

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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 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

Special Music

Melody Kelley

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 390“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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 musical score is written on three staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, featuring a triplet of eighth notes on the word 'Ho'. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First ReadingProverbs 31:10-31

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second ReadingJames 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 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 then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(sing in unison)*

Our Lord's Prayer by Rosanne Brown

Our Father in heav-en, hal-owed be your Name! Your—
king - dom come, Your— will be done, on
earth as in heav-en. Give us our— dai - ly bread,
for - give us our sins, as— we for - give those who
sin— a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,
and the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
Yours!— Now and 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: # 660..... “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

482..... “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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:

“Lead Me, Guide Me” #194 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords, with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over the notes) in both the right and left hands. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

Fine

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

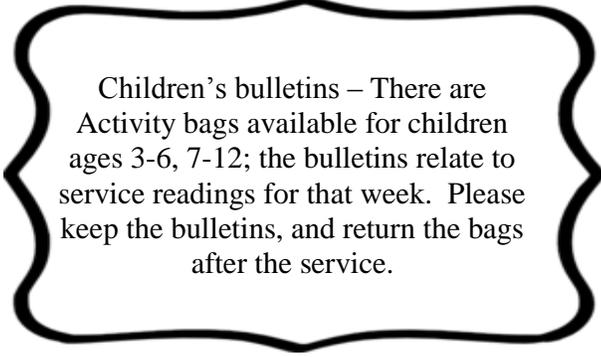
- ✧ **Altar flowers Sunday September 23** – given by previous donations.
- ✧ **Sunday Schedule** –
 - 9:30 – Sunday School Junior/Senior high
 - 10:00 – Eucharist, Sunday School Pre-K to Grade 5.
- ✧ **Sunday September 23** – 4th **Sunday FISH donations.**
- ✧ **Monday September 24** – deadline **October 2018 Lantern** articles/info
- ✧ **Sunday September 30** – Fifth Sunday – Salad potluck Coffee Hour
- ✧ **Wednesday October 3** – ECW/M outing to Dayton Foodbank -- carpool from church at 11:30 a.m.
- ✧ **Monday October 8** – **Columbus Day Holiday** – church office closed.
- ✧ **Sunday October 14** – at 2 p.m. **Cropwalk.** You can sign up to walk, or support others who are walking
- ✧ **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!!



Save the Date

October 14th is the date of the Fairborn CROP Walk. It starts at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church on Broad Street. All ages are welcome to participate in the 10K walk which raises money for the local FISH pantry as well as other local food pantries and CROP International.

See Gail Stauffer or Rosalie Arnold for more information.



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
Worship Leader	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearers	Alan Haberecht
Acolyte	Ed Smith
First Reader	Toni Olgeaty
Second Reader	Judy Brainard
Ushers	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Judy Brainard, Telesa Learn
Nursery	Faller
Altar Guild	Andrea Haberecht
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