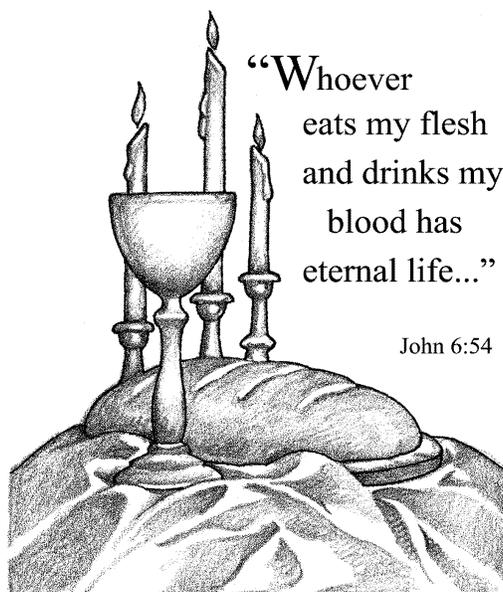


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Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



“Whoever
eats my flesh
and drinks my
blood has
eternal life...”

John 6:54

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 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 “How Great Is Our God” with “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash.

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 304.....“I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

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

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

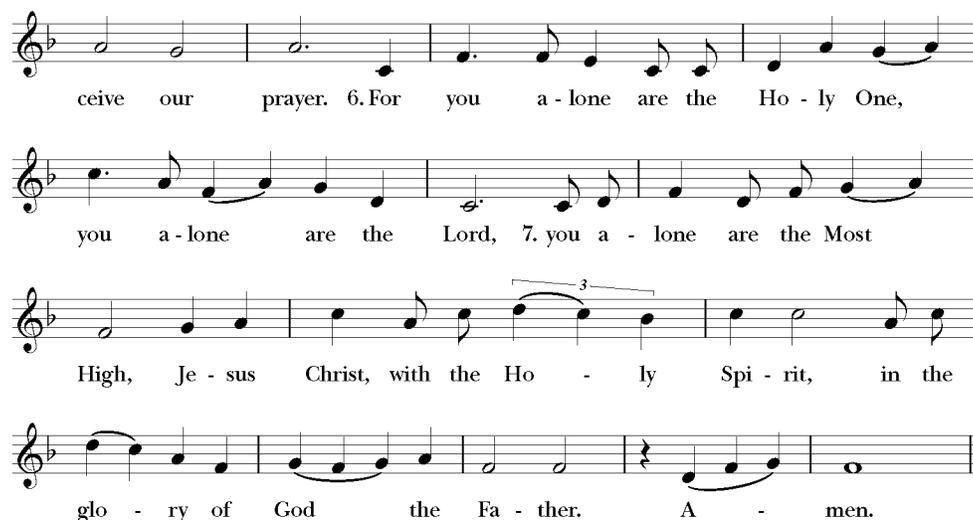
The Collect for Purity *(in unison)*

**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 - mighty 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 -

“Glory to God” (Cont.)



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Proverbs 9:1-6**

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

The Psalm: 34:9-14 *Benedicam Dominum*

- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

The Second ReadingEphesians 5:15-20

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 51 “We the Lord’s People” 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 6:51-58

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: # 51 “We the Lord’s People” Vs 3-4

The HomilyThe Rev. Gregory P. Sammons

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, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Let us offer to God our prayers,
saying, “At all times and for all things: wise God, we give you thanks.”

Faithful God, you are ever mindful of the covenant you made with your Church in baptism:
Give us grace to follow daily in the blessed steps of your Son Jesus.

Silence

At all times and for all things:

Wise God, we give you thanks.

O Lord, for the sake of this nation and for the world, give to our elected officials wise and discerning minds. May all our works be done in truth and equity.

Silence

At all times and for all things:

Wise God, we give you thanks.

Mighty Creator, your work is full of majesty and splendor. Give us the vision to look upon all you have made with awe and wonder and give you thanks.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

At all times and for all things:

Wise God, we give you thanks.

God, we praise you for children. We pray that our hearts might be humbled to learn from our youngest brothers and sisters what it means to be gracious, compassionate, and filled with the Spirit.

Silence

At all times and for all things:

Wise God, we give you thanks.

Merciful Lord, great are your deeds and marvelous are your works: we pray for those in need of your help and healing, trusting in your righteousness. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

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

At all times and for all things:

Wise God, we give you thanks.

Lord Christ, Living Bread, you promise eternal life for all who eat of your body: grant to us, and to all who have died, eternal life in your heavenly kingdom. 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 (6927).

Vicky, mother of Tammy Elliott

Silence

At all times and for all things:

Wise God, we give you thanks.

(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 “Percussion Mass” based on “Taste and See”
by James Moore Jr. Played by Cindy Feltz (Conga Drums), Dr. Frank Eguaroje (African Talking Drum), and percussion ensemble.

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, standing.*

The Sursum Corda S 120 “Lift up your hearts”

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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

Melody Kelley

Worshipfully

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: # 554.....“Tis the Gift to Be Simple”
324.....“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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: #594.....“God of Grace And God of Glory”

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 Reprise of “Taste and See”



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday August 19** – given by Ann Foster in memory of Ed Malan.
- ☆ **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.**
- ☆ **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 September 9th.
- ☆ **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/M 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'Allessandris 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.
- ☆ 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!!

Volunteers needed - to help with putting the sign saying up.

We have lost 3 people this year and need help. It's not difficult finding sayings with the books we have and the internet. It helps if you partner up with another person and it only has to be done about 2 months a year. See John Stauffer or Ed Smith for more information.

Coming Soon - Sunday September 9th
 St. Christopher's start of our new program year,
 including a Picnic/Potluck following the service.



St. Christopher's September 2018 Lantern --

If you have anything to include in the Sept. Lantern, please send it to the office. Anyone can contribute – think ahead about fall activities. The deadline for entries is Monday August 20th.

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

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Healing Prayers	tbd
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