

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.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 22, 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

Special Music

Melody Kelley

*All as are able, standing*

**The Processional Hymn: # 408** .....“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

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

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

**The Collect for Purity**

*(in unison)*

**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” ..... vs. 1

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 33:12-23**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 99** *Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.



## **The Prayers of the People**

*All as are able, standing*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our president, the vice president, and all in governance to humbly lead according to Your Word and wisdom. We pray also for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for those victims of the hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Haiti, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico, and for those responding to their needs.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation: especially

Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Daphne, Warren, Steven, Florence, Vicky,  
Zada, Kelly, Camden, Alice, Jan, Nick, Jayden, Holly, Jim and Ann,  
and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions.*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember all those who have lost their lives to violence, or weather disasters, those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country (6902).

Army Staff Sgt Bryan C. Black // 35, on 10/4/17, of WA  
Army Sgt. La David T. Johnson // 25, on 10/4/17, of FL  
Army Staff Sgt. Jeremiah W. Johnson // 39, on 10/4/17, of Springboro, OH  
Army Staff Dustin M. Wright // 29, on 10/4/17, of GA

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*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, who declared at the beginning that it is not good for humankind to be alone; we thank you that, in your loving providence, you have led this couple (N. and N.) into the covenant of marriage and have brought them to this \_\_\_ anniversary. May you bestow upon them your abundant grace in the year to come. May their wills be knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they continue to live in love and joy with one another all the days of their 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*

Brothers and sisters, you have been chosen by God to be examples to all as believers. Therefore, give to God the things that are God's and worship him in truth and holiness.

**The Music at the Offertory**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”  
by Sebastian Temple



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.

The first line of the Fraction Anthem consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of the Fraction Anthem consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third line of the Fraction Anthem consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth line of the Fraction Anthem consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

**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:** # 706 ..... “In Your Mercy, Lord You Called Me”  
 # 664 ..... “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”  
 # 671 ..... “Amazing Grace”

**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 # 718** ..... “God of Our Fathers”

**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 October 22** – given by Rosalie and Rudy Arnold in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary, and by Carol and Paul Sharp in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.
- ✧ **Sunday School Schedule**
  - **9:15 Sunday School:** Third Grade and up.
  - **10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.

There is Sunday School class for children ages 4 – 6, in a room downstairs, during the service & we will come upstairs during the peace.
- ✧ **TODAY Sunday October 22** – **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for FISH donations.**
- ✧ **Sunday October 22** – 2 pm Pre-Convention Hearings for Dayton at Christ Church Dayton.



- ✧ **Monday October 23** – deadline **November 2017 Lantern** articles/info
- ✧ **Sunday October 29** – Consecration Sunday with celebratory lunch
- ✧ **Sunday November 5** – All Saints' Sunday
- ✧ **Sunday November 5** – **End Daylight Saving Time;**  
set clocks **back** 1 hour.
- ✧ **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.**
- ✧ **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 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!!



\*\*\*\* **Altar Flowers** - Please consider signing up for Altar flowers. Many dates are open. A couple of individuals have made generous donations to help cover the open Sundays, but ... We cannot continue to have flowers on Sundays if we do not have donations to cover the cost.



**NEXT WEEK** - Our Stewardship Sunday will be October 29<sup>th</sup>. Pledge cards will be available and we will have a celebratory lunch. It will be a potluck with chicken provided. Side dishes and desserts are needed.



## Episcopal Relief & Development -

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 as a diocese for Episcopal Relief & Development's disaster relief fund. By directing parishioners to donate through the diocese, we will be better able to see what our diocese has done collectively to help with the relief efforts.

See the insert enclosed in this bulletin.

Please make checks out to St. Christopher's with Hurricane Relief in the memo line, and we will collect and send one check to ERD.

A collage of images showing flooded houses and destroyed buildings, with the text "Hurricane Relief" overlaid in a serif font.

**HELP US:** raise \$50,000  
for hurricane victims

We've started a diocesan-wide fundraiser to raise \$50,000 for hurricane victims by the start of our annual convention. All funds raised will be forwarded to Episcopal Relief and Development to aid victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

<http://diosohio.org>

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Celebrant	The Rev. Gregory Sammons
Worship Leader	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearer	Alan Haberecht
Acolyte	James Lester
First Reader	Melody Kelley
Second Reader	Muriel Markley
Ushers	Iyabo Eguaroje, Gordon Hermann
Healing Prayers	Cindy Feltz
Greeters	Mary Donnellan, Bruce Hain
Nursery	Faller
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Susan Brainard, John Stauffer
Fellowship	Lee and Pat Charters
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