

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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 21, 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

# 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 Prelude

“Morning Meditation”

Melody Kelley

## The Liturgy of the Word

All as are able, standing

**The Processional Hymn: # 126** ..... “The People Who in Darkness Walked”

*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 -

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading** ..... **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

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

**The Psalm: 62:6-14** *Nonne Deo?*

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

**The Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

*All as are able, standing*

**The Gradual Hymn: # 661 .....“They Cast Their Nets in Galilee” .....vs 1-2**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

**The Holy Gospel ..... Mark 1:14-20**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Gradual Hymn: # 661 .....“They Cast Their Nets in Galilee” ..... vs 3-4**

**The Homily** **The Rev. Gregory Sammons**

**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*

Put your trust in God always, O people. With humble hearts let us pray to God: “Steadfast love is yours, O Lord; show us mercy.”

O God, you have called your Church to be merciful. May your Church be known by the love we show and the grace we speak. Our souls in silence wait for you.

*Silence*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**Show us mercy.**

O God, you love those we call enemy. Transform our hearts that we might not wish for the destruction of any but instead hope for the salvation of all people. Our souls in silence wait for you.

*Silence*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**Show us mercy.**

O God, we recognize that we take your creation for granted. Forgive us and teach us to be good stewards. Our souls in silence wait for you.

*Silence*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**Show us mercy.**

O God, we lift to you the hungry and poor of our region. We ask you to be for them a strong rock and refuge. Our souls in silence wait for you.

*Silence*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**Show us mercy.**

O God, in you is our safety and honor. Bless those who are sick and those who are brokenhearted. Give to all the comfort of your peace remembering - especially

Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Daphne, Florence, Warren, Pat, Jim and Ann,

Sandi, Joe, Frank, Vicky, Camden, Kelly, Jan, Bob and Doris,

Joyce, Jim, Nikki, and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction

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

Our souls in silence wait for you.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**Show us mercy.**

O God, even while this life is passing away, you are faithful. Receive into your heavenly kingdom the dying and the dead. Continue to bless them with your love, 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 (6909). Our souls in silence wait for you.

Spc. Avadon A. Chaves // 20, on 12/20/2017, of CA

Army Sgt. 1st Class Mihail Golin // 34, on 1/1/2018, of NJ

*Silence*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**Show us mercy.**

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

## 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**      “Jesu, Joy of Loving Hearts” J. S. Bach

*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 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:** # 550 ..... “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”  
 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” WLP# 812  
 # 706 ..... “In Your Mercy, Lord You Called Me”  
 “I the Lord of Sea and Sky” ..... WLP #812

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the  
 peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will  
 save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide  
 I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my  
 light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (Cont.)

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have  
heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my  
heart. heart.

**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 # 529** .....“In Christ There Is No East or West”

## 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



Message from Miss Gail -- Sunday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, Miss Gail's Sunday school class will be doing a messy (aka Fun) project. Please dress in old clothes. If we don't have church that day the project will be done the following Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday January 21** – 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.
- ☆ **TODAY 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.
- ☆ **Sunday February 4** – 6 p.m. **St. C Youth Group “Souper” Bowl Party**”.
- ☆ **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!!



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

Today we have the Annual Meeting of St. Christopher's. 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. Annual Meeting information was sent out 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.



*The Youth and Young Adults of St Christopher's  
invite you and your friends to a Souper Bowl Party  
on February 4, 2018 commencing at 6 PM  
in our parish hall.*

~ 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	Iyabo Eguaroje
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
First Reader	Cindy Feltz
Second Reader	David Manship
Ushers	James Lester, Gordon Hermann
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Judy Brainard, Gordon Hermann
Nursery	Kopp
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
Tellers	Cindy Manship, Millie Roach
Fellowship	Annual Meeting Potluck
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