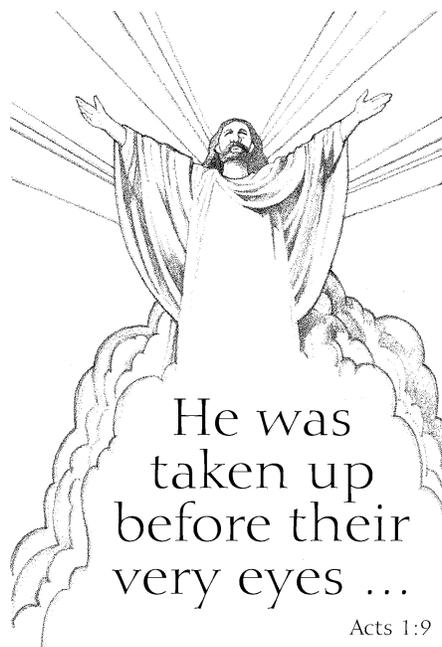


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



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 Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday After the Ascension

May 13, 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: # 214 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise, Alleluia!”

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

“A Song of Praise” S-236

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -

A Song of Praise (Cont.)

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you, 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Acts 1:1-11**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram’s-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

The Second Reading **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 215 “See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph” vs 1-2

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

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

Loving Jesus, you guard and protect your own: bless those who, following in your ways, protect and care for society's most vulnerable members. We remember and give thanks for all our mothers, living and departed.

Silence

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

King of Glory, do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us: Comfort and heal all those in peril or need. 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,
Jan, Peg, Doris, Deb, 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

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

O God, you have given us eternal life, and this life is in your Son, Jesus: may we, with those who have died, enjoy our life with you now and forever. Especially we remember this day: our 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

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

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

The Confession and Absolution

All as are able, kneeling.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 neighbors 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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

The Peace

All as are able, standing.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

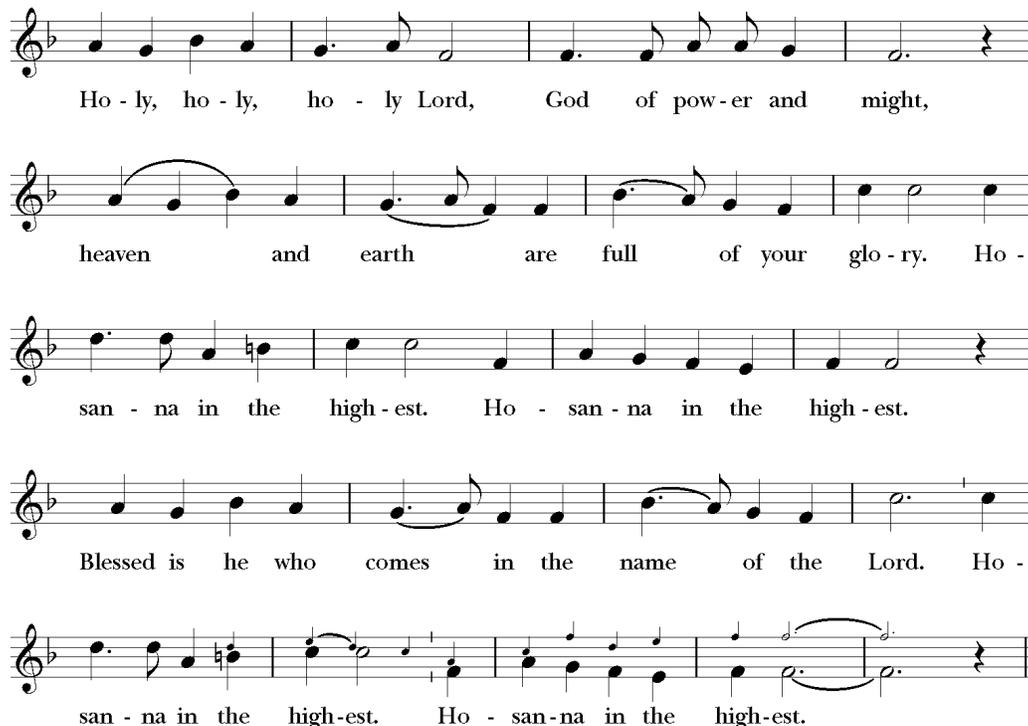
And also with you.

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, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

The Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S-125
(sing in unison)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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)

Our Lord's Prayer by Rosanne Brown

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11
15
19
23
27
31

Our Father in heav-en, hal-low-ed 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- † **Altar flowers Sunday May 13** – given by Frank and Iyabo Eguaroje celebrating grandson Nolen's second 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 May 13** – **Mother's Day!**
- † **Saturday May 19** – 2 pm Rosanne Brown student piano recital and reception.
- † **Sunday May 20** – **The Day of Pentecost**
- † **Sunday May 20** – ECW used book sale
- † **Monday May 21** – Deadline for **June 2018 Lantern** articles and info.
- † **Sunday May 27** – **Trinity Sunday.** 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**
- † **Sunday May 27** – **4th Sunday FISH donations.**
- † **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'Allessandris 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.



Memorial Day
*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

Happy Mother's Day
to all our very special mothers!



I have been reminded of your sincere faith,
which first lived in your grandmother...
and in your mother...and...now lives in you also.

2 Timothy 1:5

Coming in June ...

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

Wednesday June 20. We will travel just north of Springfield for a delightful tea at Colonial Manor Bed and Breakfast for tea at noon.

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

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Chalice Bearers	Alan Haberecht
Acolyte	James Lester
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Second Reader	Sierra Lester
Ushers	Iyabo Eguaroje, Hayward Learn
Healing Prayers	Cindy Feltz
Greeters	Mary Donnellan, Bruce Hain
Nursery	Jones
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
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