

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



“Forgive your  
brother or sister  
from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, 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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 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

**The Prelude**                    “As Long As I Have Breath”  
   Vocal Solo: Barry Kelley

*All as are able – standing*

**The Processional Hymn: # 390**..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*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: #397** ..... “Now Thank We All Our God”

#### The Collect of the Day

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The First Reading**..... **Exodus 14:19-31**

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

#### The Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God’s sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?



## The Prayers of the People

*All as are able standing*

Each of us is finally accountable to God. So let us pray, saying, “Lord, we are in need of your mercy; have patience with us.”

Lord, we acknowledge that we all sin against our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us even as we forgive each other. Help us to be merciful to each other in the Church.

*Silence*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience with us.**

Lord, we acknowledge that we desire to repay violence with violence. Open our hearts to forgive even those who commit evil acts towards us and those we love. Help us to live mercifully in our world.

*Silence*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience with us.**

Lord, we acknowledge we do not always appreciate the diversity of your creation. Teach us to live in peace with each other and with your creation.

Help us to live mercifully with our world.

*Silence*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience with us.**

Lord, we acknowledge that we do not love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us for placing ourselves as judge over others when judgment belongs to you alone. Help us to accept the great mercy you choose to show others.

*Silence*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience with 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*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience with us.**

Lord, we pray for those whose lives are broken by evil. Because of your mercy we believe that whatever befalls them, they belong to you; you care for the brokenhearted. Help us to share your love with all those who are hurting.

Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Judy, Thom, Carol, Kelly, Patty, Toni, Daphne, Ed,

Warren, Steven, Florence, Vicky, Donald, ToniE,

Alice, Jan, Terri, Nick, Jayden, Holly, Jim and Ann.

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

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience with us.**

Lord, we remember those who died in violence. We remember those men and women of the armed services, innocent bystanders, first responders, and even those we have called enemies. The dead belong to you, O Lord. Even as we seek your mercy for ourselves, judge all those who have died with mercy. 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).

Martha Ohtsubo, sister of Alice Baldwin.

*Silence*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience 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.*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience 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*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience 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*

Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

**Have patience 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

*(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)*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; 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*

Let all be fully convinced in their own minds: everything is from the Lord. So, by all that we are and in all that we do and have, let us give thanks to God, who gives us all things.

**The Music at the Offertory** “A Time for All Things” by Douglas Wagner  
A Scottish Folk Tune

*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:

*(sing in unison)*

**The Sanctus**

S-129 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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:** S-164 “Jesus, Lamb of God”

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*

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:**
- # 593 .... “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”
  - # 674 ..... “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”
  - # 603 .... “When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth”

**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 # 376** ..... “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**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 September 17** – given by David and Cynthia Manship in Thanksgiving for all of God’s blessings.
- ✧ **Sunday School Schedule**
  - **9:15 Sunday School:** Third Grade and up.
  - **10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- ✧ **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 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at T. J. Chumps on Dayton Yellow-Springs Rd. in Fairborn.
- ✧ **Sunday September 24** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for **FISH donations.**
- ✧ **Saturday October 7** – 10am - 2pm. Abiding Christ Lutheran Church is holding their annual Fairborn Community Health Expo.
- ✧ **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 p.m. Choir Practice**
- ✧ **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.
- ✧ **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](mailto:dallessa@aol.com), phone: 254-0005.
- ✧ **The September Lantern** – is online at [stchristophersfairborn.org](http://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: Next Sunday September 24 –**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for FISH donations.**



Abiding Christ Lutheran Church is holding their annual Fairborn Community Health Expo - Sat. Oct 7th - 10am - 2pm. They provide lunch during this popular event and are again asking St. Christopher's to contribute cookies or bars. Those of you who are willing to donate: Please drop off your goodies at St. Christopher’s (marked "Health Expo") NLT the AM, Friday the 6th. Or, if you prefer, at Abiding Christ Church - 326 E Dayton Yellow Springs Rd.

If you make bar cookies, please bake in a disposable container & do not slice, as they will portion them out.

Many thanks! Marilyn Power - 878-8830

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

Celebrant	The Rev. David Bailey
Worship Leader	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearers	David Christmas
First Reader	John Stauffer
Second Reader	David Manship
Acolyte	James Lester
Ushers	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	Joyce D’Alessandris
Greeters	Joyce and Ron D’Alessandris
Nursery	Faller
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Cindy Manship, John Stauffer
Fellowship	Nelson & Markley
Director of Music Ministries	Melody Kelley
Organist Emeritus	Connie Klarer
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