

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



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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.

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

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 Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Special Music

Melody Kelley

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn:

193 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” verses 1-4

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, 2, 4

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 **Acts 4:32-35**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

God of wisdom, teach and counsel the leaders of the nations. Fill this world, O God, with justice and peace.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

God our provider, you have given us this pleasant earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

Righteous God, you are pleased when we live together in unity: may the people of this region be at peace with one another. May our work be rewarding and our needs be met.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those for whom faith is a struggle. Make all your people glad by the living hope that is found in you.

Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Joyce, Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Lynda, Jim and Ann,
Edwin, Peg, Joe, Frank, Warren, Daphne, Bob and Doris,
Jan, Florence, Camden, Nikki, Peggy, Vicky, Tammy and her family,
and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

God of life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone, even to the grave. Preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead. 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 (6919).

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

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

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

Special Music

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.

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

(sing in unison)

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

S-130 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (cont.)

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: "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 melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment. The piece concludes with a double bar line.



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)*

Our Lord's Prayer by Rosanne Brown

5
9 Our Father in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name! Your —
11 king - dom come, Your — will be done, on
15 earth as in heav-en. Give us our — dai - ly bread,
19 for-give us our sins, as — we for - give those who
23 sin — a-against us. Save us from the time of trial,
27 and de-liv - er us from e - vil. For the kingdom,
31 and the pow-er, and the glo - ry are
Yours! — Now and for - ev - er, A - men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- † Altar flowers Sunday April 8 – given by Ann Foster in celebration of her birthday April 9th
- † 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 15 – ECW used book sale
- † Sunday April 15 – **11:30 Vestry meeting**
- † Sunday April 22 – **4th Sunday FISH donations.**
- † Sunday April 22 – **Special coffee hour: – Diapers and Donuts baby shower for the Volkmers. See Amy Kopp for details.**
- † Monday April 23 – Deadline for **May 2018 Lantern** articles and info.
- † Saturday April 28 – **Blood Drive at St. C. 8:30 – 12 noon.**
- † Sunday April 29 – **5th 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. ****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers – 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, phone: 254-0005.
- † The April Lantern – is 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!!



Barbershop PVA Benefit,
featuring Phil Dirt and the Dozers
Saturday, May 5 at 2 p.m.

The Miami Valley Music Men, (the Dayton area Barbershop Chorus) presents its 3rd annual benefit for Paralyzed Veterans of America (Buckeye chapter). This event will be at Memorial Hall, 125 E. First St. in Dayton.

Along with an offering of patriotic and inspirational songs by the Miami Valley Music Men, the headliners will be the popular regional rock revival band Phil Dirt and the Dozers. Please circle the date, tell some family and friends, and plan to come to this upbeat and inspirational afternoon.

The doors will open at 1 p.m. and suggested donation is \$20 (\$10 for children). Every dollar over the cost of the concert will go to PVA for their work with veterans. If you are moved to make an advanced donation, please go to: GoFundMe - Paralyzed Veterans of America - Buckeye Chapter.

Every little bit donated will help meet the cost of the event and allow the Music Men to provide a larger check for the work of the PVA. Thank you!

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>December</u>	<u>Jan 2018</u>	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>March</u>
1st Sunday	58	64	59	67
2nd Sunday	64	37	56	54
			Ash Wed 18	
3rd Sunday	78	64	42	47
4th Sunday	C'mas Eve 103	60	50	58
				MT 39 GF 15
5th Sunday	L&C 54	n/a	n/a	n/a
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>280</u>



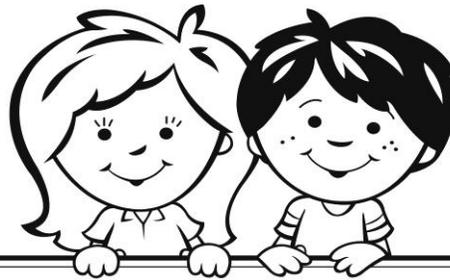
Diapers and Donuts Baby Shower

Welcome baby Owen to the Volkmer family! Join us for a Diapers and Donuts baby shower Sunday, April 22 during coffee hour.

Please show the family a little St. Christopher's love. Diapers, wipes, milk storage bags and other usable items are welcome!

The Volkmers are registered on Amazon - search in Baby Registry for Anne Volkmer or click here: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/28UZ25072UB9F>

Questions - Contact Amy Kopp



Children's Bulletins are available for each Sunday's service for ages 3-6 and 7-12. The activities relate to the lessons for that Sunday. Please keep the weekly Children's Bulletin, and return the activity bag.

Altar Guild — Please Join Us!

Looking for a way to get involved at St. Christopher's? St.C's Altar Guild is in need of new members. The guild is seeking people interested in "setting the Lord's table".

St.C's Altar Guild currently has seven members who serve one week in rotation, usually two at a time, to prepare for our Sunday services and our occasional services during the work-week.

If you'd like to know more about St.C's, our Episcopal traditions and history, or if you have a couple of hours each month to share with us, please contact Andrea Haberecht, or any Altar Guild member.

Community Blood Drive

*At St. Christopher's on **Saturday, April 28, 2018, 8:30 a.m.**
to 12 p.m. We will need donations of 1/2 dozen donuts and
half gallons of juices. Please list your donation on the clip
board in the fellowship hall,
or call Lee Charters at 937-829-8630.*

*To donate blood, an appointment is required. Please sign up
for an appointment on line- www.donortime.com, sponsor
code 1043, or call 1-800-GIVE, or 1-937-461-3450.*

*We will also need people to sign up to be hosts/hostesses to
cover from 8:30 to noon.*

The Rt. Reverend Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio,
will celebrate St. Andrew's final Eucharist at 4 pm on April 8, 2018



*For everything there is
a season, and a
Time for every purpose
under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

A final Liturgy to give thanks and celebrate
150 years of Worship and Ministry in Dayton

Sunday, April 8, 2018

4 o'clock in the afternoon

Reception follows Holy Eucharist - Kindly RSVP

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~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

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Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz
Chalice Bearers	Toni Olgeaty
Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
First Reader	Melody Kelley
Second Reader	Alan Haberecht
Ushers	Sierra Lester, Hayward Learn
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Mary Donnellan, Bruce Hain
Nursery	Jones
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Gordon Hermann, John Stauffer
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