



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Christ Episcopal Church • Cape Girardeau, Missouri

8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services

January 12, 2020

First Sunday after Epiphany

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

## The People Gather

Prelude "In Thee Is Gladness" J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn #132 When Christ's Appearing

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## 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* #20 Now Holy Spirit

*Collect of the Day*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

## The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* *Thanks be to God.*

## The Response: Psalm 29

- 1 **A**scribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
    worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
    the God of glory thunders; \*  
    the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
    the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
    and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
    the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
    the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
    and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
    all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
    the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
    the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Second Reading: Acts 10:34–43

**P**eter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to

the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Hymn

Wade in the Water

(See bulletin insert)

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13–17



*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens



were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Edie Bird

The Baptismal Covenant

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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 Hymn

#118 Brightest and Best

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## **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

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Lift Up Your Hearts (*Sursum Corda*)

Hymnal S120

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*)

Hymnal S130

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal S164

Communion Hymn	#325 Let Us Break Bread Together	
Prayer after Communion		BCP p.366
Final Blessing		Rev. Edie Bird
Recessional Hymn	#121 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized	
Dismissal		
Postlude	“In Thee Is Gladness”	Theodore Beck



### SERVICE MINISTERS

#### 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister	Chris Masters
Lector	John Hudak
Preacher	Rev. Edie Bird

#### 10:15 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister	Deb Brewer
Lector	Carl Muench
Preacher	Rev. Edie Bird
Acolyte/Server	Matthew Heisserer-Miller
Children’s Liturgy	Sheila Thiele
Host	Judi Naeter
Altar Guild	Paula Fetherston
Guided Lilies	Mary Mims
Vestry Counter	Carl Muench
Coffee Hour	Caroline & George Thompson

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **January Community Supper (Jan. 26)**

Our monthly Community Supper will be held in the CEC Parish Hall on Sun., Jan. 26, with a meal prepared by Abbey Road Christian Church. On the menu: Chili and sandwiches, salad, donut bread pudding, tea, and lemonade. Got questions? Contact January's Community Supper liaison, Rev. Edie Bird.

- **Choir Rehearsals Resume (Jan. 19)**

The CEC Choir will start Spring 2020 rehearsals on Sun., Jan. 19, at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. We are always looking for joyful hearts to join us! We meet weekly on Sundays at 9 a.m. to rehearse, and perform anthems at two 10:15 a.m. services each month through May, along with Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. Whatever your experience level, consider joining us! We'd be happy to have you sing with us.

- **Nonviolent Communication Workshop (Feb. 1)**

Having relationship troubles with your best friend? Has a passive-aggressive neighbor got you down? Confused about how to deal with your perpetually grumpy boss? Join us for a special Conflict Transformation & Nonviolent Communication Workshop on Sat., Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The workshop is open to the community and will be led by Alyssa Bennett Smith, who holds a Master of Theological Studies degree with an emphasis on Conflict Transformation from Central Seminary in Kansas City. The cost of the workshop is \$10/person (paid at the door). Lunch will be provided. To confirm your attendance, please RSVP to Rev. Edie by Sat., Jan. 18.

- **Annual Parish Meeting (Feb. 2)**

One down, one to go! Mark your calendars for our next annual meeting on Feb. 2. At this meeting we will discuss all the remaining ministries in which Christ Church is currently engaged as we look forward to what is sure to be an exciting new year! Coffee hour is potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share.

- **Gospel Hymn Sing and Pie Supper (Feb. 9)**

Are you an Episcopal convert who misses some of those old gospel hymns you heard as a kid? Does your cradle-Episcopal heart secretly love a rousing rendition of "The Old Rugged Cross"? If so, please join us on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. for a Gospel Hymn Sing and Pie Supper. Stick around afterward for a good old-fashioned pie supper with pies of all sorts! If you want to participate in any way – performing or baking a pie – please join Randyn, Kevin, and Gina for a planning meeting directly after the 10:15 service on Jan. 19.