

A vertical stained glass window is the central focus, featuring a dove in flight over a cityscape. The window is composed of many small, colorful panes in shades of blue, purple, green, and yellow. The dove is depicted in white and blue, with its wings spread. The cityscape below it is rendered in various colors, including red, orange, and yellow. The window is set within a dark, textured frame.

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20th 2023

# The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Processional.....Here I Am, Lord (p.11)

## Greetings

*BCP 355*

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

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

Gloria.....Hendrick's Gloria

## Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Psalm

Psalm 67

*Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*The People stand for the hymn.*

The Sequence Hymn.....#508 Breathe on me, Breath of God

## The Gospel

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28



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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples

approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson

**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,  
           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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<i>Reader:</i>	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
<i>People:</i>	<b>That we all may be one.</b>
<i>Reader:</i>	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
<i>People:</i>	<b>That your Name be glorified by all people.</b>
<i>Reader:</i>	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<i>People:</i>	<b>That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.</b>
<i>Reader:</i>	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
<i>People:</i>	<b>That there may be justice and peace on the earth.</b>
<i>Reader:</i>	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<i>People:</i>	<b>That our works may find favor in your sight.</b>
<i>Reader:</i>	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
<i>People:</i>	<b>That they may be delivered from their distress.</b>
<i>Reader:</i>	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
<i>People:</i>	<b>May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.</b>
<i>Reader:</i>	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

## The Confession

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*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**.....#380 From all that dwell below the skies

## 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 Sanctus

*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.*

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.**

*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 thine 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.11)

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

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**.....Mary Mims, Organist

**This Service's Servers**

<i>Presider</i>	Bishop Deon Johnson
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Toni Alexander
<i>Preacher</i>	Bishop Deon Johnson
<i>Reader</i>	Brooke Hildebrand Cluubs
<i>Greeter</i>	Donna Richardet
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Barbara Giddens
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	James Boyer
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Toni Alexander
<i>Organist</i>	Mary Mims

# Here I Am, Lord

## Verses



- |                |                    |              |     |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----|
| 1. I, the Lord | of sea and sky,    | I have heard | my  |
| 2. I, the Lord | of snow and rain,  | I have borne | my  |
| 3. I, the Lord | of wind and flame, | I will tend  | the |



peo - ple cry.	All who dwell	in dark	and sin
peo - ple's pain.	I have wept	for love	of them.
poor and lame.	I will set	a feast	for them.



My hand will save.	I who made the
They turn a - way.	I will break their
My hand will save.	Fin - est bread I



stars of night,	I will make their dark - ness bright.
hearts of stone,	Give them hearts for love a - lone.
will pro - vide	Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?	Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them.	Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them.	Whom shall I send?

## Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though man - y, through - out the earth, we are one 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

⊕ CODA

Lord.

# 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 is communion at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. Morning Prayer is on the 3rd Sunday.

Evening Prayer is from 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.

We are hosting a Bible study group at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays as well.

