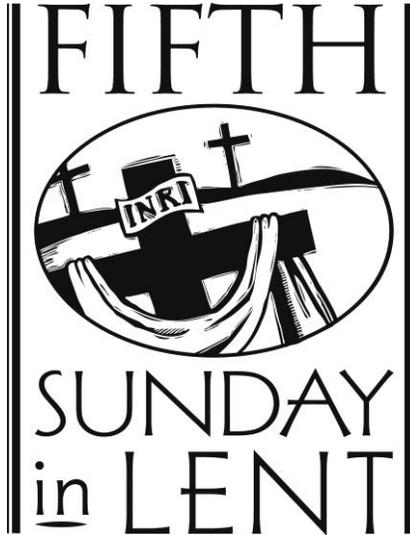


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church  
Fairborn, Ohio  
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



**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 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

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*

### 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.**

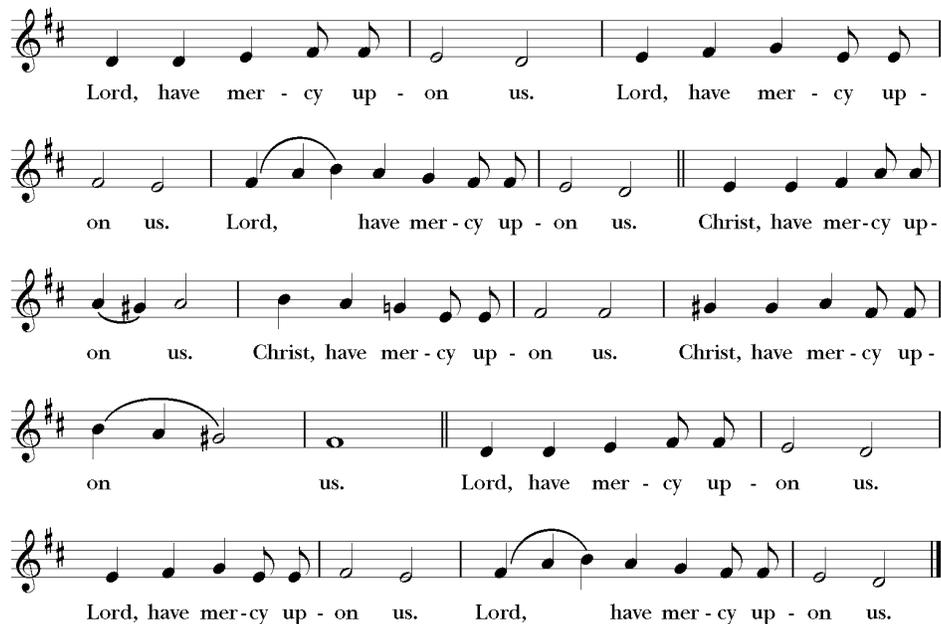
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**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.**

## 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 Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading ..... Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

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

### The Psalm: 51:1-13 *Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**The Second Reading ..... Hebrews 5:5-10**

*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: # 439** ..... “What Wondrous Love Is This?” .... vs. 1-2

**The Holy Gospel ..... John 12:20-33**

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

**The Gradual Hymn: # 439** ..... “What Wondrous Love Is This?” ..... vs. 3

**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*

Jesus said, "Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." So let us appeal to God, saying, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

O God, renew your Church: strengthen us to keep the covenant with which you have blessed us. Write your law on our hearts. Be our God and we shall be your beloved people.

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

O God, renew all humanity: draw all people to your Son Jesus. May all tribes and nations experience the joy of your saving help.

*Silence*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

O God, renew your creation: sustain all you have made with your bountiful Spirit. Reveal your glory in your creation.

*Silence*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

O God, renew the sick and sorrowful: have mercy upon them, O God, according to your loving-kindness. Wash them clean, and they shall be clean indeed. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Lynda, Joyce, Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Jim and Ann,  
Edwin, Peg, Joe, Frank, Warren, Daphne, Florence,  
Jan, Vicky, Camden, 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*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

O God, you make all things new: we thank you that your Son Jesus has become the eternal source of our salvation. Raise those who have died in the flesh to new and everlasting life in Christ. 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).

