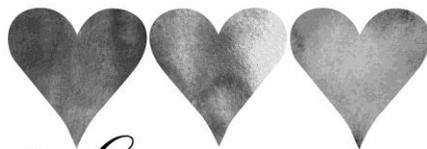


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

The Celebration of Morning Prayer

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! ~*

Service of Morning Prayer Rite II

The Prelude

Special Music

Melody Kelley

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 292 “O Jesus, Crowned With All Renown”

Opening Sentences

Leader Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Leader If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,

People **where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(In unison)

All as are able, kneeling

**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 neighbor 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.**

Leader: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *(All stand)*

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen, Alleluia.**

Leader and People

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Psalm: 98

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Leader and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen, Alleluia.**

The First Reading Acts 10:44-48

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

(recite in unison)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Second Reading1 John 5:1-6

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 467“Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love”

The Third ReadingJohn 15:9-17

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Delivered by Cindy Feltz

The Apostles’ Creed

Leader and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

All as are able, kneeling.

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader and People

**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.**

Suffrage

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Leader: I invite your prayers for the needs of the world, our nation and all those on our parish prayer list:

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

A Collect for those we love

O Lord, we entrust all those who are dear to us to your never failing care and love, for this life and the life to come; knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the Peace of Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, you have said to your apostles, my 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 the heavenly city where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, One God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Peace

All as are able, standing.

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory

The Music at the Offertory “Walk Worthy” by Joseph Martin

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 General Thanksgiving *Leader and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom *Leader and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn # 400 “All Creatures of Our God and King” vs 1,3,5,7

The Announcements –

Please take note of the announcements on the following pages.

You are cordially invited to the 1st ever
Sunday School Art Show . . .

When: Sunday May 6th, 2018

Where: St. Christopher’s Corner

Time: after the service

Come see all the wonderful pieces of art
from our little masters.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- † **Altar flowers Sunday May 6** – given by Ann Foster in Thanksgiving for St. Christopher’s.
- † **The Sanctuary Candle Sunday May 6** – given by Ann Foster in Thanksgiving for St. Christopher’s.
- † **Sunday School Schedule** –
 - **9:15 Sunday School:** Third Grade and up.
 - **10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- † **Sunday May 13** – **Mother’s Day!**



- † **Saturday May 19** – 2 pm Rosanne Brown student piano recital and reception.
- † **Sunday May 20** – ECW used book sale
- † **Monday May 21** – Deadline for **June 2018 Lantern** articles and info.
- † **Sunday May 27** – **4th Sunday FISH donations.**
- † **Sunday May 27** – The Rev. Canon Lynn Carter-Edmands will be here for the 10:00 service, and the Vestry meeting to follow.
- † **Sunday May 27** – **11:30 Vestry meeting**
- † **Monday May 29** – **Memorial Day Holiday** – church office closed.
- † **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** – is online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.



Coming in June ...

The celebration for the end of our program year will be Sunday June 3.

June 20. We will travel just north of Springfield for a delightful tea at Colonial Manor Bed and Breakfast for tea at noon. See the May Lantern for more information.

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.

Sunday Attendance	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	March	April
1st Sunday	64	59	67	Easter 131
2nd Sunday	37	56	54	47
3rd Sunday	64	42	47	56
4th Sunday	60	50	58	56
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a	n/a	63
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>226</u>	(to date) <u>353</u>

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
First Reader	Judy Brainard
Second Reader	David Manship
Ushers	Sierra Lester, James Lester
Healing Prayers	Joyce D’Alessandris
Greeters	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Nursery	Kopp
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Rosalie Arnold
Fellowship	Stauffer
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