

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.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 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 Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Special Music

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 199 “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

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: #195 “Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now” Vs. 1-2

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Acts 4:5-12**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: #645 “The King of Love” Vs 1-3

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: #645 “The King of Love” Vs 4

The Homily

Pastor Steve Kimpel

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, you are the good shepherd of your people. Hear the cry of your flock as we pray.
“Good Shepherd, receive our prayer.”

Good Shepherd, you call us to follow where you lead. Give us ears to hear and know your voice. Give us the courage and strength to lay down our lives for one another, as even you laid down your life for us.

Silence

Good Shepherd,
Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, gather to yourself the people of the world so there will be one flock under your reign. Forgive us for our hatred and divisions.

Silence

Good Shepherd,
Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you have blessed us with green pastures and still waters – places in your world where we find rest and renewal. We thank you for the beauty of the earth.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Good Shepherd,
Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, even when wolves attack, you never leave your loved ones; even in the valley of the shadow of death, you are present. Be with all victims of violence. Comfort them in their distress.

Silence

Good Shepherd,
Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you love us so much that you call us each by name: we pray for the healing of our brothers and sisters in your name. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Joanne, 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

Good Shepherd,
Receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you are our salvation. Grant all who have died a dwelling place in your house forever. 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 (6920).

Silence

Good Shepherd,
Receive our prayer.

(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

“If You Love Me” 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.

The Great Thanksgiving,

All as are able, standing.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be 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 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; 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.)

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 musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a long note in the vocal line. The second system ends with a long note in the piano line. The third system ends 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

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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,
for-give us our sins, as — we for - give those who
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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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- † Altar flowers Sunday April 22 – given by previous donations
- † 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 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 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.



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



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.



TODAY Sunday April 22

The 38th Annual Greene County Spring Ring

Handbell choirs from Beaver creek and Fairborn make up the majority of the groups with about 80 ringers!

Sunday, April 22, at 4:00 p.m.

Fairborn United Methodist Church, 100 N. Broad St. in Fairborn

A free-will offering will be taken.

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!

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Celebrant	Pastor Steve Kimpel
Worship Leader	Ron D’Alessandris
Chalice Bearers	Alan Haberecht
Acolyte	James Lester
First Reader	Judy Brainard
Second Reader	Mary Donnellan
Ushers	Ann Foster, Gordon Hermann
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Nursery	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Judy Brainard, Betty Crichton
Tellers	Deb Snavely, Ed Smith
Fellowship	Baby shower
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