

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 profile, facing right, with its wings spread. Below it, a cityscape with various buildings and structures is visible. The window is set within a dark, textured frame, possibly stone or wood. The overall lighting is soft, with some light reflecting off the glass panes.

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10th 2023

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Matt Palisch, Organist

Processional.....#400 v.1-4 All Creatures of our God and King

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts;
for, as you always resist the proud who confide in
their own strength, so you never forsake those who
make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm Psalm 119:33-40

Legem pone

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *

I shall keep it with all my heart.

- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18:15-20



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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member

listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. 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,
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 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: Give to the departed eternal rest;
People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
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.....#593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

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

BCP p. 364

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.....#324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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.....#400 v. 5-7 All creatures of our God and King

Dismissal

Presider dismisses the people with words. The people respond.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude.....Matt Palisch, Organist

This Service's Servers

<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Edie Bird
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Kent Miller
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev. Edie Bird
<i>Reader</i>	Brooke Hildebrand Clubbs
<i>Greeter</i>	Gloria Miller
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Alice Regenhardt
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	Bob Lowe
<i>Organist</i>	Matt Palisch

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.

