

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

H A P P Y
Sunday



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19th, 2022

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude

Mary Mims, Organist

Processional Hymn

#372 Praise to the living God!

All standing, the Presider says

Presider: Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire.

People: **And fill us with celestial fire!**

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise

Be a bright flame before me

(on p. 10)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better

than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 42

Quemadmodum

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of
God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the

- house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of
Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of
Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
"Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you

are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

The Sequence Hymn

#493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

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

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great

fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Presider: The Word of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Kent Miller

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Let us affirm our faith: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
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 again to judge the living and the
dead.

Presider: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe 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 Of The People

Presider: We pray for God to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Reader: Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Come Holy Spirit,

People: Renew your people.

Reader: We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Come Holy Spirit,

People: Renew your people.

Reader: We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Come Holy Spirit,

People: Renew your people.

Reader: We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We pray especially for those we name: *(list the sick)* Are there others? Come Holy Spirit,

People: Renew your people.

Reader: We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Come Holy Spirit,

People: Renew your people.

Reader: We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Come Holy Spirit

People: Renew your people.

Reader: We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Come Holy Spirit,

People: Renew your people.

Presider: Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: 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.

Presider: 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.

The Offertory Hymn

#388 O worship the King

The Agape Meal

The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of our daily bread.

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

***People:* You bring forth bread from the earth; we long for the day when we may once again partake of the bread of life, the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of wine.

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

***People:* You create the fruit of the vine; we long for the day when you will once again refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of food.

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

***People:* You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our**

hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the Eucharistic fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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.

Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

#529 In Christ there is no East or West

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Servers

<i>Presider</i>	Carl Muench
<i>Preacher</i>	Kent Miller
<i>Reader</i>	Wayne Hoover
<i>Greeter</i>	Donna Richardet
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<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Cheryl Essner
<i>Organist</i>	Mary Mims

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bright flame be - fore me, Be a guid - ing star a -
bove me, Be a smooth path be - low me, And a
kind - ly shep - herd be - hind me, To - day, to - night and for -
ev - er. A - men.

Notes on the Service

Second Sunday after Pentecost

II Kg 19:1-4,(5-7) 8-15a • Ps 42-43 • Gal 3:23-29 • Lk 8:26-39

Today begin the routine Sundays of summer and fall, when hangings are green color for ordinary time. June 21 will be the summer solstice, an event of spiritual significance to most religions, although Judaism and Christianity do not accord it as much importance as nature religions do.

The anti-pagan campaign of Elijah against Jezebel hits a low point in the mid-8th century when the Queen orders him killed because he has killed prophets of the nature god Baal. To survive, Elijah must flee to the Sinai [Horeb] wilderness, where Moses had received the Commandments. Like Moses, Elijah there meets God, but not in spectacular phenomena, but in silence, in the "still, small voice" within. God's voice commands him to enlarge his campaign against the pagan regimes.

Imagine Elijah in the desert singing the beautiful opening of Ps 42, "Like as the hart desireth the water brook..." In the Greek Septuagint Bible, Pss 42 and 43 are one lament of three stanzas with a refrain, "Why art thou so heavy, o my soul..." which occurs three times. Ps 42:6-7 suggests that the author lived near the source of the Jordan River and longed to make a pilgrimage to the Jerusalem temple but was confined by illness. Many Christian priests preparing for the altar recite Ps 43.

As John 3:16 is for fundamentalists, Galatians 3:28 has become for preachers who wish to stress the equality of all believers, "neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female." Its context is Paul's arguing that the Torah's purpose was to be a custodian of God's people until we "came of age" in Christ and no longer needed a custodian. Because faith is the only thing essential, distinctions such as Jews-who-keep-Torah versus Gentiles-who-do-not-keep-Torah have become inconsequential, for now we are all, like Abraham, people of faith; hence, other identities do not matter.

The demoniac is a parody of a Gentile, a raving, naked, pig-eater, possessed by 5000 (a legion of) uncontrolled addictions and impulses. In a miniature prefiguring of the mission to the Gentiles, the Word of God crosses the sea and faces him. The demoniac's reaction, "What have you to do with me ...Son of the Most High?" may be the closest he can come to faith. Jesus exorcizes him. (Modern Americans who like eating pork and think piglets are cute, and who protest the loss of the swineherds' livings, should recall that to ancient Jews, swine were as snakes are to most of us.) After the exorcism, the now sane Gentile is told not to follow Jesus back to Jewish territory but to tell his friends how much [the Jewish] God has done for him. He proceeds to "proclaim in the city how much Jesus has done for him."

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Thank you for coming to Christ Episcopal Church.

We hope to see you again soon.



*We are a community forgiven and loved by God,
joyfully called to the work of reconciliation.*

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