

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 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 Liturgy of the Word

All as are able – standing

The Processional

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

(in unison)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Reading.....Acts 1:6-14

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 68:1-10, 33-36 *Exsurgat Deus*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

The Second Reading **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able - standing

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

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

The Holy Gospel **John 17:1-11**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

To our God be the power forever and ever. Amen. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying, "We are yours; be glorified in us."

Holy Father, protect your Church for your name's sake, so that we may be one even as you are one with your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Restore, support, strengthen and establish us and always for your glory.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Loving God, raise up witnesses to your love in all the world, even to the ends of the earth. Be a parent to orphans, a defender of widows and a provider to the poor.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Great God of heaven and earth, you graciously send rain to dry places. Give to the people of the earth enough to meet their needs; and yet protect us from dangerous excess. May we acknowledge that all good gifts come from your hand.

Invite the congregation to add thanksgivings, followed by silence.

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Mighty God, in our own community, exalt the humble in due time. May those who have known suffering and struggle have their dignity renewed. Bless them with gladness. Make their voices heard in shouts of joy.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Lord, we pray for our president, the vice president, all in governance and legislation to find Your peace and direction, to act and lead according to Your Word and wisdom, to act in humble obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

God of all grace, we pray for the lonely and for prisoners, for the sick and the suffering. As they cast their anxieties upon you, may they experience your freedom and care. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Toni, Carol, Daphne, Ed, Edgar, Thom, Florence,
Vicky, Jan, Steven, Donald, Jeremy, Lindsay and her family,
Nick, Angie, Warren, ToniE, Andy and Tammy and their sons.

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

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Heavenly Father, we have been granted eternal life in knowing you through your Son Jesus. Prepare a home for all of the dying and the dead, that they may continue forever in your goodness. 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 (6886).

Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexandria M Morrow // 25, on 3/22/2017, of NY

Army Spc. John P Rodriguez // 23, on 1/122017, of CA

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

O God, we pray for those matters that concern us, especially- our mission, teachers and students, refugees and captives, 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.

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

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

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

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

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds and open our hearts to discern Your direction in our lives. Guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another, 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. 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

This we have received from Jesus Christ our Lord:
that we should be one, even as he and the Father are one.

All as are able - standing

The Doxology

Celebrant All things come of you, O God,
People **And of your own do we return to you.**

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For through the risen Jesus Christ, you breathe on us the Holy Spirit of everlasting life.

In him, you give us faith to believe in things we cannot yet see or understand; in him, you give us strength and fellowship through the mysteries of this Holy Communion.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(in unison)*

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

The Celebrant then continues

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(in unison)*

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

A period of reflective silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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:

music selections during communion

The Post Communion Prayer

All as are able – kneeling.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

(in unison)

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing *The Celebrant says*

May the abundance of God bless you,
the strength of Christ keep you,
and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God,
shine upon you forever. **Amen.**

Ps. 68:9;
1 Pet. 4:14; 5:10

The Recessional

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Sisters and brothers,
God loves and cares for each of us.
Therefore, cast all anxiety on God,
and keep alert,
so that we may remain steadfast in faith with Christ,
who supports and strengthens us in all things.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

1 Pet. 5:7-10

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

*** Please NOTE – Choir WILL meet again on Thursday, June 1st

☆ **Sunday Schedule**

9:15 - Sunday School Grade 3 and up
10:00 – Eucharist, Sunday School Pre-K thru 2nd Grade

☆ **Altar flowers Sunday May 28** – given by Theresa Turner in celebration of Joshua’s Birthday.

☆ **Sunday May 28** – 4th Sunday FISH donations.

☆ **Sunday May 28** – Recasting of Assets Group Meeting:
after the service during Coffee Hour.

☆ **Monday May 29** – Memorial Day Holiday – church office closed.

☆ **Thursday June 1** – 7:00 pm Choir Practice

☆ **Sunday June 4** – Pentecost Sunday

☆ **Thursday June 8** – 7:00 pm Choir Practice (last rehearsal)

☆ **Thursday June 8** – 6:30 Youth Commission Meeting.

☆ **Saturday June 10** – Youth Mountain Top Mission Trip thru June 17



- ☆ **Sunday June 11** – Trinity Sunday and our annual Appreciation **Church Picnic/Potluck!**
- ☆ **Thursday June 15** – ECW outing: to Dayton Philharmonic Volunteer Association Designers' Show House.
- ☆ **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 sanctuary candles, Altar Flowers, fellowship, ECW activities, Prayer Chain, etc.
*** **Please note: our cost for Altar Flowers is now \$25, so we are asking for a \$25 donation.**
- ☆ **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 June 2017 Lantern** – is 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!!

- ☆ **Save the date! Sunday June 11** – Trinity Sunday and the annual end of year **Church cookout & Picnic!**



~ 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 Bearers	Alan Haberecht
First Reader	Judy Brainard
Second Reader	Deb Snavelly
Acolyte	Cindy Feltz
Ushers	Sierra and James Lester
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Mary Donnellan, Bruce Hain
Nursery	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Susan Brainard, John Stauffer
Fellowship	Sierra and James' graduation
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