

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.

March 4, 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.**

*The procession enters as the Celebrant reads the following:*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

### 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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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** ..... **Exodus 20:1-17**

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

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

**The Psalm: 19** *Cæli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**The Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (in Spanish)**

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

**The Gradual Hymn: # 685 ..... “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” ..... vs. 1-2**

**The Holy Gospel ..... John 2:13-22**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gradual Hymn: # 685 ..... “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” ..... vs 3**

**The Homily** **The Reverend David Bailey**

**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's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Therefore, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "O Lord, our strength and our redeemer, **Atiende nuestra súplica.**"

Almighty God, you are most fully present, not in any building, but in your Son Jesus: give us the wisdom and strength to remove any obstacles that prevent your people from experiencing your presence.

*Silence*

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,  
**Atiende nuestra súplica.**

Righteous God, your statutes are just and rejoice the heart: may your justice revive weary souls around the world. We long for the day when your perfect law is valued more than fine gold.

*Silence*

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,  
**Atiende nuestra súplica.**

Creator God, the heavens declare your glory: train our ears to hear and value the testimony of your handiwork.

*Silence*

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,  
**Atiende nuestra súplica.**

O Lord, you give wisdom to the innocent: we thank you for libraries and schools and other oases of learning. We thank you for those places where all people, rich and poor, young and old, can increase in knowledge of you and of all you have made.

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

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,  
**Atiende nuestra súplica.**

Gracious God, your steadfast love extends to the thousandth generation of those who love you: we pray that you will defend us, and all whom we love, from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from evil thoughts which may assault the soul.

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, Peggy, 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 Lord, our strength and our redeemer,  
**Atiende nuestra súplica.**

Everliving God, you raised Jesus from the dead: we entrust the dead to the Crucified One in hope that those who have died in Christ will also be raised to new life in him, 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 (6911).

Spc. Javion S. Sullivan // 24, on 1/8/2018, of SC

Sgt. Christina M. Schoenecker // 26, on 2/19/2018, of KS

*Silence*

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,

**Atiende nuestra súplica.**

*(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

*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** “The Lord’s Prayer” by Kathy Bowen

*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, standing.*

### The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant* El Señor sea con ustedes.

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

*Celebrant* Elevemos los corazones.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Demos gracias a Dios nuestro Señor.

*People* **It is right to give him 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**

***A period of reflective silence is kept.***

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **The Administration of Communion** *The Celebrant says*

God's Holy Gifts for God's Holy People. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in our hearts with faith, and great thanksgiving.

*~ All are welcome to the Lord's Table: open to all who come, so all may be fed. ~*

**The Communion Hymns:** # 676....."There Is a Balm in Gilead"  
"Santo, Santo, es el Señor" ("Holy, Holy, is the Lord"),  
Sung by the three Mejia sisters, Nora, Delia, and Glandis.  
"Lamb of God" by Twila Paris

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1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2. Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and  
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but You have



sent him from your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as He died, the hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me



in his pre-cious blood— my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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**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 # 474** ..... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**The Announcements**

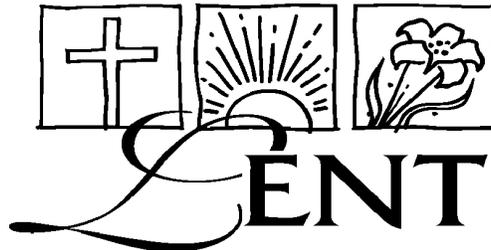
**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Vayan in paz para amar y server al Señor.  
*People* **Demos gracias a Dios.**

**The Postlude**

Special music

Melody Kelley



**Sunday Attendance**

It is important that we are aware of how many people are in attendance on Sunday. So each month we show the attendance numbers. Remember, statistics indicate that to have a thriving and prosperous congregation, we need to shoot for 100 as the average Sunday attendance.

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan 2018</u>	<u>Feb</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>56</b>
				<b>Ash Wed 18</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>C'Mas Eve 103</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>263</u></b>	<b><u>357</u></b>	<b><u>225</u></b>	<b><u>225</u></b>

*Remember on next Sunday March 11*



## 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 March 4 – Third Sunday in Lent
- ◇ Sunday March 11 – **Daylight Saving Time begins.** *Set clocks ahead.*

### ◇ Friday March 17 – St. Patrick's Day!!

- ◇ Sunday March 18 – ECW used book sale
- ◇ Sunday March 18 – **11:30 Vestry meeting**



### ◇ Monday March 20 – First Day of Spring!!

### ◇ Sunday March 25 – Palm Sunday - begin Holy Week.

### ◇ Sunday March 25 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday FISH donations.



### ◇ Monday March 26 – Deadline for April 2018 Lantern articles and info.

### ◇ Thursday March 29 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service here at St. C with St. Mark's participating.

### ◇ **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 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'Allessandris to activate the Prayer Chain. e-mail: [dallessa@aol.com](mailto:dallessa@aol.com), phone: 254-0005.

### ◇ **The March Lantern** – will be 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!!



## **SIGN-UP FOR**

### ***Easter Flowers***

**Cost is \$15.00 each:** The flowers will be a selection of colorful flowers for the season. Please order and pay for the flowers by **Sunday March 25th**. Please also indicate if you want to take the plant home.

The words for Communion Hymn 2 in Spanish and in English

COMMUNION HYMN 2

SANTO, SANTO ES EL SENOR

SANTO, SANTO ES EL SENOR  
Y DEL UNIVERSO ES DIOS  
CANTEN, CANTEN SIN CESAR  
SANTO, SANTO ES EL SENOR

1. La tierra, el cielo y el mar  
lentos de tu gloria estan,  
resuene nuestro cantar.  
al Senor que llega ya.

SANTO, SANTO ES EL SENOR  
Y DEL UNIVERSO ES DIOS  
CANTEN, CANTEN SIN CESAR  
SANTO, SANTO ES EL SENOR

2. Bendito sea Jesus,  
el divino Salvador.  
bendito sea el que viene  
como gran Libertador.

SANTO, SANTO ES EL SENOR  
Y DEL UNIVERSO ES DIOS  
CANTEN, CANTEN SIN CESAR  
SANTO, SANTO ES EL SENOR

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SANTO, SANTO ES EL SENOR

COMMUNION HYMN 2 (in English)

HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD

Holy, Holy is the Lord  
and of the universe is God.  
Sing, Sing without ceasing  
Holy, holy is the Lord.

- 1) The earth, the sky and the sea  
full of Your glory are they.  
Resound our singing  
to the Lord who arrives.

Holy, Holy is the Lord  
and of the universe is God.  
Sing, Sing without ceasing  
Holy, holy is the Lord.

- 2) Blessed be Jesus  
the divine Savior.  
Blessed be the one who comes  
as a great Liberator.

Holy, Holy is the Lord  
and of the universe is God.  
Sing, Sing without ceasing  
Holy, holy is the Lord.

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Celebrant	The Rev. David Bailey
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Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
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Second Reader	Nora Mejia
Ushers	Sierra Lester, Hayward Learn
Healing Prayers	tbd
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Nursery	Jones
Altar Guild	Mel Bigi, Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Deb Snavelly, Bob Bigi
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