

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



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.

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 26, 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 “The Gift of Love” Solo: John Ziegenhagen

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” verse 1

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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**

*Moses is summoned to the mountain to receive the tablets on which the Ten Commandments will be
written. Moses leaves his brother, Aaron, in charge. It is during this absence that the Israelites become
restless and convince Aaron to make them a golden calf to worship.*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 99 *Dominus regnavit Domine*

- 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.”

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

When we call upon the Lord, God will answer us. So let us come before the Lord in prayer, saying, “Majestic God, show us your glory.”

Lord our God, move your Church by your Holy Spirit. May we proclaim your greatness in the world. Inspire in us a prophetic message and let us not be overcome by fear.

Silence

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

We pray especially today for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal. May he, like your servant Moses, lead your people into a deeper experience of you.

Silence

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

O mighty King, lover of justice, may this and every nation strive for justice and peace. We pray that the leaders of the nations trust and care for those in their charge.

For our nation, O God, we pray for our president, the vice president, all the Cabinet and the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court, for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to find Your peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to Your Word, to receive the wisdom of God, to act in humble obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives.

Silence

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

Holy One, you have chosen to wear the clouds and meet our forebears on the mountains. In doing so, you remind us that you created all things good and continue to manifest your glory through those things you have created. Remind us to also honor your creation.

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

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

O Lord, after they witnessed your majesty, Jesus led his disciples back down the mountain to minister to the people. Lead us to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ to our neighbors – to be your lamps shining in dark places.

Silence

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

God our Father, touch those who are overcome by fear, sickness or any other adversity. Overshadow them with the healing power of your love. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Toni, Carol, Daphne, Ed, David, Bill, Sheila, Mara and Doc Chandler,
Florence, Sandy, Steven, Nathan, Roger, Thom, Melody, Edgar, and Laurie.

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

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

God of Light, we pray for the dying and the dead. May all those who experience death also come to know the new day of resurrection that comes through your Risen Son. 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 (6868).

Silence

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

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.

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

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

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

"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

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (cont.)

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a long note on 'might,' followed by a rest. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a long note on 'hea - ven'.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a long note on 'full,' followed by a rest. The bass staff has a long note on 'full'.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a long note on 'san - na'.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a long note on 'in the high - est.' followed by a rest. The bass staff has a long note on 'in the high - est.'

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

The fifth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a long note on 'in the name of the Lord.' followed by a rest. The bass staff has a long note on 'in the name of the Lord.'

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The sixth system concludes the hymn. The treble staff has a long note on 'in the high - est.' followed by a rest. The bass staff has a long note on 'in the high - est.'

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: “Will You Come and Follow Me”

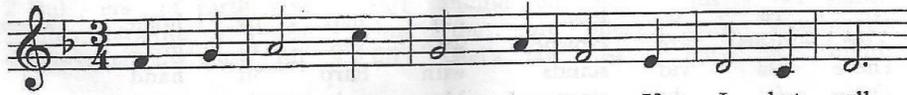
602 “Jesu, Jesu”

460 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

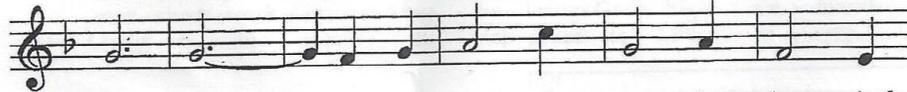
"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Text: John L. Bell
and Graham Maule

Tune: KELVINGROVE
Scottish trad., arr. John L. Bell



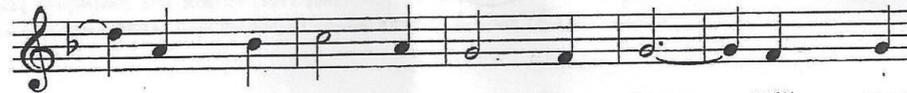
1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but call
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but call



