

Let your
Light So Shine
before men, that
they may see your **GOOD WORKS**,
AND *Glorify* your FATHER
which is in Heaven.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude	<i>Voluntary by Edgar Elgar</i>	
Announcements	<i>Variations on "Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine" arr. Alfred Fedak</i>	Mike Soock
Processional	<i>Song of Thankfulness and Praise</i>	H-135, Vs 1-4
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	<i>Isaiah 58: 1-9a, [9b-12]</i>	Attached
Psalm	<i>Psalm 112: 1-9, [10]</i>	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	<i>1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, [13-16]</i>	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	H-178, Vs 1, 2
Gospel	<i>Matthew 5: 13-20</i>	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>Chorale Prelude on "Werde Munter" by J. S. Bach</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</i>	Spoken
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus</i>	H-336
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>O Master Let Me Walk With Thee</i>	H-660
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366
Postlude	<i>Processional—Alfred Fedak</i>	

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:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Lisa Wolford
Second Reading	Beth Mayhew
Prayers of the People	Dick Young
Chalice Bearers:	Judi Soock & Betty Roddy
Guest Organist	Bonnie Loney
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Isaiah 58: 1-9a, [9b-12]

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into

your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

The Psalm

Psalm 112: 1-9. [10]

1. Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
2. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3. Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last forever.
4. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
5. It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
6. For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7. They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
8. Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
9. They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

[10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

**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 2:1-12, [13-16]**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is

from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"
But we have the mind of Christ.]

**The Holy Gospel
Matthew 5:13-20**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one, after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Prayers of the People

Form III

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **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.*



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements February 8, 2026

Our Vision: One congregation worshiping 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.

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.

WELCOME: St. Christopher's offers a warm welcome to **Bonnie Loney** who is our guest organist this morning. Welcome Bonnie!

CLERGY RETREAT: Fr. Gerardo will attend the Clergy Retreat at Chapel Rock next week (February 9-11) and will not be available until after Wednesday.

SAVE THE DATE! SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on

Tuesday, February 17 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Imposition of ashes will take place on Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Resurrection Chapel. Also, Imposition of ashes will take place at both the **10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.** services on Sunday, February 22 in the sanctuary.



CHRISTOPHER SINGERS: A reminder that The Christopher Singers will be singing on the **on Friday, February 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Lucy's Place**, located at 16752 W. Greasewood St. in Surprise and we hope you will want to join us in this fun ministry. 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: No definite date has been confirmed regarding the sidewalk repair/construction by Maricopa County in the near future. However, when construction begins, there will be trucks/equipment parked in the church parking lot. We will keep you informed of any additional information we receive. Thank you for understanding.



BOOKSTORE: Cookbooks! This week 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.

J.P. Harrison and Kelly Thomas hosts this week's coffee hour.

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 "Fruit/Fruit Juice" Sunday. Please bring Canned or bottled fruit juice, tomato or vegetable juice. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. *~No one has ever become poor by giving—Anne Frank*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	February 2	2026
Weight	50 lbs.	185 lbs.
Cash		\$100.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	February 2	February Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$685.00	\$685.00	\$2,684.70
Bookstore	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$199.00



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



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

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 *
 * Christine * Christopher * 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 * Domingo Lopez * Monica Maldonado *
 * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez * Wayne Martino & Family * Christina Mason * Brenda McCormick *
 * Mia * Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * 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 * Kurt Tetrick * Anna Van Scoter *
 * Linda Walston * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Barbara Liem * Raol Zamora

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