

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 Day of Pentecost

May 20, 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: # 225 “Hail Thee, Festival Day” (Pentecost)

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

A Song of Praise (Cont.)

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, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ 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 2:1-21**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
 creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
 which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
 to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
 you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
 and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
 I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
 Hallelujah!

The Second Reading **Romans 8:22-27**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: #512 “Come, Gracious Spirit” Vs 1-2

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

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

The Holy Gospel **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: #512 “Come, Gracious Spirit” Vs 3-4

The Homily

The Rev. Elaine Silverstrim

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

Brothers and sisters, we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Holy Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. So let us make our invocation, "Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit."

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon your Church. May our young people see visions; may our old people dream dreams. Bless all your ministers, lay and ordained, to declare your salvation.

Silence

Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, the whole creation groans for your redemption. You have filled the earth with good things; we often fail to appreciate those good things. Give us eyes to see your saving works in the world around us.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, we thank you for the rich and diverse religious community of our city. We agree and we disagree. Give us faith to trust you to guide all religious communities into all the truth.

Silence

Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, grant that all those who are sick and suffering, threatened and afraid, may evermore rejoice in the Spirit's holy comfort.

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

Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, you send forth your Spirit to create and renew. Give us patience to hope for that great and glorious day on which the dead shall be raised to new life in your Son Jesus. 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

Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

(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 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, remain 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.**

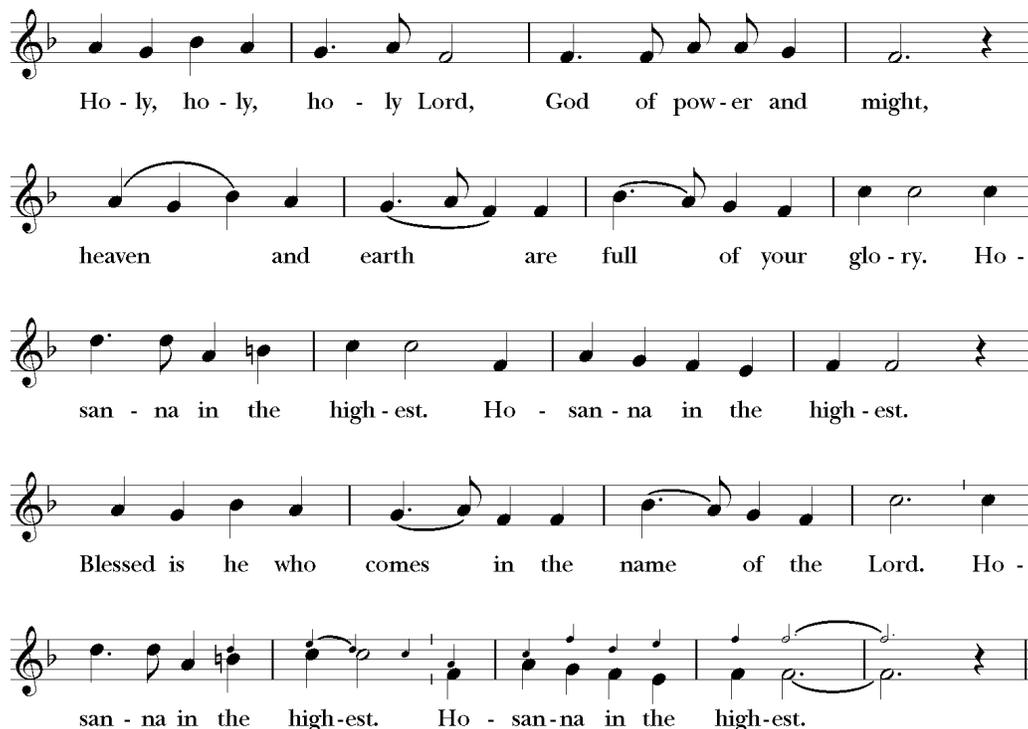
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down (on this day) from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 continues

And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(sing in unison)*

Lord's Prayer: "Our Father" by Melody Kelley

Our Father

Worshipfully Melody Kelley

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be Thy Ho-ly

name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give our sins as

we for-give oth-ers. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion but de-

liv-er us from e-vil, for Thine is the king-dom and the

pow-er, and the glo-ry for-ev-er, 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.

