

Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

Adult Forum – 9:00 AM

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

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

Pre-Prelude Piano selections played by Dan and Eben Mukunzi

Prelude “He Shall Feed His Flock” by George Frideric Handel, from Messiah

The Processional Hymn: # 640 “Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night”

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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 Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able

**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 fully
human. 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

Lector: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Surely, it is God who saves us; therefore, we joyfully pray to the Lord, "God our salvation: thank you."

Lector: Though we are hindered by our sins and in need of your bountiful grace and mercy, you never leave us. You are ever in our midst. Renew your Church in love.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Lector: God our salvation:

People: **Thank you.**

Lector: Make your deeds known among the people, O God. Save the lame; gather the outcast. May the exiles know home and all people know your peace.

Silence

Lector: God our salvation:

People: **Thank you.**

Lector: May your springs of salvation renew the earth. Heal our planet and restore in us a sense of responsibility and gratitude.

Silence

Lector: God our salvation:

People: **Thank you.**

Lector: Merciful God, in this month of great excess and consumerism, call the financial and business communities to act justly and generously. Grant that those without coats be clothed and those without food be fed.

Silence

Lector: God our salvation:

People: **Thank you.**

Lector: O God, you have done great things. With thankful hearts we pray to you for those burdened by shame, grief, or weakness. Be for them a stronghold and a sure defense. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Carol, Toni, Lynda, Florence, Warren, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Judy, Paul, Bob, John Z, Betty Jean and Mark, Melissa, Bob,
Linda, Betty, Melody, 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: God our salvation:

People: **Thank you.**

Lector: God our salvation, gather us, with all those who have died, into your sacred heart. Grant us to sing your praises for all eternity.

Silence

Lector: God our salvation:

People: **Thank you.**

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 Manger Procession of Children with
Crèche figurines and with ornaments for the Jesse tree.*





The Celebrant gives the offertory sentence.

The Music at the Offertory “O Come Emmanuel” by Don Besig

The Doxology

Hymn #54 “Savior of the Nations, Come! verses 1 & 4

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S-125

(sing in unison)

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note G4. The second staff continues with a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a quarter note C4. The third staff has a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The fourth staff has a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a quarter note B2. The fifth staff has a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (in unison)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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: # 679..... “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”
LEV # 9 “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”
68..... “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” #9 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. On— Jor-dan’s storm - y banks I stand, And cast a wish - ful eye;
2. All o’er those wide - ex - tend - ed plains, Shines one e - ter - nal day;
3. No chill - ing winds or poi - s’nous breath Can reach that health - ful shore;
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place And be for - ev - er blest?

1. To Ca-naan’s fair and hap - py land, Where my pos - ses - sions lie.
2. There God the Son for - ev - er reigns, And scat - ters night a - way.
3. Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.
4. When shall I see my Fa - ther’s face, And in God’s bos - om rest?

D.S. Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

D.S.
I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;

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

The Recessional Hymn: #72..... “Hark! The Glad Sound”

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 “Pat-a-pan” a French Christmas carol

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Sunday December 16** – Third Sunday of Advent, decorate the Parish Hall
- ☆ **Sunday December 16 – 5:00 pm ECW/M Family Christmas Party.**
(Caroling will be at **5:00**; Lauren Faller will lead us in some caroling in the neighborhood.)
- ☆ **Sunday December 23** – 4th Sunday for **FISH** donations.
- ☆ **Sunday December 23** – Fourth Sunday of Advent. following the service, Luncheon in Parish hall, with **Greening of the Church**, afterwards
- ☆ **Monday December 24** – **Christmas Eve Service:**
Music at 4:00 p.m., Service at 4:30 p.m.
- ☆ **Tuesday December 25** – **CHRISTMAS DAY** – Church office closed.
- ☆ **Wednesday December 26** – Deadline for **January 2018 Lantern**
- ☆ **Monday December 31** – 9 p.m. ECW/M New Year’s Eve Party!
- ☆ **Monday January 1** – **NEW YEAR’S DAY** Holiday. Church office closed.
- ☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – Tuesdays at noon Healing Service with Holy Communion.
- ☆ **Thursdays – 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice**
- ☆ **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’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Tree.
email: rjdallessandris@gmail.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The December Lantern** is available at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.





Poinsettias

**** Today (Dec 16) is the last day to Sign up and pay for Christmas Poinsettias:**



**TODAY -- Sunday, December 16 at 5:00
ECW/M Family Christmas Party
Special Guest: Santa Claus**

- ◆ Christmas caroling led by Lauren Faller, **starting at 5 PM**
- ◆ Bring items for Fairborn Fish Food Pantry
- ◆ Taco Bar – bring meat, tortillas, or toppings. There is a sign-up sheet.
- ◆ We want to have a Secret Santa Shoppe where our children make a craft that will be a wrapped gift to give to a family member. We would appreciate some help with this!!!
- ◆ Any questions, contact Carole Smith or Amy Kopp.



HARPS OF GRACE AT ST. PAUL'S DECEMBER 18

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will present The Harps of Grace in a program of Christmas favorites, classical selections and traditional Celtic melodies on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00 PM at 33 W. Dixon Avenue in Oakwood. The Harps of Grace is a twelve member harp ensemble directed by Leslie Stratton, the Dayton Philharmonic's principal harpist. There is no charge for the concert, but a freewill offering will be accepted. Plenty of free parking is available. If you love harp music, this concert is for you!

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Those Who Serve	
Celebrant	The Rev. John S. Paddock
Worship Leader	Ron D’Alessandris
Chalice Bearers	Cindy Feltz
Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
First Reader	Debby Snavelly
Second Reader	Stan Nelson
Ushers	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Joyce and Ron D’Alessandris
Nursery	Faller
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
Tellers	Cindy Manship, Gordon Hermann
Fellowship	Rick and Millie Roach
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