



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Season of Lent 2025
Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025
9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Bill Masters
Processional	<i>There's A Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	H-470
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Kyrie	<i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	Attached
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 27	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	Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	H-150, Vs 1-4
Gospel	Luke 13: 31-35	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 326
Prayers of the People Rite I		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 343
Offertory Anthem	<i>In Remembrance of Me by Cheri Keagy</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer Rite I		BCP 333
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father (spoken)</i>	Hymnal Inside Front Cover
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

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:

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Voice' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Vo.'. Both staves are in a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Voice: Ky - ri - e e - lel - son, Chris - te e - lel - son,

Vo. ky - ri - e e - le i - 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 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Psalm
Psalm 27

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
3. Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
4. And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
5. One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
6. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
8. Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
10. Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
11. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
12. Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13. You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
14. Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.
15. Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
16. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
17. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
in the land of the living!

18. O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord.

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
Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**The Holy Gospel
Luke 13:31-35**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Prayers of the People Rite I

- Lector: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
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; that, 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 Church of the Province of Central Africa, St. Paul's in Winslow, and United Church 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 Troy Mendez
Vergar:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Al Franco
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Diane Plein
Second Reading	Dick Young
Prayers of the People	Beth Mayhew
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Al Franco
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Richard Camp, Treasurer
Chinenye Anako, Member-at-Large
Carmen Borda, Member-at-Large
Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large
Mary Salgado, Member-at-large
Mike Soock, Member-at-Large
Dick Young, Member-at-Large

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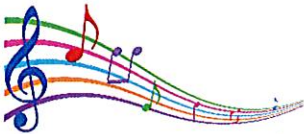
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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements March 16, 2025

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.



SONORAN SOUNDS WOMEN'S CHORALE CONCERT: A reminder that today, at 3:00 p.m., St. Christopher's is hosting a free concert of the Sonoran Sounds Women's Chorale. The concert entitled "One In a Million", will feature a variety of songs from sacred (Jubilate Deo) to Americana (This Land is Your Land), to movies (A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman). The event is free for the community and a free will offering can be made. Bring your friends, relatives and neighbors. For more information, contact Diane Plein.

LENTEN SERIES: Beginning this coming **Wednesday, March 19**, Father Gerardo will lead a Lenten Series with Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by a light lunch.

LADIES LUNCHEON: The March ladies' luncheon will be at the Olive Garden, 7889 W. Bell Road, Peoria on **Thursday, March 20 at 12 noon**. All are welcome! Please see Sue Schlichting with any questions.

SUN CITY POSSE OPEN HOUSE: The Sun City Posse is holding its Annual Open House on **Saturday, March 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.** at Posse Headquarters, 10861 Sunland Drive. This is an opportunity to tour the facility and view demonstrations of Posse equipment. MCSO and the Sun City Fire Department will also be on site with equipment. NASCAR will be there with a race car. All Sun City residents and guests are welcome to this free event. Enjoy complimentary popcorn, participate to win a prize, and learn how the Posse serves your community. The Ukelele Band and the Sun City Bell Ringers will perform in the Posse auditorium.

USHERS NEEDED: We are in need of ushers to assist on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate in assisting members as they arrive, please speak with one of the ushers after the service.

MEN'S 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 Men's Bible Study 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 10:15 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 10:15-10:45. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!



BOOKSTORE: The BOOKSTORE has received many boxes of new to us books and puzzles. Our low prices continue—no inflation here! So, now is a good time to stock up on summer needs. Look it up, there is a lot here to **streeetch** your minds.

COFFEE HOUR: Thank you every week to everyone who helps make coffee hour a friendly, yummy gathering! If you haven't helped with coffee hour before, please consider joining your fellow church members to help serve. You'll make new friends and have a fun time!

