

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.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017

The Celebration of Morning Prayer

Ten o'clock in the morning

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!* ~

Service of Morning Prayer Rite II

The Prelude

Special Music

Melody Kelley

All as are able – standing

Process in reciting the Decalogue

The Decalogue:

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Penitential Order

Leader Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Leader continues

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and ourselves. *(In unison)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Leader then says

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon us, and set us free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal. **Amen.**

Opening Sentence:

Leader:

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Leader and People

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Psalm: 105:1-11, 45b *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Leader and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

The First Reading..... Genesis 29:15-28

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

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 *(Spoken in Unison)*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Apostles' Creed

Leader and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader and People

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.

Suffrage

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

All as are able standing.

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The General Thanksgiving *Leader and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom *Leader and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn # 530.....“Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word”

The Announcements – *Please take note of the announcements that follow.*

Dear St. Christopher's Parish Family,

It was a joy to get to know you during my June and July visits. I felt honored to be asked to fill in for Mother Ruth on her sabbatical. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness during these past 8 weeks. I am very grateful for the bountiful fruit basket that Senior Warden Deb presented to me last Sunday on your behalf. Margaret and I have been feasting on it all week!

Warmly yours in Christ, Fr. Greg Sammons

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Sunday July 30** – 10:00 Morning Prayer Service
- ☆ **Thursday August 10** – 6:30 Youth Commission Meeting.
- ☆ **Friday/Saturday August 11/12** – Canoe and Camping Trip
- ☆ **Sunday August 20** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ☆ **Sunday August 20** – ECW used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday August 20** – 11:30 Vestry meeting
- ☆ **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.
- ☆ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher’s Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW activities, Prayer Chain, etc. ***
Please note: our cost for Altar Flowers is now \$25, so we are asking for a \$25 donation. Please consider signing up for Altar flowers. There are many dates open for August and September.
- ☆ **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.



August Event – St. Christopher’s Canoe and Camping Trip

Hosted by the Youth of St. Christopher’s

August 11 – 12,

The Little Miami River, Ft. Ancient, Ohio

Sign up now!



We remember in prayers:

Toni, Carol, Daphne, Ed, Edgar, Thom, Steven, Florence, Vicky, Donald, Warren, Nick, Jim, Ann, Ed, Jan, ToniE, Kelly, Patty, Terri, Judy, Jayden, Holly, Shirley, and Marcy.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Worship Leader	Ron D’Alessandris Homily presented by Toni Olgeaty
First Reader	Sierra Lester
Second Reader	Paul Reichert
Crucifer	Ed Smith
Ushers	Sierra Lester., James Lester
Greeters	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Healing Prayers	Joyce D’Alessandris
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
Tellers	Deb Snavelly
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