



**A Humility
That
Recognized:**

**Mary
Anoints
Jesus**

John 12:1-8

That Jesus had something she needed.

**That Jesus could do something
she could not do for herself.**

**That Jesus deserved the very best
she could offer to Him.**

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Season of Lent 2025

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist Rite I
Sunday, March 23, 2025

Liturgy of the Word

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| Prelude | | |
| Announcements | | Dick Young |
| Processional | <i>Eternal Lord of Love</i> | H-149 |
| Opening Acclamation | | BCP 355 |
| Kyrie | <i>Kyrie Eleison</i> | Attached |
| The Collect of the Day | | Attached |
| First Reading | Isaiah 43: 16-21 | Attached |
| Psalm | Psalm 126 | Attached |

**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**

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| Second Reading | Philippians 3: 4b-14 | Attached |
| Gospel Hymn | <i>Seek Ye First</i> | H-711, Vs 1, 2 |
| Gospel | John 12: 1-8 | Attached |
| Sermon | | The Rev Gerardo Brambila |
| Nicene Creed | | BCP 326 |
| Prayers of the People Rite I | | Attached |
| Absolution | | BCP 360 |
| The Peace | | BCP-360 |
| Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings | | BCP Inside Cover |
| Travel Blessings | | BCP 831 |

Offertory

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| Offertory Sentence | | BCP 343 |
| Offertory Anthem | <i>Lamb of God by Twila Paris</i> | |
| Doxology | <i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | H-380, v. 3 |

The Holy Communion

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| Eucharistic Prayer Rite I | | BCP 333 |
| Sanctus | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i> | S-129 |
| The Lord's Prayer | <i>Our Father (spoken)</i> | Hymnal Inside Front Cover |
| Fraction Anthem | <i>Christ Our Passover</i> | S-156 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | | BCP 337 |
| Prayer of Humble Access | | BCP 337 |

The Invitation & Distribution

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| Communion Hymn | <i>My God, Thy Table Now is Spread</i> | H-321 |
| Post Communion Prayer | | BCP-498 |
| The Blessing | | Celebrant's Choice |
| Dismissal Hymn | <i>be Thou My Vision</i> | |
| Dismissal Acclamation | | BCP 366 |

Kyrie: Kyrie (Sung)..... Clark

Choir: Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve.
See the violence, feel the hardness.
All my people weep with me.

All sing refrain:

Voice

Ky - ri - e e - tel - son, Chris - te e - tel - son,

Vo.

ky - ri - e e - te i - son.

Choir and Congregation:
Walk among them; I'll go with you.
Reach out to them with my hands.
Suffer with me, and together
We will serve them, help them stand.

REFRAIN

Choir and Congregation: Forgive them Father; hear our prayer.
We would walk with you anywhere.
Through your suffering with forgiveness,
Take your life into the world.

REFRAIN

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Psalm Psalm 126

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3. Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
4. The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
5. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6. Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of

his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Prayers of the People Rite I

Lector: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Lector: Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean our presiding bishop, Jennifer our diocesan bishop, and Gerardo our priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: We beseech thee also, so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all who are listed on our Parish Prayer Chain and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for communities in our cycle of prayer including the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, St. Peter's in Casa Grand, and Radiant Church in Sun City. Pray for joyful celebrations of Christ our King.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for all members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, Tierra and Kristen. Pray for wise leaders and safe missions.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for all first responders and healthcare professionals. Pray for calm and quiet in our cities and towns.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples St. Christopher and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

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

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| Celebrant: | The Rev Troy Mendez |
| Vergers: | Patty Emanuelson |
| Crucifer: | Judi Sock |
| Gospel Bearer | Betty Roddy |
| First Reading and Psalm | Bonnie Franco |
| Second Reading | Al Franco |
| Prayers of the People | Dick Young |
| Chalice Bearers: | Betty Roddy & Judi Sock |
| Music Director | Mr. Don Palm |

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Richard Camp, Treasurer
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Carmen Borda, Member-at-Large
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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.



EASTER FLOWERS: We will be ordering Easter lilies to be placed around the altar on **Easter Sunday, April 20**. There is a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex if you would like to purchase a lily, or call or email the church office. The cost is \$25 and can be paid by check or cash placed in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the offering plate. The lilies can be taken home after the Easter Service.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13--EASTER BASKETS: These will be given **ONLY** to the children of St. Christopher's. The following items are needed for the baskets:

- Candy
- Small books
- Small toys for boys and girls
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Stickers
- Small notepads
- Sidewalk chalk
- Flower seed packets

These items can be placed on the stage in the Parish Hall, or in the box in the Narthex. Don't like to shop? Monetary donations will be great! Donations should be marked "Easter Basket Project." The Easter Baskets will be put together **Wednesday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m.** If you have questions speak with Leona Lindvall after the service.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13 – BRING A BUNNY TO CHURCH

St. Christopher's annual collection of stuffed bunnies or other stuffed animals will take place on **Palm Sunday, April 13**. These will **ONLY** be given to the children at Eve's Place together with a bag of candy. The items will be placed on the altar to be blessed. The bunnies and candy will be assembled on **Wednesday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m.** and will be delivered to Eve's Place before Easter.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 13, 2025 – 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Holy Wednesday: Wednesday, April 16 – 10:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 17 – 5:00 p.m. (Bilingual Service)
(Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar)
Good Friday: Friday, April 18 – 12:00 noon
Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 20—9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

LENTEN SERIES: Father Gerardo continues to lead the Lenten Series with Stations of the Cross on **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** This will be followed by a light lunch.

