



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 21, 2026

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Chinenye Anako
Processional	<i>Praise My Soul The King of Heaven</i>	H-410
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Genesis 21: 8-21	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17	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 6: 1b-11	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Matthew 10: 24-39	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>You'll Never Walk Alone by Rodgers & Hammerstein</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>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	H-325
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Praise to the Living Lord</i>	H-372, 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
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	TBD
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Judi Sock
Second Reading	Dick Young
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Patty Emanuelson
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh;" for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

[The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who

hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”]

The Psalm
Psalm 116:1, 10-17

1. I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
10. How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
11. I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
12. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
13. Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
14. O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
15. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
16. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
17. In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

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
Romans 5: 1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person

someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 9: 35-10: 8(9-23)

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking

through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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
June 21, 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.



READERS AND ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Please contact Patty Emanuelson or Fr. Gerardo for further information. Instructions will be provided.

READINGS: If you would like to receive large print copies of the lectionary readings, please notify the ushers. We have a few copies today and will have them available for future services.

WATER DRIVE: This year we will be collecting money and/or water for Valley View Food Bank as a way of assisting St. Christopher's community. Valley View will provide will share the water with the homeless who find themselves outside in the summer heat. There is a blessings container available to leave monetary donations or you can drop a check or cash (in an envelope) in the offering plate. Be sure to mark the envelope or check "Valley View Water Donation." Thank you.

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.



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

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!

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.

FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Coffee hour is in need of extra hands to help in the kitchen. And 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.

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 “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 for your generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	June 15	2026 Total
Weight	36 lbs.	1,057 lbs.
Cash		\$400.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	June 15	June Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$327.00	\$1,263.00	\$13,370.15**
Bookstore	\$100.00	\$222.00	\$1,307.50
Water Project	\$135.00	\$255.00	\$355.00

****Bargains total includes all monies recently received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters**



Happy Anniversary in June

Janet & Richard Young	53 years
Meka & Jennifer Anako	8 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in June

Geri Rubalcaba	June 05	J. P. Harrison	June 21
Jim Barnette	June 06	Vicki Hand	June 23
Kelly Thomas	June 09	Juan Bernabe Aguirre Salgado	June 24
Bernabe Aguirre Martinez	June 11	Leona Lindvall	June 25
John Card	June 14	Thonathzyn Guadalupe Aguirre Salgado	June 26
Tim Murray	June 16	Carole Dickey	June 27
Christian Anako	June 18		

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 * Chinenye Anako * Nnenna Anako * Anne * Jim Barnette *
- * Bob Bledsoe * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder * Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tim Buffery *
- * Karen Butler * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Claudio * Jane Cooley * Jean Durrett *
- * Thomas Dyer * Fr. Gerardo * Gretchen * Cathy & Gary Gustin * Karen Harry * 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 * Paul * Joanne Porter * Ramon * Jill Renner * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy *
- * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * Sherrie * Stella * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb *
- * Barbara Welsh * Steve Wheatley * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

- * Carol Masters *

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