

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Morning Worship



July 7, 2024

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Greetings & Announcements:

Presider

The Prelude:

Mary Mims

Opening Hymn:

#439, What Wondrous Love is This, O My Soul
The Hymnal 1982

Greeting:

Presider:

O Lord, open now our lips.

People:

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Presider:

We praise you, O God, and bless your name;

People:

And tell of your salvation from day to day.

Presider:

We proclaim your glory to the nations.

People:

Your praise to the ends of the earth.

Presider:

Friends in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven. As the scriptures are read, we can allow the experiences of the God from our ancestors to speak to us, and ponder its meaning in our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service. All this we do because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Confession & Pardon:

Presider:

Let us in silence call to mind our need for repentance and forgiveness.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider:

God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others.

All:

We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past and raise us to newness of life. Amen.

Presider:

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All:

Amen.

Blessing of Light

Presider: The city does not need the sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. -*Revelation 21:23*

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:

People: **to you be praise and glory for ever.**

Presider: By the light of Christ, your living Word, dispel the gloom of our hearts that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world.

People: **Blessed be God, forever and ever. Amen.**

During the hymn, candles on the altar are lit.

Hymn of Light:

#156, Arise and Shine

Voices Found

1 A - rise and shine, the prophet sang;
2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,
3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.
nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

The Ministry of the Word:

Presider: May the Word of God always be heard in this place. May the experience of our spiritual ancestors be valued in this place. May the Good News of love be proclaimed in this place. May the mystery of Christ unfold before us and lead us to salvation. Let us hear once more the stories of our redemption.

The community is seated.

First Reading:

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle:

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Presider: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:

People: **God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning: your faithfulness O Lord is great.**

Presider: You are all that I have: and therefore I will wait for you.

People: **You O Lord are good to those who wait for you: to all those who seek you.**

Presider: It is good to wait in patience:

People: **For the salvation of the Lord.**

Presider: Glory to the One, Holy, and Living God.

People: **As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The community remains seated.

The Gospel Reading:

Mark 6:1-13

Presider: Alleluia! Blessing on the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens. Alleluia!**

Presider: Let us open our hearts to hear the Good News of Christ.
A reading from the Gospel of our Savior according to Mark.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their

belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Presider: Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The community stands at the hymn, as able.

Hymn of the Day:

#412, Earth, and All Stars, Loud Rushing Planets
The Hymnal 1982

Affirmation of Faith:

The Apostle's Creed

Presider: We affirm our faith in the One, Holy, and Living God.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God?

All: **I believe and trust in God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe and trust in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers:

Presider: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying "hear our prayer."

Response after each intercession: "Hear our Prayer."

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Savior has taught us we are bold to pray.

People: 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.

The Collect of the Day:

Presider: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Peace:

Presider: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. -*Colossians 3:15*

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The community exchanges the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn:

#379, God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

The Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving:

Presider: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.

People: We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

Presider: We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

People: We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

Presider: We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

People: Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Presider: Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Silence:

Presider: Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while." Therefore, let us now rest in Christ's presence in the silence.

A prolonged silence is kept for a time.

At a signal from the Presider, the silence is broken.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Presider: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you;

People: **And you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

#344, Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing
The Hymnal 1982

Closing:

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. -*Romans 15:13*

All: **Amen.**

The Postlude:

Mary Mims

Today's Servers:

8 AM:

Presider: Gina Thomas

10:30 AM:

Presider: Bob Lowe

Lector: Nona Nan Chapman

Host: Gloria Miller

St. Isidore's Guild: Bruce Mims

Vestry Counter: Jeff Farough

Musician: Mary Mims