

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 25, 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

The Penitential Order

All as are able, standing

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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.

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.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second ReadingRomans 4:13-25

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.**

O God, whose glory is always to have mercy: be gracious to the Church in this city. Strengthen your parishes as we make our Lenten journey. May we faithfully make known your saving deeds.

Invite the congregation to add their thankgivings, followed by silence

O Righteous God,

Increase our faith.

Gracious Lord, you hide not your face from those in need: we trust in your faithfulness. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: 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,

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

O Righteous God,

Increase our faith.

Everliving God, you give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist: hoping against hope, we trust in your eternal promises and look for the day of resurrection. 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).

Silence

O Righteous God,

Increase our faith.

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

The Peace

All as are able, stand.

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

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: # 441 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
"Will You Come and Follow Me" WLP # 757
707 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

“Will You Come and Follow Me” Wonder Love and Praise #757

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The first system includes five numbered lyrics. The second system contains four lines of lyrics. The third system contains five lines of lyrics, with a time signature change to 5/4 indicated by a '5' over the staff line.

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
 5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

“Will You Come and Follow Me” (Cont.)

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

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.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

May the God of covenant faithfulness enfold you;
 the beloved Son encourage you;
 and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing;
 this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn # 149 “Eternal Lord of Love”

The Announcements

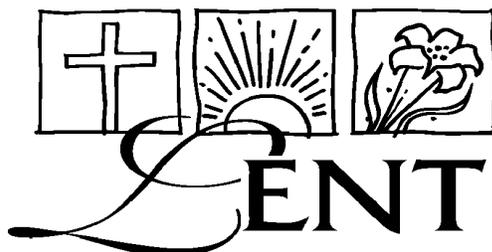
The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Special music

Melody Kelley



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

❖ Sunday School Schedule

- 9:15 Sunday School: Third Grade and up.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Pre-K to Second Grade.

❖ Sunday February 25 – 4th Sunday for FISH donations.

❖ Sunday March 4 – Third Sunday in Lent

❖ Sunday March 11 – Daylight Saving Time begins. *Set clocks ahead.*

❖ 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.

❖ Reminder – there will be no Altar Flowers during Lent – from February 18th until Easter April 1st .

❖ 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, phone: 254-0005.

❖ The March Lantern – will be online at 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!!



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

Celebrant	The Rev. Gregory P. Sammons
Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz
Chalice Bearer	Alan Haberecht
Acolyte	Ed Smith
First Reader	Ann Foster
Second Reader	Deb Snively
Ushers	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Nursery	Kopp
Altar Guild	Judy Brainard, Betty Crichton
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