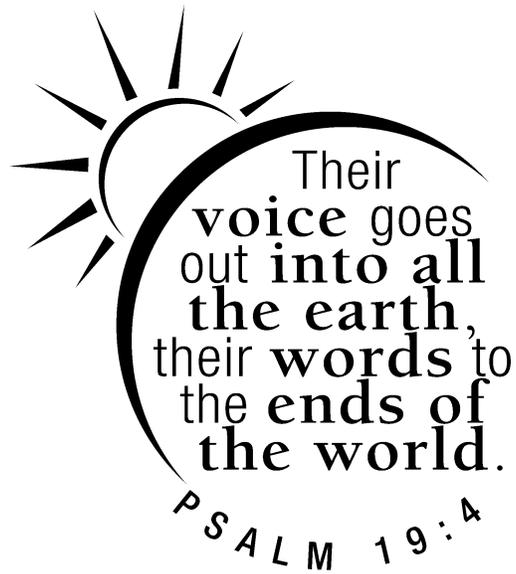


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Sunday School and 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

“Morning Meditation”

Melody Kelley

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 448 “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

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.**

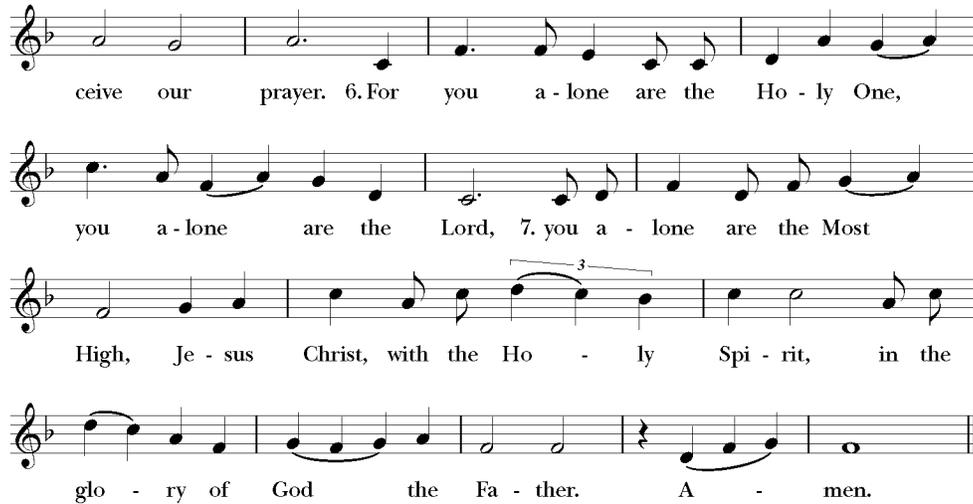
The Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God” S 280

“Glory to God”

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 116:1-8 *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

The Second ReadingJames 3:1-12

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: #707 “Take My Life, And Let It Be”(vs. 1)

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

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

The Holy Gospel Mark 8:27-38

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: #707 “Take My Life, And Let It Be” (vs. 2)

The Homily The 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

My brothers and sisters, those who lose their life for Jesus' sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. Trusting in our God, let us pray, "Spirit, direct our hearts; Spirit, rule our hearts."

Bless your Church, O God, with wisdom. Make our souls holy and grant to us your friendship and love.

Silence

Spirit, direct our hearts;

Spirit, rule our hearts."

O God, inspire a love for wisdom in the leaders of the nations, in the leaders of communities, in the leaders of people. Give us the will to raise up leaders who heed wisdom's cries.

Silence

Spirit, direct our hearts;

Spirit, rule our hearts."

The heavens declare your glory, blessed Creator; the firmament shows your handiwork. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and mouths to sing your praises.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Spirit, direct our hearts;

Spirit, rule our hearts."

We pray, O God, that you guide and direct those who work in the financial and business sectors. May they desire your righteousness more than much fine gold.

Silence

Spirit, direct our hearts;

Spirit, rule our hearts."

Messiah Jesus, it is you who gives light to the eyes and rejoices the heart. We pray for those in need of your touch. Renew the tired, the sick, and the struggling. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Linda, Betty, Carol, Joanne, Toni, Lynda, Daphne, Florence, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Paul, Zada, Peg, Judy, Deb, Peggy, Camden, Warren, Frank, Joe, Nikki,
and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Spirit, direct our hearts;

Spirit, rule our hearts."

Lord Christ, you are life and salvation. Keep those who have died as your own 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 (6932).

Silence

Spirit, direct our hearts;

Spirit, rule our hearts."

(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 “Walk Worthy of the Lord” by Joseph M. Martin

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

The musical score for 'Our Father' is written in treble clef with a common time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.' The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes).

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name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
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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: # 654.....“Day by Day, Dear Lord” (sing twice)
312.....“Strengthen for Service, Lord”

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: #523.....“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

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

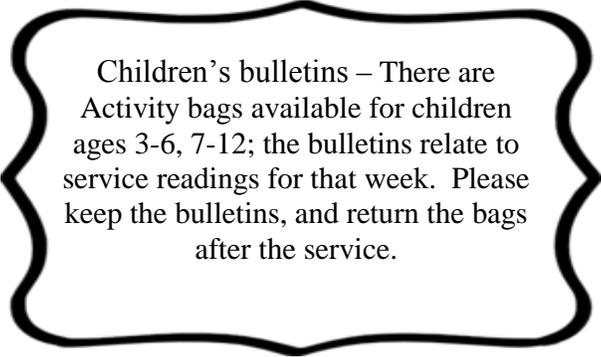


ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ❖ **Altar flowers Sunday September 16** – given by previous donations
- ❖ **Sunday Schedule** –
 - 9:30 – Sunday School Junior/Senior high
 - 10:00 – Eucharist, Sunday School Pre-K and up
- ❖ **Sunday September 16** – ECW/M used book sale
- ❖ **Sunday September 16** – **11:30 Vestry meeting**
- ❖ **Sunday September 23** – **4th Sunday FISH donations.**
- ❖ **Monday September 24** – deadline **October 2018 Lantern** articles/info
- ❖ **Sunday September 30** – Fifth Sunday – Salad potluck Coffee Hour
- ❖ **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 September 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!!



Children's bulletins – There are Activity bags available for children ages 3-6, 7-12; the bulletins relate to service readings for that week. Please keep the bulletins, and return the bags after the service.

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.

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Those Who Serve	
Celebrant	The Rev. Gregory P. Sammons
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Second Reader	Ann Volkmer
Ushers	Gordon Hermann, Hayward Learn
Healing Prayers	tbd
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Nursery	Volkmer
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