*Silence*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

*(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** “Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake” by R. Farrant

*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* 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.**

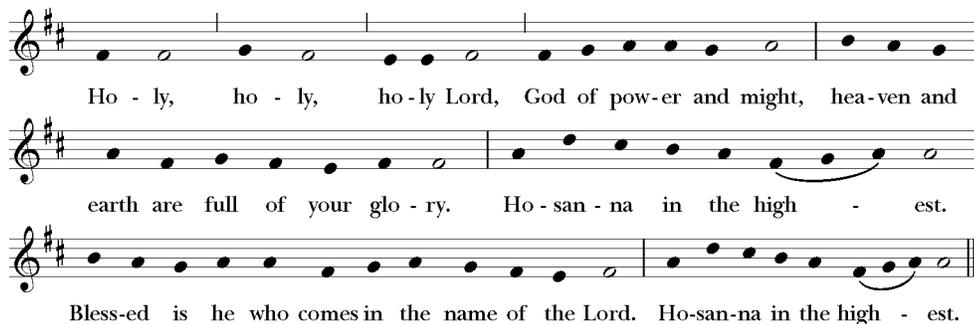
*The Celebrant proceeds*

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*

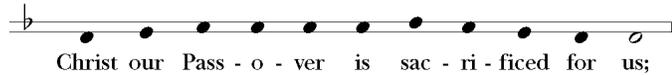
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(in unison)*

**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.**

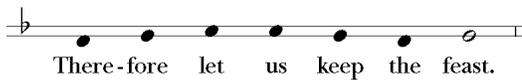
### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Fraction Anthem: ..... S 153**

*Celebrant*



*People*



***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:** # 170 ..... "To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord"  
"Will You Come and Follow Me?"  
# 715 ..... "When Jesus Wept, the Falling Tear"

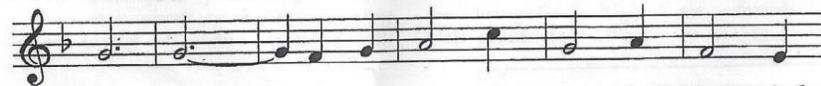
# Will You Come and Follow Me

Text: John L. Bell  
and Graham Maule

Tune: KELVINGROVE  
Scottish trad., arr. John L. Bell



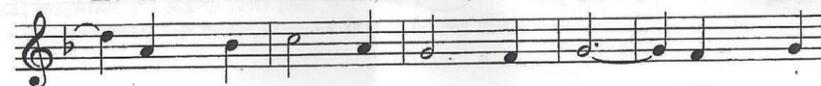
1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but call  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but call  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but call  
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but call



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



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



Will you let my name be known, Will you  
Should your life at - tract or scare? Will you  
And do such as this un - seen, And ad -  
To re - shape the world a - round, Through my  
Where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown In you and you in me?  
let me an - swer prayer In you and you in me?  
mit to what I mean In you and you in me?  
sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?  
move and live and grow. In you and you in me.

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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 # 441 ..... “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

## 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 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.

### ❖ Monday March 26 – Fairborn Mayor's Citizen Forum, Time: at 7PM, Place: Maple Heights Baptist Church, 144 W. Funderburg Rd.

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

### ❖ Good Friday March 30 at 7p.m. Tenebrae and Seven Last Words Service, led by David Christmas and Stan Nelson

### ❖ Holy Saturday March 31 at 7 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Mark's with St. Christopher's

### ❖ Easter Sunday (April 1) at 11 a.m. (Please note time) Festival Holy Eucharist

### ❖ Sunday April 1 – EASTER Egg hunt following the service

### ❖ 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** – 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!!



### ***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.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

We are asking for donations of small trinkets, stickers, toys and **wrapped** candy (peanut-free) that the youth can use to stuff the many dozen plastic eggs they already have. Please bring your donations to the church no later than **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**.



A Joint Roman Catholic/Lutheran Service of the Word Honoring St. Patrick and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.  
Sponsored by the Lutheran Saints in Ministry  
At St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 100 East Main St., Fairborn  
Sunday, March 18th at 3:00 pm.  
Fellowship time to follow

*Participating Congregations:*

- 1.) Abiding Christ Lutheran Church, Fairborn
- 2.) Arise in Christ Lutheran Church, Donnelsville
- 3.) Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, West Milton
- 4.) Mary Help of Christians Catholic Parish, Fairborn
- 5.) Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, New Carlisle
- 6.) St. Mark Lutheran Church, Fairborn

The service consists of prayers and readings by Saint Patrick, a Baptismal renewal ceremony, and Music led by our *LSIM Celtic Praise Team*.



## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

**Palm Sunday (March 25) at 10 a.m.** Blessing and Procession of the Palms, Passion reading and Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday (March 29) at 7 p.m.:** Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar with St. Mark's, Dayton community celebrating with us and Fr. Michael Kreutzer as celebrant.

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Chalice Bearer	Alan Haberecht
Acolyte	James Lester
First Reader	Judy Brainard
Second Reader	Stan Nelson
Ushers	Ann Foster, Gordon Hermann
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Judy Brainard, Telesa Learn
Nursery	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
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