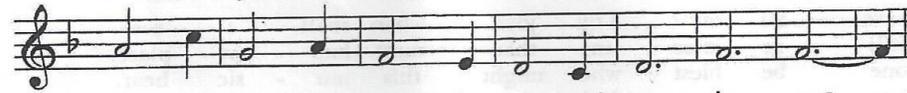
your name? Will you go where you don't know And
your name? Will you care for cruel and kind And
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free And
your name? Will you quell the fear in - side And
my name. Let me turn and fol - low you And



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown,
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found
nev - er be the same, In your com - pa - ny I'll go



Will you let my name be known, Will you
Should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
And do such as this un - seen, And ad -
To re - shape the world a - round, Through my
Where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown In you and you in me?
let me an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
mit to what I mean In you and you in me?
sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?
move and live and grow In you and you in me.

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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 the self-revealing God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be a lamp on your way
as the day dawns and rises within you.

2 Pet. 1:19

Amen.

The Recessional Hymn # 618 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Christ has been revealed to us
that we might follow him and transform the world.
Go in love; work for peace.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

The Postlude

“Special Music”

Melody Kelley



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ♥ **Altar flowers Sunday February 26** – given by Betty Crichton in Memory of her three brothers.
- ♥ **Sunday School Schedule**
 - 9:15 **Adult Forum**, continue with *The Gift of Years*.
 - 9:15 **Sunday School**: Third Grade and up.
 - 10:00 a.m. **Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- ♥ **Sunday February 26** – 4th **Sunday FISH donations**.
- ♥ **Sunday February 26** – Recasting of Assets Group Meeting: after the service during Coffee Hour.
- ♥ **Monday February 27** – at 7pm, Fairborn Mayor’s Citizen Forum, place: HERE at St. Christopher’s.
- ♥ **Tuesday February 28** – 5-7 pm **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
Sign-up to help, plan to attend!

- ♥ **Wednesday March 1** – Ash Wednesday Services at 6:30 p.m.
- ♥ **Sunday March 5** – **First Sunday of Lent.**
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **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 – for 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 March 2017 Lantern** – will be online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request, or a copy can be sent by email.
- ♥ 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!!



*** **Reminder** – TODAY February 26th is
4th Sunday for FISH donations.



Special Events

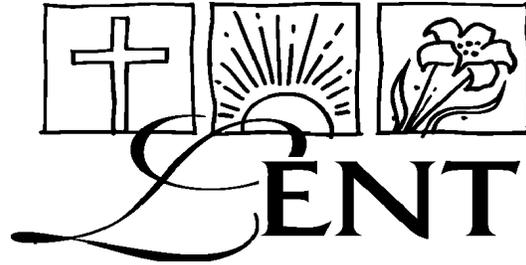
Fairborn Mayor’s Citizen Forum, place: HERE at St. Christopher’s: Monday February 27 – at 7pm

Tuesday February 28th – 5-7 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, coffee, juice and milk will be served from 5 until 7. The price is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 4-12. We will also have vegetarian sausage and sugar free syrup for those who want it. Please sign up in Christopher’s Corner to help, and plan to attend!



**Wednesday March 1 – Ash Wednesday
Service at 6:30 p.m.**



Note: A request from The Dayton Episcopal Clothing Room
Located at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

For the next month, we are asking for donations of bedding and towels. We need clean used sheets (especially twin size), blankets, throws, bedspreads, and towels (even kitchen towels). We also need someone from your church who will transport your donations to St. Andrew's Church. Questions? Call St. Andrew's Church at 278-7345.

Our next big event will be a large-scale collection of socks and underwear. Remember "Undie Sunday"? More information will come later. Thanks for all you do!

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

Celebrant	The Rev. Ruth B. Paulus
Worship Leader	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearer	Alan Haberecht
First Reader	Melody Kelley
Second Reader	Paul Reichart
Acolyte	tbd
Ushers	Becky Wood, Paul Reichart
Healing Prayers	tbd (after the service)
Greeters	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Nursery	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Susan Brainard, Gordon Hermann
Fellowship	open
Director of Music Ministries	Melody Kelley
Organist Emeritus	Connie Klarer
Senior Warden	Deb Snavelly: 878-4054

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