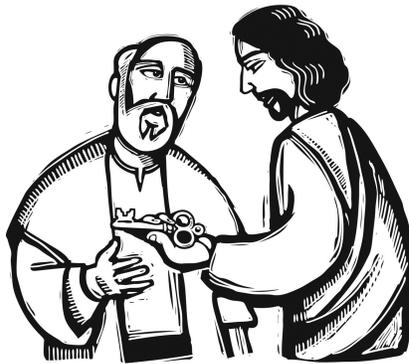


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

“YOU ARE THE
MESSIAH,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING GOD.”
MATTHEW 16:16, NRSV



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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2017

The Celebration of Holy Communion
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!* ~

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Special Music

Melody Kelley

All as are able – standing

The Processional Hymn: # 304“I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord”

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 1:8—2:10**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Reading **Romans 12:1-8**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able - standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 302.. “Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted” ... vs 1-2

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

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

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: # 302.. “Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted” ... vs 3

The Homily **The Rev. Canon John R. Johanssen**

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

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Therefore let us come humbly before God, saying, "Our help is in your name, O Lord; deal well with us."

Generous God, you have graciously given the members of your Church diverse gifts: may we, who are many, function in this world as the one body of your Son Jesus Christ.

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with us.

God of the nations, mysterious and unexpected are the instruments of your salvation. Give us eyes to see your work in the lives of the most humble servants and the grandest royalty. Bless all those who put their trust in you.

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with us.

O 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

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with us.

Great God, the maker of heaven and earth, bring forth fruits in due season. May all the people of the world experience the blessing of sun and rain and harvest.

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with us.

Caring God, give to the people of our region sober judgment. May each member of our community live in light of the great mercy you have shown us.

Invite the congregation to add thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with us.

Lord God, be on the side of those in need of our prayers. May the sick and sorrowful not be overwhelmed but, instead, find freedom in you. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

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

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

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with us.

Almighty God, you have promised through your beloved Son that not even the gates of Hades will prevail against the people of your redeeming. May all of the dead find comfort in your heavenly kingdom. 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 (6897).

Army Staff Sgt. Aaron R Butler // 27, on 8/16/17, of UT

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with 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.

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with 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

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with 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

Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with us.

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

All as are able, – kneeling.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God, 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 neighbors 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 Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal 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 or Anniversary

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

The Liturgy of the Table



The Celebrant says

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
by the mercies of God, to present yourselves
as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

The Music at the Offertory “Bread of Angels” (Panis Angelicus) Cesar Franck

Duet: Judy Brainard - Alto, Susan Brainard - Soprano)

All as are able - standing

The Doxology: Hymn #380 verse 3, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then continues

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 Fraction Anthem:“Lamb of God” Twila Paris



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2. Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but You have



sent him from your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as He died, the hum - ble King they named a
brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and



and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me



in his pre-cious blood— my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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The Administration of Communion

The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

The Communion Hymns:

- # 574..... “Before Thy Throne”
- # 525..... “The Church's One Foundation”
- # 577.... “God is Love, and Where True Love Is”

The Post Communion Prayer

All as are able – kneeling.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

(in unison)

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Recessional Hymn # 518..... “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Special Music



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday August 27** – given by Rick and Millie Roach in Thanksgiving for family & St. Christopher's.
- ☆ **Sunday August 27** – 4th Sunday for FISH donations.
- ☆ **Sunday August 27** – Recasting of Assets Group Meeting: after the service during Coffee Hour.
- ☆ **Monday August 28** – at 7pm, Fairborn Mayor's Citizen Forum, place: Fairborn Kitchen Incubator (in the former Rousch's Restaurant) - 305 W. Main St.
- ☆ **Monday September 3** – Labor Day Holiday – church office closed.
- ☆ **Thursday September 7** – 7:00 Choir restarts
- ☆ **Sunday September 10** – We will start the new program year with our usual picnic/potluck. Sunday School and Choir will start again September 10th
- ☆ **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 September and October.
- ☆ **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 September 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!!



September Event - Sunday September 10th
St. Christopher's start of our new program year,
including a Picnic/Potluck following the service.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Celebrant	The Rev. John R. Johanssen
Worship Leader	Ron D’Alessandris
Chalice Bearers	Alan Haberecht
First Reader	Stan Nelson
Second Reader	Paul Reichert
Acolyte	Toni Olgeaty
Ushers	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	Joyce D’Allessandris
Greeters	Mary Donnellan, Bruce Hain
Nursery	Volkmer
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
Tellers	Susan Brainard, Millie Roach
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