



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Mike Sock
Processional	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	H-525
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Collect of Purity		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Acts 17: 22-31	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 66: 7-18	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 Peter 3: 13-22	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	John 14: 15-21	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form VI		Attached
Confession		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>We Bow Down by Twila Paris</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father</i>	Hymnal Inside Front Cover
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	H-383
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	H-390, Vs. 1, 2, 3
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

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
Vergger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Lisa Wolford
Second Reading	Diane Plein
Prayers of the People	Patty Emanuelson
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Soock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

St. Christopher's Staff

The Rev. Gerardo Brambila, Rector
Cathy Sheredy, Administrative Assistant
Arturo Jaramillo, Sexton
Don Palm, Music Director & Organist
Arturo & Isabel Jaramillo, Hispanic Music Leader & Vocalists

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Bill Masters, Junior Warden
Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry
Mona Guarino, Treasurer
Chinenye Anako, Member-at-Large
Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large
Mary Salgado, Member-at-large
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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 17: 22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being;' as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Psalm

Psalm 66: 7-18

7. Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8. Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9. For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10. You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12. I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
14. Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15. I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
16. If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
17. But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

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
1 Peter 3: 13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in

which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Holy Gospel

John 14: 15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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, 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 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.



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Weekly Announcements
May 10, 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 and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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 now 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 10:05-10:45. 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!

As Sue Schlichting will be gone May 28 through June 6 and Leona Lindvall will leave May 11 and be gone through the summer, returning possibly in September, during their absence, coffee hour will need extra hands to help in the kitchen. Also, coffee hour is always in need of donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays – anything you would like to bring. Look for the sign up sheet in the kitchen.

***Marva Martinez and Barbara Jackson hosts this week's coffee hour
We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!***



BOOKSTORE: New paperback fiction table. All your favorites and some new friends.. Low prices continue here . It's too expensive to go for a drive so stay home and read. Also in - some new games.

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. If you have requested a name badge, please check your folder in the mailcart in the Narthex.

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “PB & J” Sunday. Please bring peanut butter and jelly (or other kinds of nut butter) or honey. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. *~Generosity takes an open heart and a love that asks for nothing in return—Anonymous*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	May 4	2026 Total
Weight	50 lbs.	846 lbs.
Cash		\$400.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	May 4	May Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$468.50	\$468.50	\$10,935.15**
Bookstore	\$83.50	\$83.50	\$937.50

****Big Brothers/Big Sisters monies are included in 2026-year total**

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

For those who have died

* Joanne Mola *



Happy Anniversary in May

Shawn Mirigian & Gene Lapham

4 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in May

Connie Stressing	May 1
Mario Ramirez, Jr	May 4
Janet Young	May 13
Cynthia Aguilar	May 22
Maria del Toro	May 23

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