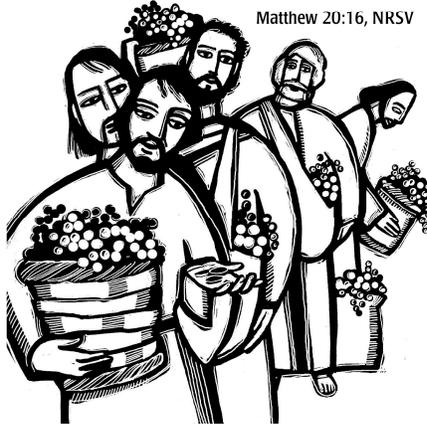


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

So the **last**
will be **FIRST**,
and the **first**
will be **LAST**.

Matthew 20:16, 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.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 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 “Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees” a spiritual
Solo: Theresa Turner

All as are able – standing

The Processional Hymn: # 524 “I Love Thy Kingdom, 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: #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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 16:2-15**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *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,

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

Sisters and brothers, turn for help to the Lord your strength and constantly seek God's presence.
Let us pray to our generous God, saying, "Lead us with gladness, O God; cover us with shouts of joy!"

Generous God, you have chosen us to do the work of your kingdom; you have called us to labor in
your vineyard. With grateful hearts, we offer to you the best of what we have.

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

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, you hear the cry of the hungry. Give bread to all those who face starvation.
Use us, as you will, to relieve suffering in our world.

Silence

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, you make rivers run in dry places. You have blessed this earth with bountiful
resources. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Silence

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, there is enough kingdom work for everyone. Give us eyes to see the opportunities in
our own neighborhood. Guide us that we may live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Silence

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

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

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, you hear the cries of the desperate. Marvelous are your works, O God. May the sick and suffering rejoice in you. May the sorrowful call upon your name. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Daphne, Warren, Steven, Florence, Vicky,
Alice, Jan, Terri, Nick, Jayden, Holly, Jim and Ann.

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

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, living is Christ and dying is gain. May those who now rest from their labors find their comfort in you. Let light perpetual shine upon them. 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

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

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.

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

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

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

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

Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

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

Share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus;
and stand firm in one spirit, striving side by side
with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

The Music at the Offertory “Come to the Banquet” by Joseph M. Martin

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:** # 309..... "O Food to Pilgrims Given"
 # 343..... "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"
 # 344..... "Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

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.**

- ✧ **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 October 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!!

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

*** The Episcopal Church Women/Episcopal Church Men group:

On Monday, October 9, we will go to the Dayton Foodbank to assist in one of their projects. We will carpool from the church at 11:30, have lunch (TBD) at noon and go to the Foodbank at 1. Please sign up.

~ 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	Ann Volkmer
Chalice Bearer	Alan Haberecht
First Reader	Sierra Lester
Second Reader	Tammy Elliott
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
Ushers	Mary Donnellan, Bruce Hain
Healing Prayers	Toni Olgeaty
Greeters	Darlene and Gordon Walbroehl
Nursery	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
Tellers	Susan Brainard, John Stauffer
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