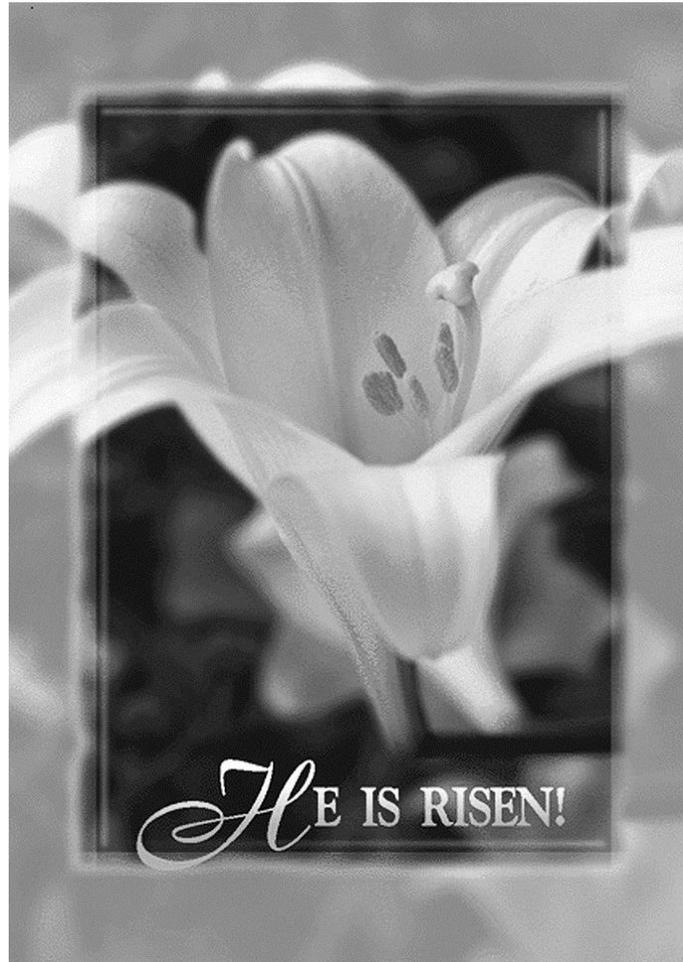


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church  
Fairborn, Ohio  
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



## *Easter Sunday*

April 1, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Nursery Care – 11:00 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 Liturgy of the Word

**The Prelude** “People Need the Lord” by Phill McHugh and Greg Nelson

Vocal solo: Barry Kelley

*All as are able, standing*

**The Processional Hymn: # 207**..... “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!”

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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: #208**..... “The Strife Is O’er” verses 1-3

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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** ..... **Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24** *Confitemine Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; \*  
his mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
“His mercy endures forever.”

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but He did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Second Reading ..... Acts 10:34-43**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All as are able, standing*

**The Gradual Hymn: # 192 ..... “This Joyful Eastertide” .....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 16:1-8**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Gradual Hymn: # 192 ..... “This Joyful Eastertide” ..... vs 3**

**The Homily** “The Unfinished Gospel” **The Rev. Gregory P. 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*

Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, "Risen Christ, to you we give undying praise."

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

*Silence*

Risen Christ, **To you we give undying praise.**

Paschal victim where your blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword. Placing our hope in you, we pray for an end to violence and war.

*Silence*

Risen Christ, **To you we give undying praise.**

Author of Life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. From the death of winter, raise the fair beauty of earth.

*Silence*

Risen Christ, **To you we give undying praise.**

Resurrected One, bring our neighbors from sadness into joy. Where they live in darkness, brighten their lives with your splendor and give to all that peace that passes human knowing.

*Silence*

Risen Christ, **To you we give undying praise.**

Jesus, the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people.

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, Bob and Doris,  
Jan, Florence, Vicky, Camden, Nikki, Peggy, Tammy and her family,  
and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction.

We remember those who were injured in the school shootings at the Great Mills High School in Maryland and all those grieving the loss of loved ones at the Parkland, Florida high school.

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

Risen Christ, **To you we give undying praise.**

Living Christ, nothing in this world can sever us from your love. May we follow where you have gone before us: to rest and reign with you in heaven. Bless and keep the dying and the dead, especially those we remember this day: all the loved ones in whose memory the Easter flowers have been given, those who have lost their lives to violence, and those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country (6919).

*Silence*

Risen Christ, **To you we give undying praise.**

*The Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **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, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; 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**      "Laudamus Te" by Natalie Sleeth

*All as are able, standing*

**The Doxology**

**Hymn #193** verse 5,      "All Praise, O Risen Lord"

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.**



“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (cont)

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
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The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and ties. The lyrics are: "full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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. 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 then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

(sing in unison)

**The Lord's Prayer**

by Rosanne Brown

**Our Lord's Prayer** by Rosanne Brown

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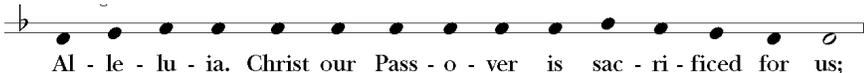
Our Father in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name! Your —  
king - dom come, Your — will be done, on  
earth as in heav-en. Give us our — dai - ly bread,  
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sin — a-against us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de-liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,  
and the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
Yours! — Now and for - ev - er, A - men.

