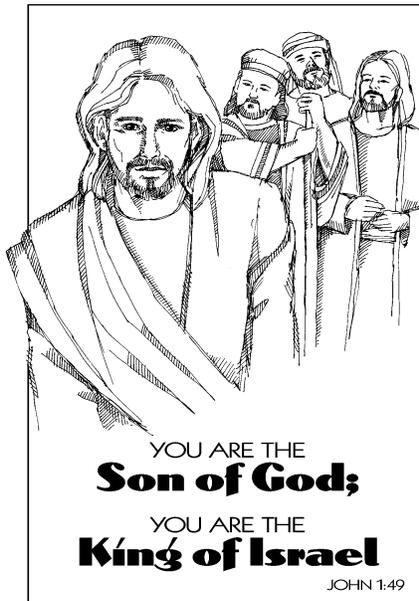


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church  
Fairborn, Ohio  
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



**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.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018

**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



S-280 Glory to God (cont.)

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading**.....**1 Samuel 3:1-10**

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**The Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17** *Domine, probasti*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.



## The Prayers of the People

*All as are able, standing*

Sisters and brothers, you were bought with a price. So let us offer ourselves to God, praying:  
“God, you call us; *give us ears to hear you.*”

Holy God, you call your Church to share the good news of your love: we pray especially this day for our parish. We ask that you inspire us to do the work you have called us to do. Create in us generous hearts and willing spirits.

*Silence*

God, you call us;

**Give us ears to hear you**

Holy God, you call the nations to yourself: open our eyes to see the goodness, and respect the dignity, of every human being. May we recognize that your goodness has no boundary or limitation.

*Silence*

God, you call us;

**Give us ears to hear you**

Holy God, you call us to care for your creation: your works are wonderful. Open our eyes to the beauty of our world so that we might better tend to our planet.

*Invite the congregation to add their thankgivings, followed by silence.*

God, you call us;

**Give us ears to hear you**

Holy God, you have made our bodies a temple for your Holy Spirit: we pray for all victims of physical and sexual abuse. Heal and glorify broken bodies that, being made whole by your love, they may glorify you.

*Silence*

God, you call us;

**Give us ears to hear you**

Holy God, you search us out and know us: comfort and heal the sick and sorrowful that they may know they are not alone. Keep them ever on your mind and in your thoughts, especially for those we remember this day:

Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Daphne, Florence, Jim and Ann,  
Warren, Vicky, Jan, Camden, Kelly, Zada, Melody, Frank,  
Peg, Nikki, Jim, Sandi, Pat, Joe, Bob and Doris,  
and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction.

*Allow the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

God, you call us;

**Give us ears to hear you**

Holy God, if we climb up to heaven, you are there; when we make the grave our bed, you are there also. Hold the dead in your heart forever and comfort the living with hope eternal; especially those 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 (6907)

*Silence*

God, you call us;

**Give us ears to hear you**

*(The Prayers of the People are taken from Praying the Scriptures, Litanies for Sunday Worship, by Jeremiah D. Williamson)*

*Celebrant:*

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption!  
Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*All as are able, kneeling.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 gives the offertory sentence.*

**The Music at the Offertory**

“Peace Canon arr. Rutter

*All as are able, standing*

**The Doxology Hymn # 124:**      verse 5

To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.

**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 (preface: Epiphany)*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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-125 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*The Celebrant continues*

*All as are able, kneeling, or standing.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Christopher and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

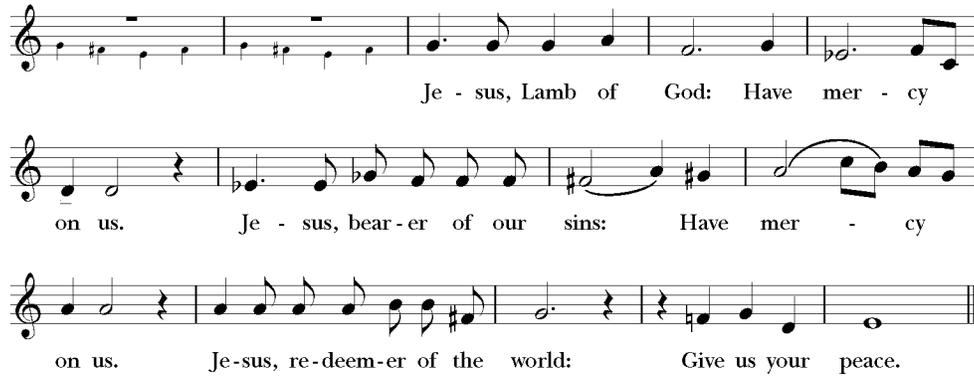
**The Breaking of the Bread**

***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-165 “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 of the world: 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:** # 324 ..... “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”  
 # 487 ..... “Come My Way, My Truth, My Life”  
 # 497 ..... “How Bright Appears the Morning Star” vs.1

**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 # 127** ..... “Earth Has Many a Noble City”

**The Announcements**

**The Dismissal**

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 January 14** – 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.
- ☆ **Monday January 15** – **HOLIDAY** Martin Luther King Jr.
- ☆ **Tuesday January 16** – 10:30 meeting Fellowship Committee.
- ☆ **Sunday January 21** – **Annual meeting, elections, and Potluck.**
- ☆ **Sunday January 21** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ☆ **Sunday January 21** – ECW used book sale
- ☆ **Monday January 22** – Deadline for **February 2018 Lantern** articles and info.
- ☆ **Sunday January 28** – **4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ☆ **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 January Lantern** – is online at [stchristophersfairborn.org](http://stchristophersfairborn.org).
- ☆ 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!!



## **Sunday January 21 – Congregational Annual meeting and Potluck.**

### **Annual Meeting Notification**

The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher’s will be held **January 21, 2018**. Those going off Vestry will be Judy Brainard (Junior Warden), and David Manship. At this time, we will need to elect three positions at large and the Junior Warden, and those who will be delegates to Diocesan Convention will be selected. Please prayerfully consider serving on the Vestry and being a delegate to convention. There will be, as usual, a potluck on that day. Annual Meeting information was sent out on via e-mail. Hard copies will be available at the church for those not using e-mail. Any questions or concerns, please contact Deb Snavelly.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Celebrant	The Rev. David Bailey
Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz
Chalice Bearer	Alan Haberecht
Acolyte	James Lester
First Reader	Toni Olgeaty
Second Reader	Melody Kelley
Ushers	Iyabo Eguaroje, Sierra Lester
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Joyce and Ron D’Allessandris
Nursery	Volkmer
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
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