

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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

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 “You Raise Me Up” Rolf Lovland

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 525 “The Church’s One Foundation vs. 1-3

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

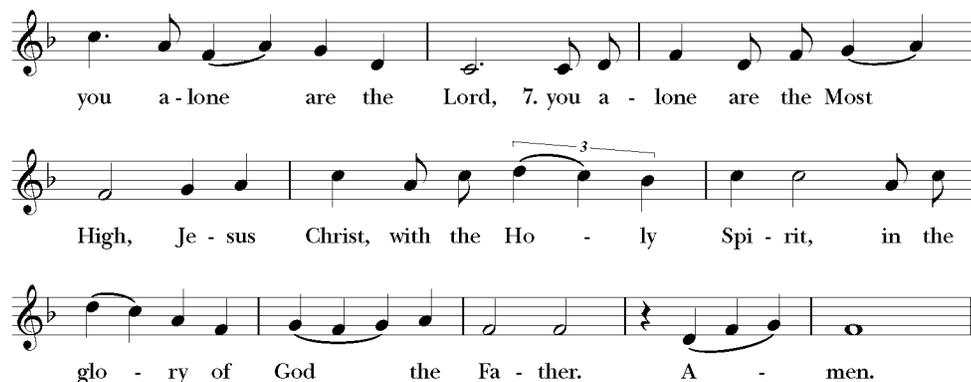
The Collect for Purity *(in unison)*

**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 “Glory to God” S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

“Glory to God” (Cont.)



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading.....**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 92:1-4, 11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the world. For love, your Son Jesus died for all. We pray that all the people of the world come to know that love.

Silence

We call upon your Name, O Lord!

Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for all creation. Bless seeds to produce. Bless fields to yield their crop. Bless those who plant and those who gather. May all be blessed by the harvest.

Silence

We call upon your Name, O Lord!

Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for all artists, poets, dancers and musicians. Remember their offerings of beauty and inspiration and prosper their plans. We thank you for the blessed gift of creativity.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

We call upon your Name, O Lord!

Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for those in need. Answer them in their day of trouble. Send them help and strengthen them to stand. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

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

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

We call upon your Name, O Lord!

Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the dying and the dead. Raise those who have died in the body to newness of life. Grant them a home with you 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 (6921).

Silence

We call upon your Name, O Lord!

Answer us when we call.

(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

“Something for Thee” arr. Craig Courtland

Solo: Barry Kelley

The Doxology

All as are able, standing

Hymn #380 vs 3, **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

The Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S-129

(sing in unison)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. 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

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 Father, 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: # 524..... "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

302..... "Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted"

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: #613..... "Thy Kingdom Come, O God!"

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Special Music

Melody Kelley



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ Altar flowers Sunday June 17 – given by Theresa Turner in celebration of Nathan's Birthday.
- ☆ Sunday June 17 – Father's Day
- ☆ Sunday June 17 – ECW used book sale
- ☆ Sunday June 17 – 11:30 Vestry meeting



- ☆ **Wednesday June 20** – Outing: We will travel just north of Springfield for a delightful tea at Colonial Manor Bed and Breakfast for tea at noon.
- ☆ **Sunday June 24** – 4th **Sunday FISH donations.**
- ☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – **Tuesdays at noon** a Healing Service is held in the church proper. The service is open to anyone who wants to attend.
- ☆ **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 and/or to host Coffee Hour. 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 June Lantern** – is online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.
- ☆ We are still collecting used printer cartridges. They can be recycled at the office supply stores. There is a plastic container in Christopher's corner for you to fill!!

Happy Father’s Day to all our dads.

Honor Your Father



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The mowing team at St. C’s lost two members this year. Volunteers are needed to help keep the lawns at St. C’s looking good. Contact Ed Smith, Dan Snaveley, or Gordon Hermann to join the team!!

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

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Chalice Bearers	Ed Smith
Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
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Second Reader	Theresa Turner
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Nursery	tbd
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