

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 27th 2023

# The Gathering of God's People

Gloria.....Hendrick's Gloria

#### Collect of the Day

Presider. The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Presider.* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her waste places,

and will make her wilderness like Eden,

her desert like the garden of the Lord;

joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

The Psalm Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \* before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \* because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \* and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \* you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \* when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \* that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*
  he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*
  you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
  enemies;
  your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*
  O Lord, your love endures for ever;
  do not abandon the works of your hands..

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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
The Gospel Matthew 16:13-20



Presider.

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

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Edie Bird

Nicene Creed BCP 358

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.

# <u>Prayers of the People</u>

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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......In the Garden (p.11)

## The Great Thanksgiving

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People remain standing

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Presider: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Presider: Malifeth are to the Lord

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: Let us 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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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.

## **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.]

<u>Fraction</u>.....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.13)

#### 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.

#### <u>Announcements</u>

Stand for the hymn and dismissal.

Recessional Hymn.....#657 Love Divine all loves excelling

#### Dismissal

Presider dismisses the people with words. The people respond.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude......Mary Mims, Organist

## This Service's Servers

Presider Rev. Edie Bird Eucharistic Minister **Bob Lowe** Preacher Rev. Edie Bird Reader Sheila Thiele Judi Naeter Greeter Altar Guild Paula Fetherston St. Isidore's Guild **Bob Lowe** Vestry Counter Deb Brewer Organist Mary Mims







# 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.