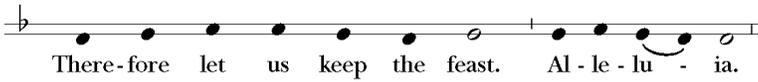
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**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of reflective silence is kept.*

**The Fraction Anthem:** S 152

*celebrant*  Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*people*  There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

**The Administration of Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Come to this table. You that have much faith, and you that would like to have more;  
You that have been here often, and you that have not been for a long time;  
You that follow Jesus and you that have failed.  
COME! It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.

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

- The Communion Hymns:** # 178..... “Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”  
# 204..... “Now the Green Blade Rise”  
# 213..... “Come Away to the Skies”

**The Post Communion Prayer**

*All as are able, kneeling.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray

*(in unison)*

**Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**The Recessional Hymn # 210** ..... “The Day of Resurrection”

**The Announcements**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The Postlude**

Special Music

Melody Kelley

*Alleluia!*  
HE IS ALIVE!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ✧ **Sunday April 1** – at 11:00 a.m. **EASTER Sunday Service**
- ✧ **Altar flowers Sunday April 1** – given by Lois and Bob Garner – “He Is Risen!”
- ✧ **Sunday School Schedule** –
  - 9:15 Sunday School: Third Grade and up.
  - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- ✧ **Sunday April 1** – EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY following the service
- ✧ **Sunday April 15** – ECW used book sale
- ✧ **Sunday April 15** – 11:30 Vestry meeting
- ✧ **Sunday April 22** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday FISH donations.
- ✧ **Sunday April 22** – Special coffee hour: – Diapers and Donuts baby shower for the Volkmers. See Amy Kopp for details.
- ✧ **Saturday April 28** – Blood Drive at St. C. 8:30 – 12 noon.
- ✧ **Sunday April 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Coffee Hour, International Potluck
- ✧ **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 pm 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. **\*\*We will have Altar Flowers again starting April 1<sup>th</sup> – Many dates in April and May are available.**
- ✧ **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’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Chain.  
e-mail: [dallessa@aol.com](mailto:dallessa@aol.com), phone: 254-0005.
- ✧ **The April Lantern** – is online at [stchristophersfairborn.org](http://stchristophersfairborn.org).





# Easter Flowers

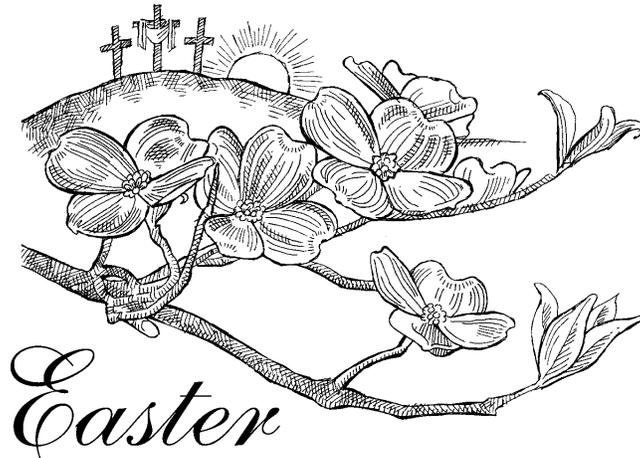
*The beautiful flowers surrounding the altar were given by these beautiful people.*

Judy Brainard  
Betty Crichton  
Frank and Iyabo Eguaroje  
Telesa Learn  
Max Markley  
Manship  
Stan and Carolyn Nelson  
The Rev. Gregory and the Rev. Margaret Sammons

In Memory of Jim, and parents, George and Carmen  
In Memory of Paul, our parents, and my 3 brothers  
In memory of Sister Bunni  
In Memory of our parents, and Telesa's sister and brother-in-law  
In Memory of Muriel Markley  
Celebration of Easter  
In Thanksgiving for our St. Christopher's family

Carol Sharp  
Deb & Dan Snavely  
Stauffer  
Darlene and Gordon Walbroehl

Given in loving memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our daughters, their spouses and our grandsons  
In Thanksgiving for health  
Thanksgiving for the birth of our grandson Max  
In thanksgiving for family  
In thanksgiving for family



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Celebrant	The Rev. Gregory P. Sammons
Worship Leader	David Christmas
Chalice Bearers	James Lester
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
First Reader	Theresa Turner
Second Reader	David Manship
Ushers	Ann Foster, Gordon Herman
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Judy Brainard, Iyabo Eguaroje
Nursery	Kopp
Altar Guild	Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Ed Smith, Gordon Walbroehl
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