

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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 11, 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

Special music

Melody Kelley

The Liturgy of the Word

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 410.....“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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.....**2 Kings 2:1-12**

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

The Psalm: 50:1-6 *Deus deorum*

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
 for God himself is judge.

The Second Reading **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

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

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 129..... “Christ Upon the Mountain Peak” 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 9:2-9**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: # 129..... “Christ Upon the Mountain Peak” 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

God will come and will not keep silence. So let us pray: “Open our eyes; open our ears.”

Beloved Rabbi, it is good for us to be here in your presence. Open our eyes to your glory.

Open our ears to your call. Open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Invite the congregation to add their thankgivings, followed by silence

Open our eyes;

Open our ears.

To those who do not know your love and mercy, reveal yourself, great God. Shine your light through us
that our lives might witness to your Son Jesus.

Silence

Open our eyes;

Open our ears.

Holy One, you have chosen to wear the clouds and meet our forebears on the mountains. In doing so, you remind us that you created all things good and continue to manifest your glory through those things you have created. Remind us to also honor your creation.

Silence

Open our eyes;

Open our ears.

O God, we thank you for those women and men in our lives who parent us, teach us, mentor us. Raise up strong leaders, O God, leaders who follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Silence

Open our eyes;

Open our ears.

You are a powerful God—ruler of the heavens and the earth—and yet, you are close enough to hear our humble prayers. Attend to our loved ones, especially those who we name now.

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

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Open our eyes;

Open our ears.

God, you are our hope. Especially 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). Trusting in your goodness, we make our song even at the grave: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Silence

Open our eyes;

Open our ears.

(The Prayers of the People are adapted 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

Commissioning of Vestry Members and Delegates to Convention

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Junior Warden: **I believe they are.**

Celebrant: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: **I will.**

Celebrant: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates: **I will.**

Members of the Vestry

Junior Warden: I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Members of the Vestry in this congregation.

Antiphon

The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

Celebrant: I am your servant; grant me understanding:

People: **That I may know your decrees.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you:

Deb Snavely	Senior Warden
Judy Brainard	Junior Warden Member
Cindy Feltz	Vestry Secretary

Members at Large:

Amy Kopp	Iyabo Eguaroje	Lauren Faller
Gail Stauffer	Mike Volkmer	David Manship
		Ed Smith

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Junior Warden: I present to you these persons, duly elected as Delegates to Diocesan Convention, to be commissioned for their ministry.

Antiphon

Call a solemn assembly, gather the people, assemble the elders, and sanctify the congregation.

Celebrant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

People: **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Eternal Lord God, who by the Holy Spirit presided at the council of the Apostles to guide them in all knowledge and truth: Be present with the Delegates of this congregation to Diocesan Convention. Give them a quiet spirit, in the complexities of the issues give them clear minds, and in the moments of decision give them courageous hearts. Guide them in all things to seek only your glory and the good of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation I commission you

Primary Delegates:

Lauren Faller
Millie Roach
Hayward Learn
Telesa Learn

Alternate Delegates:

John Stauffer (1)
Gail Stauffer (2)
Derick Faller (3)
Ann Foster (4)

as Delegates to Diocesan Convention

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

“Seek and You Will Find” by Natalie Sleeth

All as are able, standing

The Doxology Hymn # 618: verse 4

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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-164 "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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, 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: # 137....."O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"
"I Love You, Lord"
619....."Sing Alleluia Forth in Duteous Praise"

“I Love You, Lord”

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship
 you, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, in
 what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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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 # 135.....“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ✧ Altar flowers Sunday February 11 – 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.
- ✧ 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.
- ✧ Monday February 19 – Deadline for **March 2018 Lantern** articles and info.
- ✧ Sunday February 25 – **4th 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
- ✧ **Reminder** – there will be no Altar Flowers during Lent – from February 18th until Easter April 1st.



~ 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	David Christmas
Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
First Reader	Hayward Learn
Second Reader	Paul Reichert
Ushers	Sierra Lester, James Lester
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Judy Brainard, Gordon Hermann
Nursery	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Bob Bigi, Ed Smith
Fellowship	Telesa Learn
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