



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

Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:30 a.m.

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Dick Young
Processional	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	H-150
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Kyrie	<i>Kyrie</i>	Attached
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Genesis 12: 1-4a	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 121	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	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	H-142, Vs 1, 2, 3
Gospel	John 3: 1-17	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Rite 1		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>Walk Worthy by James M. Martin</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Rite I Eucharistic Prayer		BCP 328
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>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	H-324
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		

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 - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son,

Vo. ky - ri - e 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

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Genesis 12: 1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Psalm Psalm 121

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
2. My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5. The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

**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
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Holy Gospel
John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai, St. James the Apostle in Tempe, and for the Church of the Nazarene 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

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

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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 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 8 needs to be in the office by **Thursday, March 5** at noon to be included. Thank you.*

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



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 the following dates and times for March, and we hope you will want to join us in this fun ministry: **Friday March 6th at Mary's Place at 11:00 a.m.** located at 14601 N. Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. We will also sing this month 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee consists of Dick Young (Chair), Mona Guarino (Treasurer), Jane Cooley, Al Franco, Bill Masters, and Kelli Thomas. Please contact a member of the committee or the vestry if you have questions about the finances or the budget.

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!

PANCAKE SUPPER UPDATE: The Pancake Supper was a huge success with approximately fifty people in attendance and enjoying delicious pancakes and sausage cooked by Tad Daughters, Mike Soock, Biil Lynn, Maryann Bjorgo, Bill Masters and Dick Young. Photos below courtesy of Mona Guarino.



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.

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

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Paper Products” Sunday. Valley View Food Bank’s list of most needed items includes paper towel and toilet tissue. Please bring what you are able to share. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	February 23	2026
Weight	75 lbs.	330 lbs.
Cash	\$100.00	\$200.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	February 23	February Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$583.00	1,742.00	\$3,741.70
Bookstore	\$95.00	\$185.00	\$334.00

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 * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder *
* Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Claudio * Jane Cooley *
* Jean Durrett * Cathy & Gary Gustin * Michael Heap * Judith * Landon * 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 * Linda Walston * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Marilyn Hunter * Barbara Liem * Raol Zamora



Happy Anniversary in March

Veronica Sanchez & Aurelio Valles March 22 24 years

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		

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