

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.

February 18, 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

“Majesty” by Jack Hayford”

Melody Kelley

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Penitential Order

*All as are able, standing*

*Process in reciting the Decalogue, the celebrant reading the commandments,  
and the people responding.*

### The Decalogue:

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor your father and mother.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not steal.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Lord have mercy, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

## Hymn # S-91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
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### The Confession and Absolution

*All as are able, kneeling.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and ourselves.

*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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading .....Genesis 9:8-17**

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

**The Psalm: 25:1-9** *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**The Second Reading ..... 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

*All as are able, standing*

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

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

**The Gradual Hymn: # 150** ..... “Forty Days and Forty Nights” ..... vs. 1-3

**The Holy Gospel ..... Mark 1:9-15**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Gradual Hymn: # 150** ..... “Forty Days and Forty Nights” ..... vs 4-5

**The Homily**

**The Reverend 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*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God,  
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, Fairborn, for every city and community,  
and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom  
and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick  
and the suffering, especially

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,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed; 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). For the police officers, Eric Joering and  
Anthony Morelli, who lost their lives in the line of duty on February 10, 2018,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering  
and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Christopher and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,  
and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*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 Peace**

*All as are able, stand.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be 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

“Simple Gifts” a Shaker Tune

*All as are able, standing*

### The Doxology

Hymn #380 vs 3,

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

### The Great Thanksgiving

*All as are able, remain standing.*

### The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant* The Lord is 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 our thanks and praise.**

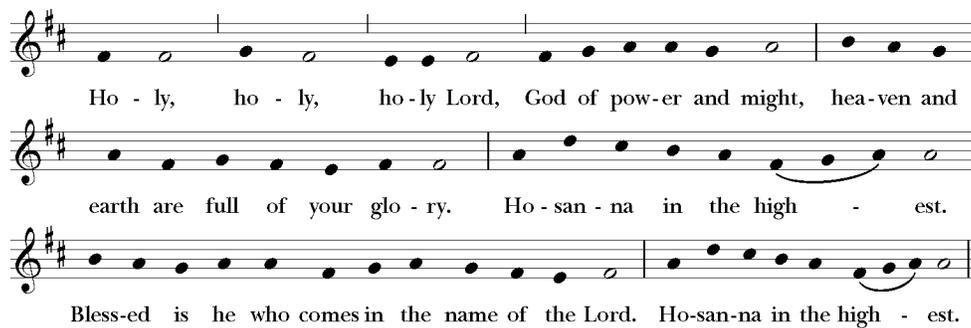
*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 124                                              *(in unison)*



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 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**

**The Fraction Anthem: S 153**

*Celebrant*

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*

There-fore let us keep the feast.

*A period of reflective silence is kept.*

**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:** "Yield Not to Temptation" LEVAS # 170  
# 147 ..... "Now Let Us All With One Accord"

"Yield Not to Temptation" Lift Every Voice and Sing #170

1. Yield not to temp - ta - tion, For yield - ing is sin; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Shun e - vil com - pan - ions, Bad lan - guage dis - dain; \_\_\_\_\_  
3. To him that o'er - com - eth, God giv - eth a crown; \_\_\_\_\_

1. Each vic - t'ry will help you, Some o - ther to win; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. God's name hold in rev - 'rence, Nor take it in vain; \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Through faith we will con - quer, Though oft - en cast down; \_\_\_\_\_

“Yield Not to Temptation” (cont.)

1. Fight, still pres - sing on - ward, Dark pas - sions sub - due; —  
2. Be thought-ful and ear - nest, Kind - heart - ed and true; —  
3. He who is our sav - ior, Our strength will re - new; —

Look ev - er to Je - sus, He will car - ry you through. —

Ask the sav - ior to help you, Com - fort, strength - en and keep you;

He is will - ing to aid you, He will car - ry you through. —

**The Post Communion Prayer**

*All as are able, kneeling.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray

*(in unison)*

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



- ✧ **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.
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Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

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