

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

H A P P Y
Sunday



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 12

The Gathering of God's People

Processional Hymn.....#8 Morning has broken

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Hosea 1:2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 85

Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people

- and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement

and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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.....The Kingdom of God

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone

who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Annette Joseph

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.

People: Come Holy Spirit,
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: Wise and loving God, who rejuvenates and enlivens our days: Give to the Diocese of Missouri congregations engaged in the "Requiem or Renaissance" process the courage to assess honestly, the wisdom to discern your path forward rightly, and the gratitude to continually praise you, who live and reign with the Son and Holy Spirit for ever and 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.

Holy Communion

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Offertory Hymn.....LEVAS 60 How great thou art

Great Thanksgiving

The 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 our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you

create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: St. Thomas (Williams) Sanctus

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Presider then continues

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn#686 Come thou fount of every blessing

Post Communion Prayer

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider: God is with you.

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

Presider: Let us pray.

***People:* Holy and Eternal God, we give you thanks for this feast of your goodness and love. Send us out to share the bread of life with all who hunger for your love;**

through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Alleluia! 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.....#691 My faith looks up to thee

Dismissal

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

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

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LEVAS #60 How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - or -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee; — How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art!

St. Thomas (Williams) Sanctus

melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

O ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, O ho-ly God of might, All
O bless-ed is the one who comes from God a-bove. Ho-

heav'n and earth sing out your name, ho-san-na Lord of Light!
san-na in the high-est heav'n, ho-san-na Lord of Love!

Notes on the Service

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hos 1:2-10 • Ps 85 • Col 2:6-15(16-19) • Lk 11:1-13

Trusting in God is a major theme of today's Gospel. Likewise, today's collect addresses God as the "protector of all that trust in thee." The collect also says that without God "nothing is strong, nothing is holy," a condition which today's epistle applies to pagans "who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of [their] flesh..." but were then made alive in Christ.

The 8th century prophet and social critic whom we read the past two Sundays, Amos, used figurative language, metaphors, and visions to bring home his warnings to Israel. Soon after, Amos' successor Hosea, whom we read today and next Sunday, acted out his message. Hosea not merely called Israel an unfaithful bride, but actually married a prostitute to embody God's relationship with unfaithful Israel. The three children she bore signify first, the Jehu dynasty who were ruling the Northern Kingdom in Hosea's time, second, the unpitied fate of their populace, third the severed covenant between them and the Lord. The last verse of today's excerpt foresees forgiveness for the disowned people.

Although Ps 85 is usually dated centuries after Hosea, one might imagine its author as someone who heard Hosea and repented and then was grateful that God had turned away wrath. A key verb in this poem, "turn" occurs five times. Its tenses are fluid: the psalm both thanks God that he has turned and prays that God will turn. Verses 1-3 recall former mercies; vs 4-7 ask for renewed mercies; vs 8-13 assure that new mercies will come.

Colossians is reminding Gentile-born readers that they have been "spirit-ually circumcised," i.e., made spiritual children of faith, by baptism. They were buried and raised with Christ. Thus transformed, the Colossian converts must not be deceived by Gnosticism or whatever speculations had been enticing them away from that Truth who overcame evil.

Today's Gospel is about prayer. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is shorter than the one commonly used in liturgies, Matthew's version. The ensuing parables show confident persistence. Knock and it shall be opened, says Jesus, for God is the trustworthy Father.

July 25 will be the feast of James, called the Greater, who with his brother John and Peter formed Jesus' inner circle. He was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa in A.D. 44. Seventh century legends claimed that James preached in Spain and his spirit assisted Christian defenders against Muslim invaders of Spain. Hence the shrine of Santiago de Compostella was a major destination of pilgrims in the Middle Ages.

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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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