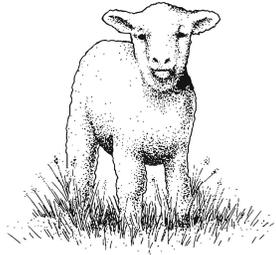


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



Behold,
THE LAMB OF GOD,
who takes away
THE SIN
OF THE WORLD!"

JOHN 1:29, ESV

Welcome!

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent,
for this is the house of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another during fellowship
So we may become friends and be strangers no longer.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2017

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

Sunday School - 9:15 AM and 10:00 AM

Nursery Care - 10:00 AM

Enter to Know Christ – Leave to Make Him Known

~ *Hail Guest! We ask not what thou art; If Friend, we greet thee, hand and heart;
If Stranger, such no longer be; If Foe, our love shall conquer thee!* ~

The Prelude

Special Music

Melody Kelley

All as are able – standing

The Processional Hymn: # 7..... “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Purity

(in unison)

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 Hymn of Praise: #135..... “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Isaiah 49:1-7**

In the first Servant Song, the speaker is the Lord, while in the second Servant Song, the servant has become the speaker. The servant begins by recounting his commission and mission, using language and terminology that is reminiscent of Jeremiah’s call to become a prophet.

The servant, however, has so far failed in the task to which he was appointed; he has labored in vain.

The second half of the reading describes the servant’s mission “to bring Jacob back to the Lord and that Israel might be gathered to him”.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 40:1-12 *Expectans, expectavi*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians is the second longest of Paul's letters in the NT; only Romans is longer. Paul addresses a number of problems besetting the Christian community in Corinth. Many of the problems relate to the question of how the Corinthian Christians, both individually and as a community, are to live out their Christian faith within a culture whose values are often so different and antithetical to those of the gospel.

In today's reading, Paul writes from Ephesus and sends his greetings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able - standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 297 "Descend, O Spirit, Purging Flame" vs 1-2

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Holy Gospel John 1:29-42

In the Gospel of John, the author takes pains to show that Jesus, not John the Baptist, was the Messiah. The reason for this emphasis is not entirely clear. Perhaps at the time of the gospel's writing, there were still followers of John the Baptist who had not heard of Jesus, something we find in the Acts of the Apostles.

Similarly, when John the Baptist is questioned about his identity, he denies being any of the messianic-style figures that people were expecting.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gradual Hymn: # 297 “Descend, O Spirit, Purging Flame” vs 1

The Homily

The Rev. Ruth B. Paulus

The Nicene Creed

All as are able – standing.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

All as are able standing

Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I bid you to come and see the great things God has done. [And God’s people say,] Behold, we come.

We pray for your Church. Make us a light to the nations. Sanctify us in Christ Jesus, call us to be saints and strengthen us to follow Jesus to the end.

Silence

Come and see the great things God has done.

Behold, we come

We pray for this nation and the world. May your salvation, O God, reach to the ends of the earth. May all the peoples know of your faithfulness and your deliverance.

Silence

Come and see the great things God has done.

Behold, we come

We pray for all of creation. Give us a sense of awe as we consider all of the works of your hands.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Behold, we come

We pray for our local community. Make our footing sure. Secure for us a future by your love and faithfulness.

Silence

Come and see the great things God has done.

Behold, we come

We pray for all those in need of your healing and strength. Lift them out of the desolate pit. Put in their mouths a new song of praise. May they know just how great are your wonders and your plans. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Toni, Daphne, Sandy, Amanda, Ed, Sheila, Mara and Doc Chandler

Margie, Jean, Edgar, Steve, Travis, David, Bill, Emily and Danielle.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Behold, we come

We pray for those who have died. In your great faithfulness, keep them blameless for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Honor them in your sight forever. Especially we remember this day: children and loved ones, those who have lost their lives to violence, and those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country (6867).

Silence

Come and see the great things God has done.

Behold, we come

O God, we pray for those matters that concern us, especially

- the mission of the Church of St. Christopher's as you call us,
- for wellbeing of teachers and students everywhere,
- for all those who are refugees, especially those from Syria. May they find protection, safety and peace.
- for those held in captivity against their will and those who are martyred and their families and loved ones who mourn them..
- for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad,
- for those whose faith is compromised.

Here other intercessions may be offered, followed by silence.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Behold, we come

We pray for St. Christopher's Recasting Team, for the will to seek the Spirit's guidance, and for the wisdom to follow where the Spirit leads.

Silence

Come and see the great things God has done.

Behold, we come

“Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Wisdom on the Journey to New Life” *(in unison)*

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.

Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus’ way of love.

Open our hearts to discern Your direction in our lives.

Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another.

May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology.

Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day.

Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

All as are able, kneeling.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor and ourselves.

Minister and People

(in unison)

Merciful God...

For the things we have done that we regret, forgive us

For the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us

For all the times we have acted without love, forgive us

For all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us

For all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us

For all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, forgive us

For unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes, God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret.

Celebrant: May God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from your sins, and give you time to amend your life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All as are able standing.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer for a Birthday

(said in unison)

Watch over your child N., O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for an Anniversary

(said in unison)

May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies,
and quick to make friends.

May the saddest day of your future be no worse,
than the happiest day of your past...

May you both live as long as you want, And never want as long as you live.

Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away.

But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.

Here's to health to all those that we love,
health to all those that love us,
and health to all those that love them

May the gracious God hold you both in the palm of His hands.

And, today, may the Spirit of Love find a continual dwelling place in your hearts. Amen

*The Healing Prayers are offered at the back of the church
during Holy Communion.*

The Liturgy of the Table



The Celebrant says

Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Come and see that the Lord is good.

