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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Sunday, February 1, 2026

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:00 a.m.

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Dick Young
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Micah 6: 1-8	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 15	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	1 Corinthians 1: 18-31	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Matthew 5: 1-12	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Think of Me and Remember by Joel Raney</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
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-155
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 Acclamation		BCP 366

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**The Psalm
Psalm 15**

1. Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
2. Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
3. There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
4. In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
5. He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
6. He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
7. Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

**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
1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human

standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

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"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Prayers of the People

Form III

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector: We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, Gerardo, our Rector and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: For all who serve God in his Church

Lector: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in our military, 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, and Tierra.

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 added presence wherever they may be.

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant & 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.

GLORIFY THY NAME

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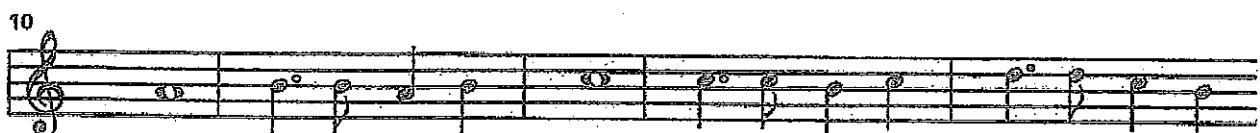
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1. Fa then we love You, we praise You, we a dore You.



Glo ri fy Thy Name in all the earth. _____ Glo ri fy Thy



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earth. _____

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:

Betty Roddy

Crucifer:

Connor Abel

Gospel Bearer

Judi Soock

First Reading and Psalm

Marva Martinez

Second Reading

Diane Plein

Prayers of the People

Beth Mayhew

Chalice Bearers:

Connor Abel & Judi Soock

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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.

Friendly Reminder: All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, February 8 needs to be in the office by Thursday, February 5 at noon to be included. Thank you.



CHRISTOPHER SINGERS: The Christopher Singers will be singing on the following dates and times for February, and we hope you will want to join us in this fun ministry.

Friday February 6th at 11:00 a.m. at Mary's Place, located at 14601 N. Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. We will also sing this month on **Friday, February 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Lucy's Place**, located at 16752 W. Greasewood St. in Surprise. Ask Diane Plein or Bill Lynn for more information about us. Diane will carpool if you want to meet in the church parking lot before the event.

ADDRESS/PHONE UPDATE: Please let the office know if you have had a change of address or changed phone numbers in the past year, so that we can update the database. Thank you.

SIDEWALK REPAIR/CONSTRUCTION: As mentioned in last week's announcements, the AZ Department of Transportation began the construction/repair work but started earlier than planned and will return in several weeks. We will share the new start date with the congregation as soon as it is confirmed. Thank you for your understanding.



BOOKSTORE: Cookbooks! A reminder that we have a new exhibit of cookbooks. The table and shelves are full of new arrivals, cookbooks of all kinds and in beautiful condition. There are foreign cookbooks and books of specific ingredients. They are fun to read. Start the New Year with a healthy kitchen. Also new are children's books in good condition. Prices remain low – no inflation here.

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!



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.

We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!

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.

2026 PLEDGES/PROMISE FORMS: The Vestry and Stewardship Committee of St. Christopher's would like to thank everyone who have submitted a 2026 Promise forms. We are pleased to report now that the combined total of the commitments received is **\$133,662.**

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Pasta and Rice” Sunday. Please bring a box of your favorite pasta (spaghetti, rigatoni, macaroni, penne), canned or jar of your favorite pasta sauce, or canned tomatoes or puree to share. Thank you so much for your generosity. *~Generosity takes an open heart and a love that asks for nothing in return--Anonymous.*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	January 26	2026
Weight		50 lbs.
Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	January 26	January Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$473.00	\$1,933.00	\$1,999.70 **
Bookstore	\$30.00	\$149.00	\$149.00

***Total includes the amount received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters on 1/20/26*



Happy Anniversary in February

Martin & Lourdes Rios	February 3	31 years
Frank & Sue Schlichting	February 10	62 years
Bill & Carol Masters	February 26	54 years

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in February

Marva Martinez	February 09	Maggie Mayper	February 18
Frank Schlichting	February 10	Janet Cairo	February 19
Richard Young	February 11	Bonnie Franco	February 20
Jereme Perez Valenzuela	February 15	Ariana Schwartz	February 21
Eva Quiles	February 17	Betty Roddy	February 22
Amy Schultz	February 17	Sallie Crill	February 26
Beatriz Cortez	February 18	Lyberthad Xynayth Aguirre Salgado	February 28

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 people below.

* Kelli Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Isaac Anako * Noc Anako * Anne * Jim Barnette * Viviana Brambila *
* Judy Broeder * Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Rev. Sandy Chilese *
* Christine * Christopher * Agnes Chukwudozie * Claudio * Colleen Combs * Jonathan Dombek * Jean Durrett *
* Mercedes Elliott * Barbara Fabre ** Gale & Arthur Farinas * Cathy & Gary Gustin * April Harris * Michael Heap * Judith *
* Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis * Barbara Liem * Domingo Lopez * Monica Maldonado * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez *
* Wayne Martino & Family * Christina Mason * Brenda McCormick * Mia * Shawn Mirigan * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata *
* Bryan Nance * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Joanne Porter * Ramon * Jill Renner * Bill Richardson * Rick & Robbie *
* Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * Sharyn * Sherrie * Sebastian * Charles Jay Smith & Family * Stella *
* Mark Strohmier * Kurt Tetrick * Anna Van Scoter * Eunice Uzocwulu * Linda Walston * Victoria *
* Lynn Viviano-Webb * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Jim DuFault * Jim Dunkelberger * Peter Houle * Ruth Jones * Raol Zamora



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