

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.

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 15, 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

Special Music

All as are able, standing

### The Processional Hymn: # 686..... “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

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

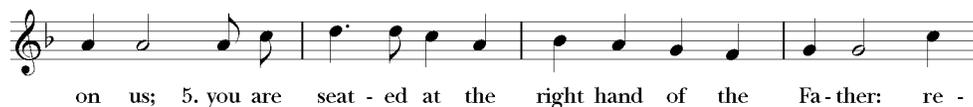
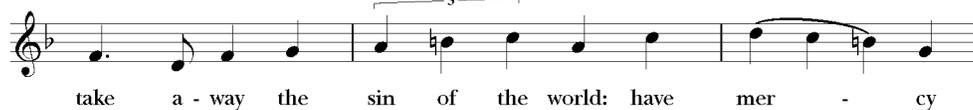
### The Collect for Purity

(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



“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 musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most'. The second staff contains 'High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the'. The third staff contains 'glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.' There is a fermata over the final 'men.' and a double bar line at the end.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading** ..... **Amos 7:7-15**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm: 85:8-13** *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**The Second Reading** ..... **Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All as are able, standing*

**The Gradual Hymn: # 615** ..... “Thy Kingdom Come!” ..... Vs 1-3

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

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

**The Holy Gospel** ..... **Mark 6:14-29**

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Gradual Hymn: # 615** ..... “Thy Kingdom Come!” ..... Vs 4

**The Homily** ..... **The Rev. Susan Mills**

**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*

Friends, we have been chosen by God in Christ to be holy and blameless before God in love!  
Offer your prayers, saying, “O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people; Lord, have mercy.”

We thank you, Lord Christ, that you have redeemed us, that you forgive us our trespasses, that you lavish  
us with grace. Grant to your church understanding that we may accomplish your purposes.

*Silence*

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

**Lord, have mercy.**

O God, raise up prophets like your servants John the baptizer and the prophets of old. Give courage and  
clarity to those who would speak truth to the world’s power.

*Silence*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, the earth is yours and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein. Give us wisdom as we steward what belongs to you; give us the will to care for your creation.

*Silence*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

**Lord, have mercy.**

Just as David employed men to carry the sacred ark, we acknowledge before you our reliance on the efforts of others. Bless those who labor on our behalf and for our benefit. We pray for the day when all workers earn fair wage.

*Silence*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, in your name and by your hand the sick are anointed, the suffering are set free, and the heartbroken are healed. We pray for our sister and brothers who are in need of your touch. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Linda, Carol, Joanne, Joyce, Toni, Lynda, Daphne, Florence, Warren,  
Gretchen, Jan, Peggy, Camden, Frank, Joe, Nikki, Edwin, Jim and Ann,  
Ben and his family, Zada, Betty, James, Peg, 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*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

**Lord, have mercy.**

O God, it is your good pleasure, in the fullness of time, to gather all things to yourself. May those who have died enjoy forever the inheritance you have prepared for us in Christ. 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*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

**Lord, have mercy.**

*(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** “Communion Hymn” by Melody Kelley

This was the first of the dream-melodies beginning in 1979.

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

6 name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heav-en. 3

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

16 we for-give oth-ers. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion but de- 3

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

25 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:** # 325 ..... "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
# 697 ..... "My God, Accept My Heart This Day"

### 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: #512** ..... "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

### 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



Welcome and Thank You to The Rev. Susan Mills  
for joining us today as our Celebrant!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday July 15** – given by previous donations
- ☆ **Sunday July 15** – ECW/M used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday July 15** – NO Vestry meeting; Next Vestry meeting Sunday August 19
- ☆ **Sunday July 22** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday FISH donations.
- ☆ **Thursday July 26** – Outing: Amish Lunch
- ☆ **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](mailto:dallessa@aol.com), phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The July/August Lantern** – is online at [stchristophersfairborn.org](http://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!!

**Save the date:** The ECW/M has scheduled a tour of the Dayton VA Grotto gardens Sat. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 followed by lunch at the Dublin Pub at noon. There will be a sign up in Christopher’s corner next week – Please check your calendars!

### **Special Event in July ... Thursday July 26: Amish Lunch**

We will travel north of Bellefontaine for an Amish lunch in an Amish home owned and operated by Nancy and Mavin Helmuth. Either before or after, we will go to an Amish store that is run by a Hutterite family who are friends of Mary’s. On the way home, we can stop at Marie’s Candies in West Liberty. See the Fellowship article in the July/August Lantern for more information.

**\*\*\*ALERT!! -- Sign-up for Altar flowers – for August/September: several dates are open.**  
**\*\*We have used up our credits from previous duplicate donations.**  
**If no one signs up for vacant Sundays, we won’t have flowers on the altar.**  
**When you make a payment for flowers, please note the amount given, and the date for the flowers.**



**We also need sign-ups for hosting Coffee Hour.**

**\*\*\* Remember to sign up for coffee hour.**  
Coffee hour does not have to be elaborate.  
More than one family can share, and then it’s almost no trouble at all.



**Coffee Fellowship**

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Celebrant	The Rev. Susan Mills
Worship Leader	Ron D’Alessandris
Chalice Bearers	Ed Smith
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
First Reader	David Manship
Second Reader	Paul Reichert
Ushers	Iyabo Eguaroje, Paul Reichert
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Joyce and Ron D’Alessandris
Nursery	Kopp
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Cindy Manship, Millie Roach
Fellowship	Lois Garner, Carole Smith
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