

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 22:18-27

Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

***Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.***

Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

***I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.***

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him, he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

***The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"***

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and
all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

***For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.***

The Second Lesson

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.

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Instrumental

The Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental

A Homily

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand, in body or spirit.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from an adaptation of a song written by Tim McGinley

Holy One, we believe that your love will find a way to heal our wounded world, and that suffering, and poverty will end. For we believe in your persistent love. ***God help us be your love in the world. Send us to those who suffer.***

We believe that you have made us who we are, in your image, a beautiful community of race and culture and sexual identity. You declared us 'good'. We celebrate this diversity, for we believe in your creative imagination. ***God help us make it safe for all to live with integrity, for barriers to tumble down, and for all to live in peace. Send us out to change the world.***

We believe we are all members of one body. We share a heart with those who suffer violence, who live in fear, or who are cast out. We ache with them, for we believe that you love without exception. ***God help us reach out in love. Send us into the world proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel.***

We believe that we are not yet perfected. We fear. We judge. We cause harm by our action and our inaction. But we still turn to you for help, for we believe in your forgiveness. ***God help us to receive your forgiveness. Send us into the world to forgive.***

We believe that the liberation of those in captivity did not end with Moses leading slaves out of Egypt, it did not end with Jesus' death and resurrection, but even today you are still pulling humanity out of darkness into the light. For we believe in the Reign of God on earth. ***God give us courage and stamina. Send us into the world to lead.***

We believe it is not too late for those filled with hate to learn to live in love. For we believe in your heart-transforming power. ***God help us love even those who hate. Send us out with love for all.***

We believe that our prayers do matter, and so we offer them now for those who are sick or recovering, especially: Ted Heagle, Gary Herrlich, Sandy Young, those suffering from COVID-19, those on our prayer chain, and those the congregation may wish to remember either silently or aloud at this time (pause). For all who are in sorrow, we raise up those who have died, especially: Art Grant, and those the congregation may wish to remember either silently or aloud at this time (pause). For we believe in the power of prayer. ***God remind us that we are not alone. Send us into the world to be a soft landing place for all who suffer or grieve.***

We believe in gratitude. We offer thanks for all the moments of grace that sustain us. We offer thanks for all loving fathers and father figures. We offer thanks for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially: Verna Freer, Troy Preston & Kevin Hillman, James & Delight Scouten, and those the congregation may wish to remember either silently or aloud at this time (pause). For we believe that your love and grace surround us on every side. ***God give us eyes to see your goodness in the world around us. Send us into the world in gratitude.***

We believe that church is an imperfect but well-intentioned collection of souls. Even though we often fail to understand your Gospel, even though we often lack the courage to take risks for justice, even though we have not always welcomed your beloved outcasts, still we see that you have not abandoned us. For we believe that you still hope in us. ***God help us to be a better community. Send us into the world as the life-changing, liberating church you imagine.***

All this we ask in the name of your Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet others with a bow or a wave.

AN OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion from Christ's Table.

Offertory Music

All things come of Thee, O Lord, ***and of Thine own have we given Thee.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, in body or spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (x 2, if sung)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (x 2, if sung)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (x 2, if sung)

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things

under the care of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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

***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.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please come forward, down the center aisle, and the Priest will place the bread on your hand. Step to the side, place the bread in your mouth. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. Please return down the side aisles to your seat. Please take care to sanitize your hands before leaving your pew and coming forward for Communion.

Communion Music

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel, in body or in spirit.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Hymn 599: Lift every voice and sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

With renewed energy we are sent out; hopeful, grateful, useful,
leaders of liberation, proclaimers of God's love.

ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Today's altar flowers are given to
the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for his many blessings
by Barbara Clark
and
in memory of her beloved husband Art Grant & family
by Nancy Grant

Today's communion elements are given in celebration of their
seventeen years together and their twelfth wedding anniversary
by Father Troy Preston & Kevin Hillman

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

CLERGY

8 a.m. – The Rev. Joshua Barrett
10 a.m. – The Very Rev. Troy Preston

LECTORS

8 a.m. – Marion Ivy
10 a.m. – Jan Farnsworth, Joni Makowiec

ORGANIST

Karen Bailey

MEDIA TECHNICIAN

John Sosa

USHERS/GREETERS

Jane Dillon, Mary Volpe, Lisa & Steve Herrmann

ALTAR GUILD

Martha Tober, Mary Volpe, Jane Dillon

ANNOUNCEMENT

In honor of **Father's Day**, a gift has been given from Christ Church to an orphanage in Lviv, Ukraine.

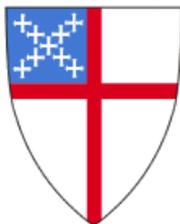
50th Anniversary of the Agnes Flood – A commemoration event will be held at Heritage Village, West Pulteney Street, Corning, on Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 5 pm – 9 pm.

Next Sunday, June 26, 2022, we will have one service. It will be at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The wearing of masks is optional but recommended.

Steuben County is currently in the category of Substantial Community Transmission. Categories are High, Substantial, Moderate, Low.

Free COVID-19 test kits and masks are at the church entrance. Please help yourself.



THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Very Rev. Troy Preston, Rector
The Rev. Joshua Barrett, Priest Associate
Kristen Mason, Parish Secretary
John A. Sosa, Sexton

Sr. Warden

Anne Galvin

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