



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Christ Episcopal Church • Cape Girardeau, Missouri
8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services

February 23, 2020

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The People Gather

*Children's Liturgy is available downstairs from the beginning of
the 10:15 service until shortly before the Eucharist.*

Prelude "Toccata Giocosa" Gilbert M. Martin

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn #460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
(*vs. 1-3*)

Celebrant: ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and
forever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity BCP p.355

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.

Gloria Rutter
(*See pew card*)

Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Exodus 24:12–18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

The Response: Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he
gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16–21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

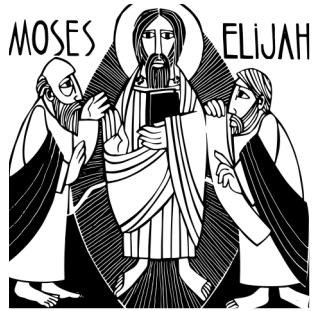


Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"



When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Joshua Smith

The Nicene Creed

BCP p.358

The Prayers of the People

In this season of miracles and wonders, in this time of God's showing-forth, help us to pay attention to the moments of our days, to the miracle and mystery of life in our daily lives.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We give thanks for those miracles and wonders that we do recognize, especially [the prayer list of thanksgivings] and those we now add [thanksgivings may be spoken aloud]. We pray that we may be filled with gratitude for all your blessings, especially the miracle of this very moment of life.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

O God, there is great healing when we give our attention to your presence. Help us to repent, to turn our hearts and minds to you, and to bravely turn away from those things that entice us, but are not good or healthy for us, our neighbors, or our earth.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We pray for the church, that the Unity of Christ will draw us together in the humility of your love and forgiveness. And we pray for all of us who would follow Christ, but have forgotten how.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We pray for the sick, especially [the prayer list for the sick] and others we now name [prayers for the sick may be spoken aloud]. May they be healed by your life-giving Presence.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We pray for those in need of guidance and strength: [the prayer list for guidance] and others we now name [prayers for guidance may be spoken aloud]. Be with each of these ones, O Lord.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We pray for all of us who feel overwhelmed by all that we have to do. May we find the simpler way, trusting you with all our hearts.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We remember all those who have died, especially those known to

us: [*the prayer list for the deceased*], and for those we now name [*prayers for the deceased may be spoken aloud*]. For those who have passed on from mortal life, we pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, may they be with you today in paradise.

Confession and Absolution BCP p.360

The Passing of the Peace

Offertory Anthem "The Greatest Gift" Pavlechoko

The Liturgy of the Table

All are welcome at Christ's table. Should you for your own reasons choose not to commune, however, you may simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest instead.

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p.367

Lift Up Your Hearts (*Sursum Corda*) Hymnal S120

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*) S. C. Fletcher
(See pew card)

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*) S. C. Fletcher
(See pew card)

Communion Hymn #137 O Wondrous Type

Prayer after Communion BCP p.366

Final Blessing Rev. Edie Bird

Recessional Hymn #460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
(*vss. 4-5*)

Dismissal

Postlude "Fanfare" Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens



SERVICE MINISTERS

8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister	Chris Masters
Lector	Wayne Hoover
Preacher	Joshua Smith

10:15 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister	Carl Muench
Lector	Sue Balsamo
Acolytes	Camille Wersel
Preacher	Joshua Smith
Children's Liturgy Teacher	Elizabeth Miller
Host	Doc & Karen Cain
Altar Guild	Paula Fetherston
Guided Lilies	Paula Fetherston
Vestry Counter	Carl Muench
Coffee Hour	Toni Alexander

Rector	Rev. Edie Bird
Organist	Mary Miller
Choir Director	Randyn Heisserer-Miller
Nursery Leader	Deanie Hadley
Ministry Intern	Joshua Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **February Community Supper (Feb. 23)**

Join us this evening for our monthly Red Door Community Supper! On the menu: Shepherd's Pie, corn muffins/biscuits, Red Door Salad, cookies, tea, and lemonade. The Supper is free and open to everyone. Children ages 10 and up are also invited to volunteer with the supper, then stick around afterward for their monthly youth gathering from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

- **Parish Directory Update**

It's time to update our church directory! For the next few weeks, a copy of the 2019 CEC Church Directory will be posted in the narthex for people to add and update their contact information. If you can't make it to the church to make your corrections in person, you can also submit your contact information to Joshua using the secure web form in the weekly e-newsletter. Please be sure your information has been updated no later than Sunday, Mar. 1.

New directories will be available the following week.

- **Adult Education Opportunity at CEC (Sundays @ 9 a.m.)**

Living Day by Day in God's Creation is a new adult class starting Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. in Fountain House. This class will introduce basic theology and practice for adults wanting to mature as Christians in these difficult times. Students will be introduced to a basic Christian theology of Creation, Incarnation, and the Soul, as well as the practices of prayer and inquiry for deepening their daily experiences of the sacred in ordinary life. This is a perfect class for newcomers who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, as well as seasoned churchgoers who want to deepen their spiritual living day by day. This class will run on Sundays from Feb. 9 – April 5.

- **Lenten Practice: Holden Evening Prayer and Soup Supper**

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a reflective evening of sung prayers and togetherness. We'll begin in the sanctuary with Holden Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m., followed by a simple meal of bread and soup at 6:00. No expectations. No programming. Your presence is enough. Come lay down your burdens in the season of repentance.

There will be a signup sheet posted in the narthex for those who want to bring soup and/or bread. If you're not familiar with Holden Evening Prayer, check out the short video linked in the weekly e-newsletter.