

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 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: # 397 “God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 3:1-15**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c Part I *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.

Psalm 105: Part II *Et intravit Israel*

- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
 - 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
 - 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
 - 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45c Hallelujah!

The Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

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

All as are able - standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 401..... “The God of Abraham Praise” 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 16:21-28

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gradual Hymn: # 401..... “The God of Abraham Praise” 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

My sisters and brothers, be kindly affectioned to another with love. And let us come before God,
saying, “We glory in your holy name, and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.”

Lord Jesus, you bid your disciples take up their cross and follow you: may your holy Church desire,
above all, the things of God that we might overcome evil with good.

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

Lord God of our forebears, you know the sorrows of the afflicted: Deliver those who are being
oppressed. And grant your peace to all the world.

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

Good Lord, you make known your wondrous works: reveal yourself in the works of your hands as
even you did to Moses our forebear on the holy mountain.

Invite the congregation to add thanksgivings, followed by silence.

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

O Lord, grant that the people of our land be given to hospitality. May we abhor that which is evil
and cleave to that which is good and, in so doing, may we live peaceably one with another.

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

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

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

Strong Lord, make us weep with those who weep. Reveal your strength to the weak and lowly that they may rejoice in all your marvelous works. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

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

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

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

Almighty God, you reward each one according to their works: Give to the dead rest from their labors and life everlasting. 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).

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

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 glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

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 glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

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 glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow me.”

The Music at the Offertory

Special Music

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

And now, 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



Refrain

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 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: # Will You Come and Follow Me?
 # 675 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"
 # 717 "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

"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)

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue 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 # 719 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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 “Battle Hymn”



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday September 3** – given by previous donations.
- ☆ **Monday September 4** – **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
- ☆ **Sunday September 17** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ☆ **Sunday September 17** – ECW used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday September 17** – **11:30 Vestry Meeting**
- ☆ **Monday September 18** – deadline **October 2017 Lantern** articles/info
- ☆ **Monday September 18** – **ECW:** Our first meeting will be on September 18th at 6:00 at T. J. Chumps on Dayton Yellow-Springs Rd. in Fairborn.
- ☆ **Sunday September 24** – **4th Sunday for FISH donations.**
- ☆ **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.
- ☆ **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’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Chain. e-mail: dallessa@aol.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The September 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!!



Children’s bulletins – There are Activity bags available for children ages 3-6, 7-12; the bulletins relate to service readings for that week. Please keep the bulletins, and return the bags after the service.

Sunday Attendance

It is important that we are aware of how many people are in attendance on Sunday. So each month we show the attendance numbers. Remember, statistics indicate that to have a thriving and prosperous congregation, we need to shoot for 100 as the average Sunday attendance.

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
1st Sunday	80	68	62	56
2nd Sunday	84	65	64	57
3rd Sunday	72	62	54	57
4th Sunday	65	54	42	51
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a	48	n/a
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>221</u>

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. Canon John R. Johanssen
Worship Leader	Tammy Elliott
Chalice Bearers	Ed Smith
First Reader	Muriel Markley
Second Reader	Theresa Turner
Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
Ushers	Sierra Lester, James Lester
Healing Prayers	Cindy Feltz
Greeters	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Nursery	Kopp
Altar Guild	Mel Bigi, Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Rosalie Arnold, Bob Bigi
Fellowship	open
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Organist Emeritus	Connie Klarer
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