The Music at the Offertory

“Kings in Glory”

All as are able - standing

The Doxology # 380..... “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” vs 3

The Great Thanksgiving

All as are able - remain standing.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

All as are able – kneeling, or standing.

How can we thank you, O God?

For sun and moon and stars,

for breath and life and all things good,

for your steadfast promise and your faithful love,

for the day that is surely coming

when all things will be made new.

With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,
we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

The Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” *Sanctus S-130* (sing in unison)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (cont.)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and ties. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Celebrant continues *All as are able – kneeling, or standing.*

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,
who came to be your living Word,
to baptize us with Spirit and fire,
to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty,
and to announce the good news of your coming realm.
With thanksgiving, we remember how, when the hour had come,
Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles.

He said to them, I will not eat this Passover again
until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Then Jesus took the bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took a cup, saying,
This cup that is poured out for you
is the new covenant of my blood.
I will not drink of the fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of God comes.

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you,
sharing this holy meal,
remembering Christ’s dying and rising,
and praying: Come Lord Jesus!

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us--
this bread, this cup, these people--
Christ's body and blood,
given in love for the world.
Make us one in the Spirit,
one in the church,
and one with Christ our Lord.

Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people,
serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone.
Keep us in the peace of Christ
until you gather us at your table of glory.
Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness:
prepare the way of the Lord!

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

All standing, the Celebrant says

Let us pray together in the words our Savior Christ taught us.

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

A period of reflective silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem: “Jesus, Lamb of God” S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.



The Administration of Communion *The Celebrant says*

Come to this table.
You that have much faith, and you that would like to have more;
You that have been here often, and you that have not been for a long time;
You that follow Jesus and you that failed.
COME! It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.

~ All are welcome to the Lord's Table: open to all who come, so all may be fed. ~

- The Communion Hymns:** # 539 ..“O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling”
497“How Bright Appears the Morning Star”
550“Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult”

The Post Communion Prayer

All as are able – kneeling.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

(in unison)

**Good and Gracious God, who chose the Blessed Mary
to be the mother of the promised Savior:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

May God’s steadfast love and mercy lead you,
and make your steps secure,
keeping you forever safe
on paths of righteousness and peace.
Amen.

Ps. 40:2, 11

The Recessional Hymn # 307 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Go forth in peace,
for God in Christ has enriched you
with speech and knowledge and every spiritual gift,
that God’s salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Isa. 49:6; Ps. 40:10;
1 Cor. 1:4, 7

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Postlude

“March of the Kings”

Melody Kelley

Community Prayer Service – Sunday, January 29th, 3:00 PM

at the Nazarene Community Center, 1265 W. Second St., Xenia.

“Bridges of Hope is inviting you to be a part of a county wide prayer service for the need of a homeless shelter. This service will be a combination of prayer, music, and Scriptures by both church and community leaders.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday January 15** – given by previous donations.
- ☆ **Sunday School Schedule**
 - 9:15 Adult Forum, Sunday School: Third Grade and up.
 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- ☆ **Sunday January 15** – Discretionary Fund offering, ECW used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday January 15** – 11:30 Vestry meeting
- ☆ **Monday January 16** – HOLIDAY Martin Luther King Jr.
- ☆ **Sunday January 22** – Annual meeting, elections, and Potluck.



- ☆ **Monday January 23** – Deadline for **February 2017 Lantern** articles and info.
- ☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – **Tuesdays at noon** a Healing Service with Holy Communion is held in the church proper. The service is open to anyone who wants to attend.
- ☆ **Thursdays** – 7:00 pm Choir practice.
- ☆ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher’s Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, St. Vincent’s, ECW activities, Prayer Chain, etc.
- ☆ ****Altar Flowers** – Please consider signing up for Altar flowers. We have had many Sundays when no one has made a donation, and we have used previous funds given to cover the cost. There are several open Sundays in January and February. When you do signup, be sure to pay for the flowers 2 weeks in advance so that we know that that Sunday is covered, and clearly mark your payment that it is for Altar flowers and the date of the Sunday.
Tellers – please watch for the altar flower donations, and include that information on the notepad on the desk in the office.
- ☆ **OUTREACH** –Remember **Box Tops for Education**. Please continue with donations for FISH; they need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank -- 2 cents a meal.
- ☆ **Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email Joyce D'Allessandris to activate the Prayer Chain. e-mail: dallessa@aol.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The January 2017 Lantern** – is online at stchristophersfairborn.diosohio.org.
- ☆ We are still collecting used printer cartridges. They can be recycled at the office supply stores. There is a plastic container in Christopher's corner for you to fill!!



Annual Meeting Reminder: The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher’s will be held **January 22, 2017**. Those going off Vestry will be Melody Bigi, Andrea Haberecht, and Marilyn Power. We will elect two positions at large and a Vestry Secretary, and those who will be delegates to 2017 Diocesan Convention will be selected. Please prayerfully consider serving on the Vestry and being a delegate to convention. There will be, as usual, a **potluck** on that day. Annual Meeting information was sent out via e-mail. Hard copies will be available at the church for those not using e-mail. Any questions or concerns, please contact Ruth+ or Deb Snavelly.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**“Living the Great Commandment by Ministering
to Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

Celebrant	The Rev. Ruth B. Paulus
Worship Leader	Ron D'Allessandris
Chalice Bearer	Toni Olgeaty
First Reader	John Stauffer
Second Reader	Cindy Feltz
Acolyte	Ed Smith
Ushers	Mary Donnellan, Bruce Hain
Healing Prayers	Cindy Feltz
Greeters	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Nursery	Faller
Altar Guild	Judy Brainard, Betty Crichton
Tellers	Cindy Manship, Gordon Hermann
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Director of Music Ministries	Melody Kelley
Organist Emeritus	Connie Klarer
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