*We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!
This week's coffee hour is hosted by Dick Young*

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Soup Kitchen” Sunday. Please bring cans or packets of soup, or “fixins” for soup (bean mix, broth, etc). Thank you for your kindness and generosity.~*Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out—Frank A. Clark*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	March 10,. 2025	2025 Total
Weight	217 lbs.	444 lbs.
Cash	\$100.00	\$300.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	March 10, 2025	March Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$509.00	\$934.00	\$4,357.30 **
Bookstore	\$133.00	\$208.00	\$741.15

****Total includes the amount received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters for February and an additional \$762 for February which was not reported previously**

GIVING STATEMENTS: Full year 2024 giving statements are now in your mail cart folders. If you have questions, please ask Beth at 602-435-5272. Thank you for your support!

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.

Thank you for your promise for Saint Christopher's for 2025
Gracias por su promisa para San Cristóbal para 2025

* Bernabe Aguirre & Maria Salgado * Chinenye Anako * Dorothy Anako * Ken & Pamela Anako *
* Jim & Susan Barnette * Carmen & Rey Borda * Fr. Gerardo Brambila * Janet Cairo * Clive Chancey *
* Jane Cooley * Sallie Crill * Tad Daughters * Carole & Dudley Dickey * Patty Emanuelson *
* Trinidad D. & Trinidad A. Fabela * Barbara Fabre * Kathryn Frantz * Mona Guarino * Wilma Hammond *
* Marilyn Hunter * Barb & Ron Jackson * Arturo & Isabel Jaramillo * Barbara Kimball * Leona Lindvall *
* Bill Lynn * Miguel Lopez & Elvira Vasquez * Zeferino & Maria Maciel * Marva Martinez *
* Bill & Carol Masters * Beth Mayhew * Don Palm * Diane Plein * Charles Powley * Charlotte Powley *
* Feliciano Reyes * Betty Roddy * Michael Rowe * Joanne Mola * Frank & Susan Schlichting *
* Mike & Judi Sock * Constance Stresing * Gail & Michael Tetrick * Kelly Thomas * Anna Van Scoter *
* Barbara Welsh * Dick & Janet Young * Katy Young *

We thank the following people who have completed the Time and Talent Form

As we share our time and talents we can accomplish much more together: Dorothy Anako, Janet Cairo, Kathryn Frantz, JP Harrison, Barbara Jackson, Barbara Kimball, Leona Lindvall, Marva Martinez, Beth Mayhew, Diane Plein, Betty Roddy, Judi Sock, Mick Sock, Anna Van Scoter, Barbara Welsh.

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 has the ability to bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the people below.

* Juan Gabriel Aleman * Emmanuel Anako * Isaac Anako * Noc Anako * Stella Ardire * Susana Avila *
* Jim & Sue Barnette * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder * Kia Browning * Jan Browning *
* Mike Burkhart * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Agnes Chukwudozie *
* Claudio * Ryan Colton * Philip Cooley * Judy Couvillion * Gale & Arthur Farinas * Isaiah Garcia *
* Ann Gay * Cathy Gustin * Gary Gustin * Michael Heap * Marilyn Hunter * Annamarie Jett *
* Jacob "JJ" Johnson (Sister Cheryl's son) * Julie Jones * Ruth Jones * Judith * Gene Lapham *
* Rosa Madrid & Family * Monica Maldonado * Christina Mason * Larry Mayer *
* Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Bryan Nance * Paul & Paula * Joanne Porter *
* Audrey & Christopher Price * Ramon * Rick & Robbie * Ranulfo Orozco Reyes * Allen Rosetti *
* Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * Frank & Sue Schlichting * Sebastian * Charles Jay Smith & Family *
* Eunice Uzokwulu * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria *

For those who have died

* Thomas Canavan * Lois Jones * Maria Payan *



Happy Anniversary in March

Verónica Sanchez & Aurelio Valles 23 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in March

Lili Valenzuela Vidal	March 3	Dasyre Roddy	March 22
Kabrina Slaten	March 4	Wilma Hammond	March 25
Carmen García Zapeda	March 5	Virginia Swisher	March 25
Francisco Aguilar	March 7	Ashleigh Johnson	March 28
Jocelyn Valles	March 8	Jason Luna Guerrero	March 30
William Alburez Fabian Jr.	March 16		

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