



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

February 9, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

The People Gather

Prelude "Lied" Louis Vierne

Processional Hymn #505 Spirit of Life, Spirit of God

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Isaiah 58:1–12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Response: Psalm 112:1-10

1 **H**allelujah!

Happy are they who fear the LORD *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *

- the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
 - 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
 - 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the LORD.
 - 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
 - 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
 - 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the LORD
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Hymn

#466 Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13–20



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

Rev. Edie Bird

The Nicene Creed

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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

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The Passing of the Peace

Offertory Anthem

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

How

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 (<i>Sursum Corda</i>)	Hymnal S120
Holy, Holy, Holy (<i>Sanctus</i>)	S. C. Fletcher (See pew card)
Lamb of God (<i>Agnus Dei</i>)	S. C. Fletcher (See pew card)
Communion Hymn	#344 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Prayer after Communion	BCP p.366
Final Blessing	Rev. Edie Bird
Recessional Hymn	#488 Be Thou My Vision
Dismissal	
Postlude	"Andante" Louis Vierne