

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

I am
the
vine;
you
are
the
branches.
John 15:5

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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: # 529..... “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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: #180..... “He Is Risen, He Is Risen!” verses 1-2

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Acts 8:26-40**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

Ruler of the nations, under your reign the poor shall eat and be satisfied: make known your saving deeds to the ends of the earth.

Silence

Loving God,

Put your words in our hearts.

Creator God, you nourish our bodies and our spirits with the fruits of the vine.

Give us eyes to see your presence in our world; give us words to witness to your goodness.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Loving God,

Put your words in our hearts.

Good Teacher, you sent Philip to the Ethiopian so that he would be transformed by understanding: bless our local schools, colleges, and universities. Give wisdom and understanding to all those who teach and all those who learn. Give them sufficient resources for their mission.

Silence

Loving God,

Put your words in our hearts.

O God, you are love. We pray for our brothers and sisters, especially those in great need. Increase our love for them; teach us empathy. Bless them with your healing touch.

Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

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

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Loving God,

Put your words in our hearts.

Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: May your love be an eternal abode for all your saints. 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), and all your faithful departed.

Bob Bastin, father of Deb Snavely

Silence

Loving God,

Put your words in our hearts.

(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 “For Where God Is, There Is Love” by Wagner

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

S 120 “Lift up your hearts”

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i>	
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

(sing in unison)

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 music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The final measure of 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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27
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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.

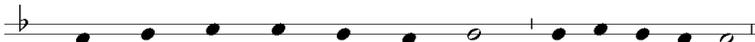
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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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: # 602..... "Jesu, Jesu"

Muchos Resplandores (Many are the light beams)
#794 Wonder Love and Praise



1. Mu - chos res-plan - do - res, só - lo u - na luz; es la
2. Mu - chas son las ra - mas, un ár - bol hay, y su
1. Man - y are the light - beams from the one light. Our one
2. Man - y are the bran - ches of the one tree. Our one

luz de Cris - to. Mu - chos res-plan - do - res,
tron - co es Cris - to. Mu - chos son los tron - cos,
light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light - beams
tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the bran - ches

Muchos Resplandores (Many are the light beams) (cont.)

3. Muchos son los dones, uno el amor:
el amor de Cristo.
Muchos son los dones, uno el amor
que nos hace uno.

3. *Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one.
Love's the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one;
we are one in Christ.*

4. Muchas las tareas, uno el sentir,
el sentir de Cristo.
Muchas las tareas, uno el sentir
que nos hace uno.

4. *Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one;
servant spirit of Jesus.
Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one;
we are one in Christ*

5. Muchos son los miembros, un cuerpo hay,
ese cuerpo es Cristo.
Muchos son los miembros, un cuerpo hay
y en El somos uno.

5. *Many are the members, the body is one;
members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one;
we are one in Christ.*

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 # 657“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- † **Altar flowers Sunday April 29** – given by Lee Charters in celebration of her son, Robert’s 48th birthday, and Lee’s 67th birthday.
- † **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 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 May Lantern** – will be online at stchristophersfairborn.org.

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	The Rev. Gregory P. Sammons
Worship Leader	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearers	Cindy Feltz
Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
First Reader	Alan Haberecht
Second Reader	Sierra Lester
Ushers	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Darlene and Gordon Walbroehl
Nursery	Volkmer
Altar Guild	Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Susan Brainard
Fellowship	Fifth Sunday International Potluck
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