

# The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Leslie Jones, pianist

Processional Hymn.....#376 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Greeting

Confession and Absolution

Gloria.....in booklet and sung to the tune of 400

Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede  
and follow us, that we may continually be given to  
good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained  
clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the  
earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm**

Psalm 23

*Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's  
sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who  
trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Second Reading**

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.  
Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for  
they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together  
with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the  
book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn.....#646 The King of Love my Shepherd Is

### The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14



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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** Bob Lowe

**Offertory Hymn**.....#202 The Lamb's High Banquet Called To Share

**Sanctus**.....in booklet

**Fraction**.....in booklet

**Communion Hymn**..... LEVAS #154 Taste And See

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn**.....#397 Now Thank We All Our God

**Postlude**.....Leslie Jones, pianist

*Please during the postlude leave in silence or stay and enjoy silently*

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

<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Jeff Goldone
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Toni Alexander
<i>Preacher</i>	Bob Lowe
<i>Lector</i>	Brooke Hildebrand Clubbs
<i>Host</i>	Donna Richardet
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Alice Regenhart
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	Bob Lowe
<i>Pianist</i>	Leslie Jones

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. Fine

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
 3. Wor-ship the Lord all you peo-ple.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

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1. — His praise — shall al - ways be on my  
 2. — To - geth - er — let us all — praise His  
 3. — You'll — want for noth - ing — if you

1. lips; — my soul — shall  
 2. name. — I called — the  
 3. ask. — Taste — and

1. glo - ry — in the Lord; — for  
 2. Lord — and He ans - wered me; — from  
 3. see — that God is good; — in

1. He — has been — so good to me. —  
 2. all — my trou - bles — He set me free. —  
 3. Him — we need — put all our trust. —

D.C.

## Announcements for Christ Episcopal Church

### Office of CEC

- There are a few dates that I will not be available due to school conflicts and graduate school trips that I wanted to compile together as soon as I could. Please email if you need anything urgent, and I will be able to address it as soon as I can. Thank you.

Wednesday, October 18th - Class

Saturday, October 21st - Washington D.C. Convention/Grad School

Sunday, October 22nd - Washington D.C. Convention/Grad School

Saturday, October 28th - Chicago Vocal Competition for School

Sunday, October 29th - Chicago Vocal Competition for School

# 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.

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.

