



**The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send
in my name, will teach
you everything, and remind
you of all that
I have said to you.**

John 14:26



John 14:27

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, May 25, 2025

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Marva Martinez
Processional	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	H-718
Opening Acclamation		BCP 77
Confession and Absolution		BCP 79
Invitatory and Psalter		BCP 80
All: Glory be to the FATHER and to the SON and to the HOLY SPIRIT. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!		
Jubilate		BCP 82
Psalms	Psalm 67	Attached
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First Reading	Acts 16: 9-15	Attached
Canticle 8	The Song of Moses	BCP 85
All: Glory be to the FATHER and to the SON and to the HOLY SPIRIT. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.		
Second Reading	Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	John 14: 23-29	Attached
Sermon		Dick Young
Apostle's Creed		BCP 96
Suffrage A		BCP 97
Collect of the Day		Attached
Collect for Sundays		BCP 98
Collect for Peace		BCP 99
Prayers of the People Form VI		Attached
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Travelers/Special Prayers		BCP Inside Cover
Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Abide With Me by Henry F. Lyte</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3
The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal Inside Front Cover
Eucharist from Reserve Sacrament		BCP 361
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
Lay Eucharistic Minister's Prayer		BCP Inside Front Cover
Communion Hymn	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	H-498
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
General Thanksgiving		BCP 101
Prayer of St. Chrysostom		BCP 102
Dismissal Hymn	<i>My Country 'Tis of Thee</i>	H-717, Vs 1, 2, 4
Concluding Blessing		BCP 102

Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Psalm

Psalm 67

1. May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2. Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
4. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
5. Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6. The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7. May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

**The Epistle
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**The Holy Gospel
John 14:23-29**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy

Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Prayers of the People Form VI

- L: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;
People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
L: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
L: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
L: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
L: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
L: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, Gerardo, our Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People: For all who serve God in his Church.
L: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in our military serving at home and abroad, including the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force and Merchant Marines. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, Tierra, and Kristen.
People: Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; grant them a sense of your adding presence wherever they may be.
L: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence – The People may add their own petitions

- L: Hear us, Lord;
People: For your mercy is great.
L: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence -The People may add their own thanksgivings

- L: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.
L: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

- L: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: Who put their trust in you.
L: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP

The 1982 Hymnal = H

Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant:	Dick Young
Verger:	Betty Roddy
Crucifer:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Marva Martinez
Second Reading	Diane Plein
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Soock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements May 25, 2025

Our Vision: One congregation worshipping and serving in two languages
Our Mission: We are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus: welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.

Please leave the music inserts and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.



SUNDAY, JUNE 1st and 8th: A reminder that for the next two Sundays, Fr. Troy Mendez will be with us presiding and preaching at our Eucharist at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Please come together and make him feel welcome.

GIVING STATEMENTS: 2025 Giving statements are available in your mailcart folder. If you have questions, please contact Beth Mayhew at 602-435-5272. Thank you for your generosity!

BIBLE STUDY: One of the best ways to connect and grow in our church community is through small groups. Small groups are a place where we can study God's word together and support each other in our faith journeys. The Bible Study is open to everyone and takes place on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**. Come and join in fellowship.

MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10:15 AM: If you like morning prayer and can't get to church all the time, feel free to join us on Zoom any Wednesday morning around 10:15-10:45. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!

BOOKSTORE: Bookstore workers have built a new table called "**Bookstore Workers Favorites.**" There are books, DVD's and other stuff that the bookstore workers have enjoyed. You may find a new friend here. The table is next to the New Arrivals table. Also new is a special display of children's books in excellent condition. This table shares space with the puzzle table. Prices continue very low - no inflation.

USHERS NEEDED: We are in need of ushers to assist on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate in assisting members as they arrive, please speak with one of the ushers after the service.

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Cereal and Grains” Sunday. Please bring a box of your favorite cereal or grains to share (oatmeal, corn flakes, white or brown rice, quinoa, etc.). As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity. Valley View Food Bank is very much appreciative of your generous donations.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	May 5	2025 Total
Weight	75 lbs.	784 lbs.
Cash		\$300.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	May 19	May Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$398.00	\$1,442.75	\$10,288.45**
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$29.90		
Bookstore	\$46.00	\$131.35	\$1,149.50

****Total includes amount from Big Brothers/Big Sisters**

NAME BADGES: We ask that everyone please remember to wear your name badge as it would be of a great help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office.

FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As we only have one coffee hour each Sunday between services and in order for it to be successful, **we need volunteers to host.** Please, please consider volunteering as a coffee hour host. This can be a couple, a family, or individuals working together. It's a great way to get to know folks. The more volunteers, the easier it makes on everyone!

A BIG THANK YOU every week to everyone who helps make coffee hour a friendly, yummy gathering! Coffee hour is a great way for those attending services to reacquaint with each other and to meet new faces.

If you haven't helped with coffee hour before, please consider joining your fellow church members to help serve. You'll make new friends and have a fun time!

***This week's coffee hour is hosted by Domingo Lopez.
We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!***

This Week's Prayer List

One of the ways we care for one another in this church is through prayer. We believe that prayer is powerful and has the ability to bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the people below.

* Juan Gabriel Aleman * Emmanuel Anako * Isaac Anako * Noc Anako * Stella Ardire * Susana Avila *
* Jim & Sue Barnette * Sarah Benson * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder * Kia Browning * Jan Browning *
* Mike Burkhart * Caitlin * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Agnes Chukwudozie *
* Claudio * Philip Cooley * Judy Couvillion * Gale & Arthur Farinas * Bonnie Franco * Isaiah Garcia *
* Ann Gay * Cathy Gustin * Gary Gustin * April Harris * Michael Heap * Marilyn Hunter * Annamarie Jett *
* Jacob "JJ" Johnson (Sister Cheryl's son) * Julie Jones * Ruth Jones * Judith * Gene Lapham *
* Rosa Madrid & Family * Monica Maldonado * Christina Mason * Larry Mayper * Brenda McCormick *
* Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Bryan Nance * Don Palm * Paul & Paula * Joanne Porter *
* Audrey & Christopher Price * Ramon * Rick & Robbie * Ranulfo Orozco Reyes * Bill Rosetti *
* Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * David Scott * Frank & Sue Schlichting * Sebastian *
* Charles Jay Smith & Family * Eunice Uzokwulu * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria *

For those who have died

* Betty Burrous (Barbara Fabre's Mother) * Thomas Canavan * Lois Jones *



Happy Anniversary in May

Belated Wishes to Fr. Gerardo and Viviana	April 27 –	23 years
Kim and James Van Scoter	May 5	1 year
Shawn Mirigian & Gene Lapham	May 28	2 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in May

Connie Stresing	May 1
Mario Ramirez Jr.	May 4
Karolena Cardella	May 12
Janet Young	May 13
Cynthia Aguilar	May 22
Maria Del Toro	May 23
John Kennedy	May 31

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All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for
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