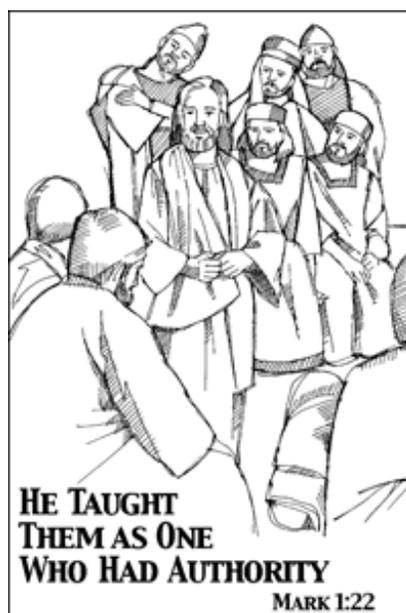


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church  
Fairborn, Ohio  
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



**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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 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

“Worthy Lord”

Melody Kelley

## The Liturgy of the Word

*All as are able, standing*

**The Processional Hymn: # 390**..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*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,

S-280 Glory to God (cont.)

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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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** ..... **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**The Psalm: 111** *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
 holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
 his praise endures for ever.

**The Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

*All as are able – standing*

**The Gradual Hymn: # 440 ..... “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word” ..... 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 1:21-28**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Gradual Hymn: # 440 ..... “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word” ..... vs 3**

**The Homily**

**The Rev. Elaine Silverstrim**

**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*

Brothers and sisters, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying: "You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord; hear our prayer."

O Lord, you have made the Church a family through the waters of baptism: let us not sin against each other but instead build each other up in love.

*Silence*

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, the works of your hands are faithfulness and justice: may the nations of the world be ruled by truth and equity. Give us a vision for peace.

*Silence*

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, all things are from you and exist for you: give us ears to heed the words spoken on behalf of our planet; and give us the will to be faithful stewards.

*Silence*

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, you sent your son to set us free from unclean spirits that harass your people: set us free from violence in our land, especially gun violence. In your compassion, cast out hatred and anger.

*Silence*

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, you know those who love you: show all the sick and suffering your marvelous works, especially

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

Fill their hearts with songs of praise.

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

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, you have redeemed your people: remember your covenant and care for your children forever, even beyond death and the grave, 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).

*Silence*

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

*(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

Special Music

*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:

**The Sanctus**      S-125 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (*sing in unison*)

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 Communion Hymns:** # 448... “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”  
# 536 ..... “God Has Spoken to His People”

**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 # 533** ..... “How Wondrous and Great Thy Works”

**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 28** – given by Millie and Rick Roach in celebration of Millie’s birthday, and by Betty Crichton in Memory of Paul Crichton.
- ☆ **Sunday School Schedule**
  - **9:15 Sunday School:** Third Grade and up.
  - **10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- ☆ **Sunday January 28** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for FISH donations.
- ☆ **Sunday February 4** – 6 p.m. St. C Youth Group “Souper” Bowl Party”.
- ☆ **Wednesday February 14** – Valentine’s Day
- ☆ **Wednesday February 14** – at Noon -- Ash Wednesday Service
- ☆ **Sunday February 18** – First Sunday in Lent
- ☆ **Sunday February 18** – ECW used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday February 18** – 11:30 Vestry Meeting
- ☆ **Monday February 19** – Holiday for President’s Day, Church office closed.
- ☆ **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.**
- ☆ **Reminder** – there will be no Altar Flowers during Lent – from February 18<sup>th</sup> until Easter April 1<sup>st</sup> .
- ☆ **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’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Chain. e-mail: [dallessa@aol.com](mailto:dallessa@aol.com), phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The February 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!!



Our Annual Meeting was held on **Sunday, January 21, 2018.**

Congratulations to Judy Brainard – elected to continue as Junior Warden (term to expire 2019), Lauren Faller, David Manship, and Ed Smith elected to serve on Vestry (elected for a three year term which will expire January of 2021). Again, thanks to all of them.

The delegates and alternates for 2018 Diocesan Convention are:

**Delegates**

Lauren Faller  
Millie Roach  
Hayward Learn  
Telesa Learn

**Alternates**

1<sup>st</sup> Alt. – John Stauffer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alt. – Gail Stauffer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alt. – Derick Faller  
4<sup>th</sup> Alt – Ann Foster



*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.*

Come sample our delicious soups and sandwiches  
starting at 6:00 PM.  
Munch on chips, dips, and snacks throughout the evening

ENJOY A BREW AT OUR DONATION AS YOU GO BAR

**Show your prowess with our bean bag toss  
Win big in our 50/50 raffle  
Play our Super Bowl ad Bingo**

**Cheer on your team while watching the game on our big screen TV  
Kick off time 6:30 PM.**

**All proceeds will be used to help fund our mission trips.**

Donations gratefully accepted.

**Sign up now!**

(Signup sheet in the parish hall)

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Celebrant	The Rev. Elaine Silvertrim
Worship Leader	Ann Volkmer
Chalice Bearer	Cindy Feltz
Acolyte	Alan Haberecht
First Reader	Ann Foster
Second Reader	Theresa Turner
Ushers	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Darlene and Gordon Walbroehl
Nursery	Jones
Altar Guild	Judy Brainard, Betty Crichton
Tellers	Susan Brainard, John Stauffer
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