

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



The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 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: # 688..... “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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: S-280 “Glory to God”

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Judges 4:1-7**

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

The Psalm: 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

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

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 312 “Strengthen for Service, Lord”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 25:14-30**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: # 312 “Strengthen for Service, Lord” vs. 3

The Homily

The Rev. David Bailey

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

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 recovering from earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, and acts of violence in our nation and around the world.

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

The family of Muriel Markley

Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Daphne, Steven, Florence, Warren,

Pat, Sandi, Joe, Frank, Zada, Vicky, Nick, Jim and Ann,

Bob and Doris, Kelly, Camden, Jan, Jayden, Holly,

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 those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country (6905).

Muriel Markley

Army Sgt. 1st Class Stephen B. Cribben // 33, on 11/4/2017, of CA

Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lee M. Smith // 35, on 11/11/2017, of TX

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

Be trustworthy in your service to the Lord and give generously from what has been given to you. For the Lord blesses those who are faithful with what they have been given.

The Music at the Offertory “Still, My Soul, Be Still” arr. James Koerts
Clarinet: John Ziegenhagen

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, 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:

(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 musical score is written on four staves in G major. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'heaven and earth are full of your glory' and 'san - na in the high - est'.

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 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"

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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:** # 620..... “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”
541..... “Come, Labor On”
470..... “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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 # 561 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

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 November 19** – given by previous donations
- ❖ **Sunday School Schedule**
– **9:15 Sunday School:** Third Grade and up.
– **10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- ❖ **Sunday November 19** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ❖ **Sunday November 19** – ECW used book sale
- ❖ **Sunday November 19** – **11:30 Vestry meeting**

- ✧ **Monday November 20** – Deadline for **December 2017 Lantern** articles and info.
- ✧ **Thursday November 23** – Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Church office closed Thursday and Friday November 23 & 24.
- ✧ **Sunday November 26** – **4th Sunday for FISH donations.**
- ✧ **Sunday November 26** – **an** after church session with Father Gregory and the Wardens on Nov. 26 that will end (at the latest) by 12:45 p.m. They will facilitate a careful and respectful conversation about how the members of St. Christopher's are processing recent events
- ✧ **Monday November 27** – at 7pm, Fairborn Mayor's Citizen Forum, place: Fairborn Senior Center, 325 N. Third St.
- ✧ **Sunday December 3** – First Sunday of Advent.
- ✧ **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, phone: 254-0005.
- ✧ **The November 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.



*O give thanks
unto the LORD;
for he is good.*

PSALM 136:1, KJV

The Fairborn Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Fairborn Senior Center, 325 N. Third Street, Fairborn

Thursday, Nov 23, 2017 Noon and 2 pm

**must pre-register by the 22nd for eat-in
or home delivery: 10-11:30 am**

Stop in or phone: 878-4141

We are in need of your help. We need volunteers to assist with deliveries, waiter and waitress, servers, pie cutters just to name a few. Please contact Ellen at The Fairborn Senior Center at 878-4141 to let us know when and what job you would like to help with.

Any monetary donations will be appreciated. Please make checks payable to the Fairborn Senior Center and designate for Thanksgiving Dinner 2017. (Or checks to St. Christopher's with the note that it is for the Fairborn Thanksgiving Dinner.)

Finally, we will need pies, especially sugar free. Any type will be appreciated.

They can be delivered to the Senior Center on Wednesday by 4:30 pm or Thursday morning by 9:00 am.

All reservations for dinner should be called to the Senior Center.

We will start taking reservations November 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellen at 878-4141 (Senior Center).

Thanks again for all your help and support to make this the very best Community Thanksgiving ever!



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

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| Celebrant | The Rev. David Bailey |
| Worship Leader | Tammy Elliott |
| Chalice Bearer | Ed Smith |
| Acolyte | Alan Haberecht |
| First Reader | David Manship |
| Second Reader | Ron D’Allessandris |
| Ushers | Sierra Lester, James Lester |
| Greeters | Judy Brainard, Telesa Learn |
| Nursery | Jones |
| Altar Guild | Mel Bigi, Andrea Haberecht |
| Tellers | Cindy Manship, Millie Roach |
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