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.

MEN'S 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 Men's Bible Study 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: The BOOKSTORE has received many boxes of new to us books and puzzles. Our low prices continue—no inflation here! So, now is a good time to stock up on summer needs. Look it up, there is a lot here to **streeetch** your minds.

HELP! HELP! COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!: Thank you every week to everyone who helps make coffee hour a friendly, yummy gathering! 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!

We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is **"Pasta and Pasta Sauce" Sunday.** Please bring a box of your favorite pasta (spaghetti, rigatoni, macaroni, penne), or a jar or can of your favorite pasta sauce to share. Thank you for your generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

| | March 31,. 2025 | 2025 Total |
|--------|-----------------|------------|
| Weight | 70 lbs. | 589 lbs. |
| Cash | | \$200.00 |

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

| | March 31, 2025 | March Total | 2025 Year Total |
|-----------|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Bargains | \$396.00 | \$1,793.00 | \$5,250.80** |
| Bookstore | \$0.00 (Closed for Memorial Service) | \$241.00 | \$774.15 |

****Total includes the amount received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters for March**

Thank you for your promise for Saint Christopher's for 2025 Gracias por su promisa para San Cristóbal para 2025

* Bernabe Aguirre & Maria Salgado * Chinenye Anako * Dorothy Anako * Ken & Pamela Anako *
 * Jim & Susan Barnette * Carmen & Rey Borda * Fr. Gerardo Brambila * Janet Cairo * Clive Chancey * Jane Cooley *
 * Sallie Crill * Tad Daughters * Carole & Dudley Dickey * Patty Emanuelson * Trinidad D. & Trinidad A. Fabela *
 * Barbara Fabre * Kathryn Frantz * Mona Guarino * Wilma Hammond * Marilyn Hunter * Barb & Ron Jackson *
 * Arturo & Isabel Jaramillo * Barbara Kimball * Leona Lindvall * Bill Lynn * Miguel Lopez & Elvira Vasquez *
 * Zeferino & Maria Maciel * Marva Martinez * Bill & Carol Masters * Beth Mayhew * Don Palm *
 * Diane Plein * Charles Powley * Charlotte Powley * Feliciano Reyes * Betty Roddy * Michael Rowe *
 * Joanne Mola * Frank & Susan Schlichting * Mike & Judi Sock * Constance Stresing *
 * Gail & Michael Tetric * Kelly Thomas * Anna Van Scoter * Barbara Welsh *
 * Dick & Janet Young * Katy Young *

We thank the following people who have completed the Time and Talent Form

As we share our time and talents we can accomplish much more together: Dorothy Anako, Janet Cairo, Kathryn Frantz, JP Harrison, Barbara Jackson, Barbara Kimball, Leona Lindvall, Marva Martinez, Beth Mayhew, Diane Plein, Betty Roddy, Judi Sock, Mick Sock, Anna Van Scoter, Barbara Welsh.

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.

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 * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder * Kia Browning * Jan Browning *
 * Mike Burkhart * Caitlin * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Agnes Chukwudozie *
 * Claudio * Philip Cooley * Judy Couvillion * Carole Dickey * Gale & Arthur Farinas * Isaiah Garcia *
 * Ann Gay * Cathy Gustin * Gary Gustin * 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 *
 * Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Bryan Nance * Don Palm * Paul & Paula *
 * Joanne Porter * Audrey & Christopher Price * Ramon * Rick & Robbie * Ranulfo Orozco Reyes *
 * Allen Rosetti * Bill Rosetti * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * Frank & Sue Schlichting * Sebastian *
 * Charles Jay Smith & Family * Eunice Uzokwulu * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria *

For those who have died

* Thomas Canavan * Lois Jones *



Happy Anniversary in April

Ester & Raul Zamora 53 years
Pamela & Ken Anako 7 years
Judi & Mike Sock 54 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in April

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| Sam Barrios | April 7 | Flo Ball | April 15 |
| Verónica Sanchez | April 9 | Katy Young | April 17 |
| Maria Salgado | April 12 | Benjamin Anako | April 18 |
| Michael Tetrick | April 12 | Jaslene Cortez | April 20 |
| Mike Sock | April 13 | Dorothy Anako | April 24 |
| Jennifer Anako | April 15 | | |

Vestry

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