

# **THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

## **The Good News of Love**

**JOHN 9:1-41 // DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SON OF GOD**



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**9:30 a.m.**

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
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**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		Chinenye Anako
Processional	<i>There's A Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	H-470
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Kyrie	<i>Kyrie</i>	Attached
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	1 Samuel 16: 1-13	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 23	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**

Second Reading	Ephesians 5: 8-14	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	John 9: 1-41	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Rite 1		Attached
Confession of Sin		BCP 331
Absolution		BCP 332
The Peace		BCP 332
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

**Offertory**

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>I Worship You, Almighty God by Sandra Corbett Wood</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

**The Holy Communion**

Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father (Spoken)</i>	
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-156
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

**The Invitation & Distribution**

Communion Hymn	<i>Taste and See</i>	W-764
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus</i>	H-561
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366
Postlude		

**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:	The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Connor Abel
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Dick Young
Second Reading	Judi Sock
Prayers of the People	Beth Mayhew
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Connor Abel
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Bill Masters, Junior Warden  
Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry  
Mona Guarino, Treasurer  
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Carmen Borda, Member-at-large  
Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large  
Maria Salgado, Member-at-large  
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## Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Old Testament

#### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**The Psalm**  
**Psalm 23**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and leads me beside still waters.**
3. He revives my soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
\*  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Glory 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**  
**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**The Holy Gospel**  
**John 9:1-41**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might

be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man

answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

## 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; they, 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 Anglican Church of Kenya, Christ the King in Tucson, and Willowbrook United Methodist Church of 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.**

**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 - o e - lei - son, Chris - to e - lei - son,

Vo.  
ky - ri - o e - lei - 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**

# Glorify Thy Name

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Donna Adkins



1. Fa ther }  
2. Je sus }  
3. Spi rit }

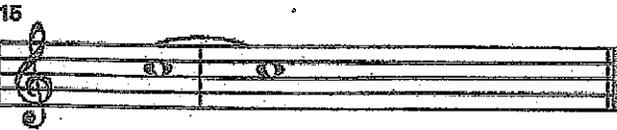
we love You, we praise You, we adore You.



Glo ri fy Thy Name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Glo ri fy Thy



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## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements March 15, 2026

**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 in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.*

*Friendly Reminder: All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, March 22 needs to be in the office by **Thursday, March 19** at noon to be included. Thank you.*

### PRAYERS

Our first and most vital request is for your prayers. As St. Paul exhorted the Thessalonians, *"Brothers and sisters, pray for us"* (1 Thessalonians 5: 25). Your spiritual support is the bedrock upon which this ministry is built.

**LADIES LUNCHEON:** The Ladies Luncheon in March is on Thursday, March 19 at Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria in Peoria, at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Call Sue Schlichting at 623 337-6341 if you need a ride or want to car pool.



**CHRISTOPHER SINGERS:** O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Psalm 95: v1.

The Christopher Singers will be singing on **Friday March 20th at 11:00 a.m.** at Lucy's Place located at 16752 W. Greasewood St. in Surprise. Diane will carpool if you want to meet in the church parking lot before the event. Contact Diane Plein or Bill Lynn for more information.

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – BRING A BUNNY TO CHURCH:** St. Christopher's annual collection of stuffed bunnies or other stuffed animals will take place on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. These will be given to the children at Eve's Place. The items will be placed on the altar to be blessed. The bunnies will be delivered to Eve's Place before Easter. (You may bring a bunny or stuffed animal before Palm Sunday.)



**EASTER LILIES:** We will be ordering Easter lilies to be placed around the altar on Easter Sunday, April 5. 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.

**LENTEN STUDY & WAY OF THE CROSS:** Reminder that there is a Lenten Study on **Wednesdays** during the **10:00 a.m.** Healing Eucharist service in the Resurrection Chapel. Also, during Lent we will walk the Way of the Cross on **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.



**SONORAN SOUNDS WOMEN'S CHORALE CONCERT:** St. Christopher's is hosting a free concert of the Sonoran Sounds Women's Chorale on **Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m.** The concert is entitled "The Rhythm of My Heart." The event is free for the community with donations welcome but not required. Bring your friends, relatives and neighbors. For more information, contact Diane Plein.

**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 10:05 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 10:05 – 10:35. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!



**BOOKSTORE:** Lent/Easter is the holiest time of the year. The Resurrection is what defines us as Christians. The bookshop table reflects this. Here you will find items for the season. Low prices continue – no inflation here. Also new is the games table.

**NAME BADGES:** We ask everyone to please remember to wear your name badge as it would be of immense help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office. If you ordered a name badge, please check your mail cart in the Narthex.



**FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Coffee hour needs donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays, or anything you would like to bring. We are always looking for an extra set of hands to help in the kitchen. Sign up in the kitchen.

*Domingo Lopez hosts this week's coffee hour.  
We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!*

**FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Soup and Chili” Sunday.** Please bring cans of soup or broth, or packets of soup, bean mix or canned or dry ingredients for chili. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity~*Generosity consists not in the sum given, but in the manner in which it is bestowed—Mahatma Gandhi*

**Monthly Food Bank Donations**

	<b>March 9</b>	<b>2026</b>
Weight	40 lbs.	370 lbs.
Cash		\$200.00

**Monthly Thrift Shop Stats**

	<b>March 9</b>	<b>March Total</b>	<b>2026 Year Total</b>
Bargains	\$531.50	\$2,273.50	\$4,273.20
Bookstore	\$68.00	\$253.00	\$402.00

*Happy Birthday*



**Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in March**

Lili Valenzuela Vidal	March 03	Dasyre Roddy	March 22
Kabrina Slaten	March 04	Wilma Hammond	March 25
Carmen García Zepeda	March 05	Virginia Swisher	March 25
Francisco Aguilar	March 07	Ashleigh Johnson	March 28
Jocelyn Valles	March 08	Jason Luna Guerrero	March 30
William Alburez Fabian Jr.	March 16		



**Happy Anniversary in March**

Veronica Sanchez & Aurelio Valles      March 22      24 years

**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 can bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the following people*

\* Kelli Abel \* Juan Gabriel Aleman \* Anne \* Jim Barnette \* Marcia Bledsoe \* Viviana Brambila \*  
\* Judy Broeder \* Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia \* Tim Buffery \* Tom Camper \* John Card \*  
\* Clive Chancey \* Claudio \* Jane Cooley \* Jean Durrett \* Thomas Dyer \* Cathy & Gary Gustin \*  
Michael Heap \* Judith \* Kim \* Gene Lapham \* Terry Lewis \* Domingo Lopez \* Ernesto Martinez \*  
\* Marva Martinez \* Brenda McCormick \* Mia \* Shawn Mirigian \* Joanne Mola \* Bryan Nance \*  
\* Marla Karla Pallas \* Don Palm \* Sandy Patrick \* Joanne Porter \* Ramon \* Jill Renner \*  
\* Rick & Robbie \* Betty Roddy \* Javier Sanchez \* Socorro Sanchez \* Sherrie \* Stella \*  
\* Kurt Tetrick \* Anna Van Scoter \* Victoria \* Lynn Viviano-Webb \* Ester Zamora \*

### **For those who have died**

\* Marilyn Hunter \* Barbara Liem \*

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