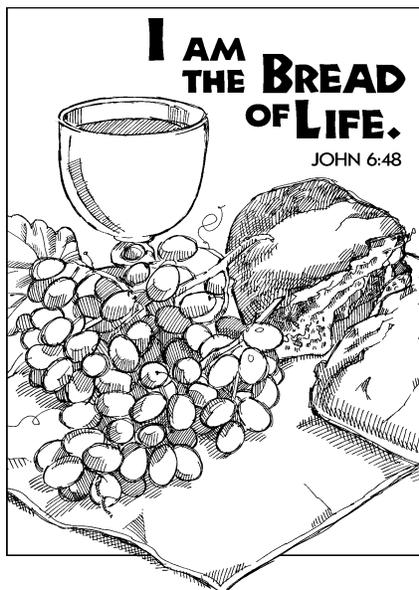


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

The Celebration of Morning Prayer

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! ~*

Service of Morning Prayer Rite II

The Prelude

“Morning Meditation”

Melody Kelley

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 7 “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Opening Sentences

Leader Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People **I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

Leader Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,

People **and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

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 us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

All as are able, standing

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: 34:1-8 *Benedicam Dominum*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

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 1 Kings 19:4-8

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 679 “The First Song of Isaiah” (*Isaiah 12:2-6*)

The Second Reading Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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:

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

Healing Prayers will be offered at the altar rail after the service.

The Offertory

The Music at the Offertory

“The Prayer” written by

David Foster, Carole Bayer, Alberto Testa, Tonu Renis

solo: Amanda Noel Elrod

All as are able, standing

The Doxology

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 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: #556..... “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

The Announcements –

Please take note of the announcements on the following pages.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday August 12** – given by Rosalie & Rudy Arnold in celebration of Michelle’s birthday.
- ☆ **Sunday August 12 – Morning Prayer Service**
- ☆ **Sunday August 19** – ECW/M used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday August 19 – 11:30 Vestry meeting**
- ☆ **Monday August 20** – deadline **September 2018 Lantern** articles/info
- ☆ **Sunday August 26 – 4th Sunday FISH donations.** Fairborn FISH needs a few packages of size 1 diapers and a great many size 3, 4, 5, 6. FISH also can use many packages of baby wipes. Please put them in the FISH wagon at church, and they will be delivered.
- ☆ **Monday September 3 – Labor Day Holiday** – church office closed.
- ☆ **Thursday September 6** – 7:00 Choir restarts
- ☆ **Sunday September 9** – We will start the new program year with our usual picnic/potluck. Sunday School and Choir will start again September 6th
- ☆ **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 July/August Lantern** – is online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

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| Acolyte | Alan Haberecht |
| First Reader | John Stauffer |
| Second Reader | Mary Donnellan |
| Ushers | Gordon Hermann, James Lester |
| Healing Prayers | tbd |
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| Nursery | Volkmer |
| Altar Guild | Eleanor and Becky Wood |
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