and triangles. The colors used are primarily purple, blue, green, and yellow. The window is set within a dark, textured stone wall. Two semi-transparent grey text boxes are overlaid on the image: one at the top and one at the bottom.

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church  
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30th 2023

# The Gathering of God's People

**Prelude:** Missae Breve: Kyrie Eleison.....Tyler Helm, Voice &  
Organist

**Processional**.....#8 Morning has broken

**Greetings** *BCP 355*

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

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

**Gloria:** Missae Breve: Gloria.....Tyler Helm, Voice &  
Organist

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading** 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm**

Psalm 119:129-136

*Mirabilia*

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*The People stand for the hymn.*

**The Sequence Hymn**.....#635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

**The Gospel**

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52



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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*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,  
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

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*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 mind 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.**

*Reader:* 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.

***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.....#534 God is working his purpose out

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 him thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

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

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.

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

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.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, 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 Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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.**

*The Presider continues*

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.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

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.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**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 this is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,



for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said:*

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

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

**Fraction**.....Hendricks Agnus Dei

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

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

**Communion Hymn**.....LEVAS #151 One bread, one body (p.10)

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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**

*Stand for the hymn and dismissal.*

**Recessional Hymn**.....#488 Be Thou My Vision

### **Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Missae Breve: Agnus Dei.....Tyler Helm, Voice & Organist

### **This Service's Servers**

*Presider*

*Eucharistic Minister*

*Preacher*

*Reader*

*Greeter*

*Altar Guild*

*St. Isidore's Guild*

*Vestry Counter*

Rev. Edie Bird

Toni Alexander

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Donna Richardet

Barbara Giddens

James Boyer

Dana Dickerson

One bread, one bod - y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

Words: 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 12:4; Galatians 3:28; The Didache 9

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

*Last time* ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

*Last time* ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

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. \_\_\_\_\_