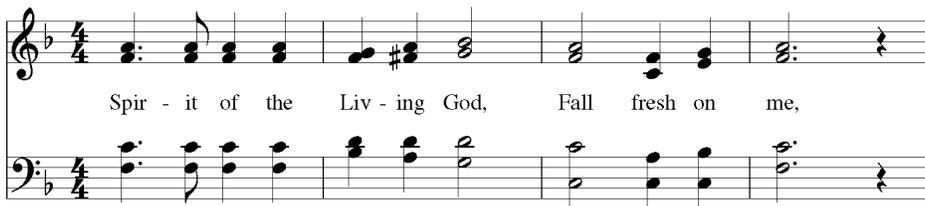
~ All are welcome to the Lord's Table: open to all who come, so all may be fed. ~

The Communion Hymns: # 508..... “Breath on Me, Breath of God”

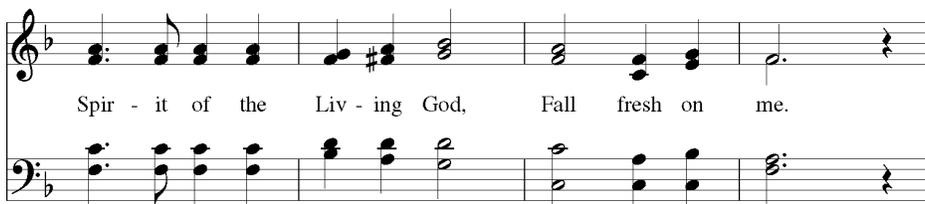
513..... “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

“Spirit of the Living God” LEVAS #115

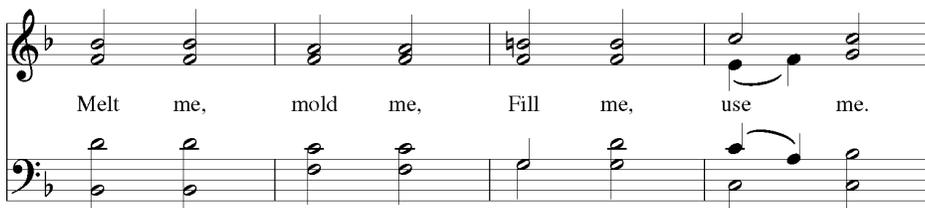
“Spirit of the Living God” Lift Every Voice and Sing #115



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”..... LEVAS #120

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Lift Every Voice and Sing #120

The first system of the piano accompaniment for the hymn. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal parts.

Vocal line for the first system of the hymn. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It includes three verses of lyrics.

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
 (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're

The second system of the piano accompaniment, continuing the harmonic support for the vocal line.

Vocal line for the second system of the hymn, continuing the melody and lyrics.

1. know that it's the Spir - it of _____ the Lord. _____ There are
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and _____ be - lieve. _____ You're the
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can

The third system of the piano accompaniment.

Vocal line for the third system of the hymn.

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
 3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -

The fourth and final system of the piano accompaniment, concluding the piece.

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (cont.)

1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way.”
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in

praise; With - out a doubt we'll know that we have

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (cont.)

1.-2. 3.

been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are 3. If you place.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time. The score includes three verses of lyrics. The first verse is 'been re-vived when we shall leave this place.' The second verse is '2. There are' and the third is '3. If you place.' The score is marked with '1.-2.' and '3.' above the first and second measures of the vocal line, respectively.

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, 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 May 20** – given by Anne and Mike Volkmer in celebration of their 9 year Wedding Anniversary.
- † **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 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** – 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 28 – 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.



Memorial Day
Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives

WE NEED MOWERS – We need volunteers to help the church’s mowing team. Please see Ed Smith, Dan Snavelly, or Gordon Hermann to join the team!!

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.”**

Celebrant	The Rev. Elaine Silverstrim
Worship Leader	Ron D’Allessandris
Chalice Bearers	Cindy Feltz
Acolyte	Ed Smith
First Reader	Theresa Turner
Second Reader	Stan Nelson
Ushers	Ann Foster, Gordon Hermann
Healing Prayers	Toni Olgeaty
Greeters	Iyabo Eguaroje, Gordon Hermann
Nursery	Faller
Altar Guild	Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Cindy Manship, Millie Roach
Fellowship	open
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