

Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio



The Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 25, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

Adult Forum – 9:00 AM – Led by Bishop Breidenthal

Sunday School for Youth and Young Adults – 9:30 AM

Nursery Care, Sunday School for Pre-K through Middle School – 10 AM

Prelude

Special Music

Melody Kelley

The Processional Hymn: # 544 “Jesus Shall Reign”

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant

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 Hymn #8 “Morning Has Broken”

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **2 Samuel 23:1-7**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 132:1-13 *Memento, Domine*

- 1 Lord, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the Lord *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 “I will not come under the roof of my house,” *
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”
- 6 “The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God’s dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David’s sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 “A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

Lector: Everlasting King, you came into the world to testify to the truth. May the words of truth overcome the euphemisms and hyperbole that dominate and control your people.

Silence

Lector: You have made us to be a kingdom,

People: **To you be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

Lector: Everlasting King, mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divide and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under your most gracious rule.

Silence

Lector: You have made us to be a kingdom,

People: **To you be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

Lector: Everlasting King, your reign is one of justice and truth: bless those who strive for justice. Bless those who yearn for truth.

Silence

Lector: You have made us to be a kingdom,

People: **To you be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

Lector: Everlasting King, you love us. It is your will to restore all things. Restore to health and wholeness all those who suffer. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Carol, Bob, Toni, Lynda, Florence, Warren, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Judy, Melissa, Bob, John Z, Linda, Betty, Zada, Camden, and Deb,
and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Lector: You have made us to be a kingdom,

People: **To you be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

Lector: Everlasting King, you are the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead: raise us, with all your saints, to rule with you forever and ever. 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.

Silence

Lector: You have made us to be a kingdom,

People: **To you be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

The Confession and Absolution

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 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries



The Celebrant gives the offertory sentence.

The loose offering today goes to the Episcopal Visitation Fund. Donations to this fund provide scholarships for the Summer Camping Program at Procter and you are invited to be generous. If you wish to write a check for this purpose, it should be made payable to the Diocese of Southern Ohio and will be mailed with the congregation's check for the loose offering

The Music at the Offertory "Canticle of Thanksgiving" by Dale Wood
(A Welsh Tune)

The Doxology

Hymn #380 vs 3 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

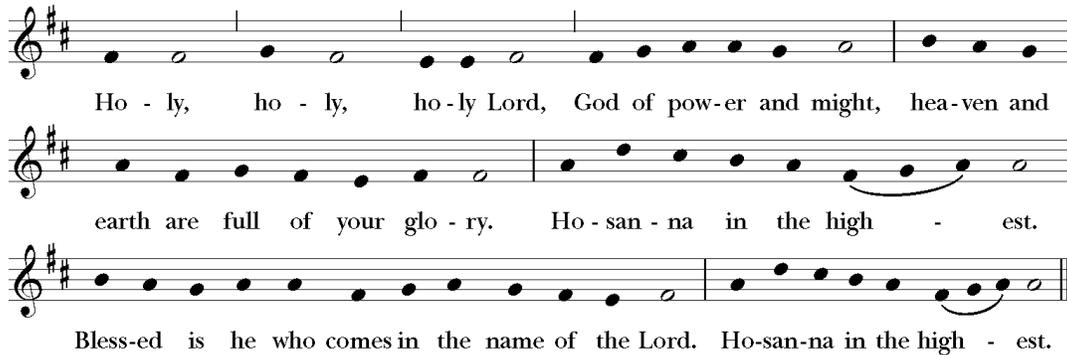
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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-124 (*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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

(sing in unison)

The Lord's Prayer S-150

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day 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,
the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

Prayers for healing are offered at the back of the church during Holy Communion or at the front of the church after the service

The Communion Hymns: # 324.....“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

717.....“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

657.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray:

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

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People: **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever.

The Recessional Hymn: #494..... “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Announcements

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”

Solo: Barry Kelley



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ✧ **Altar flowers Sunday November 25** – given by David and Cynthia Manship in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.
- ✧ **Sunday November 25** – **Bishop Breidenthal visit; he will meet with vestry following coffee hour.**
- ✧ **Sunday November 25** – 4th Sunday for FISH donations.
- ✧ **Friday November 30** – ECW/M Tea in Waynesville
- ✧ **Sunday December 3** – First Sunday of Advent.
- ✧ **Friday December 7** - Wittenberg’s annual Lessons and Carols at 7:00 in beautiful Weaver Chapel.
- ✧ **Sunday December 16 – 5:00 pm**, St. Christopher’s Family Christmas Party.
- ✧ **Weekly Healing Service** – **Tuesdays at noon** Healing Service with Holy Communion.
- ✧ **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 Tree.
email: rjdallessandris@gmail.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ✧ **The November 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.”**

Those Who Serve	
Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, D. Phil
Bishop’s Chaplain	Karah Paddock
Worship Leader	David Christmas
Chalice Bearers	James Lester
Acolyte	Alan Haberecht
First Reader	Stan Nelson
Second Reader	Hayward Learn
Ushers	Iyabo Eguaroje, Sierra Lester
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Iyabo Eguaroje, Telesa Learn
Nursery	Volkmer
Altar Guild	Betty Crichton, tbd
Tellers	Susan Brainard, John Stauffer
Fellowship	All church – Bishop’s visit
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