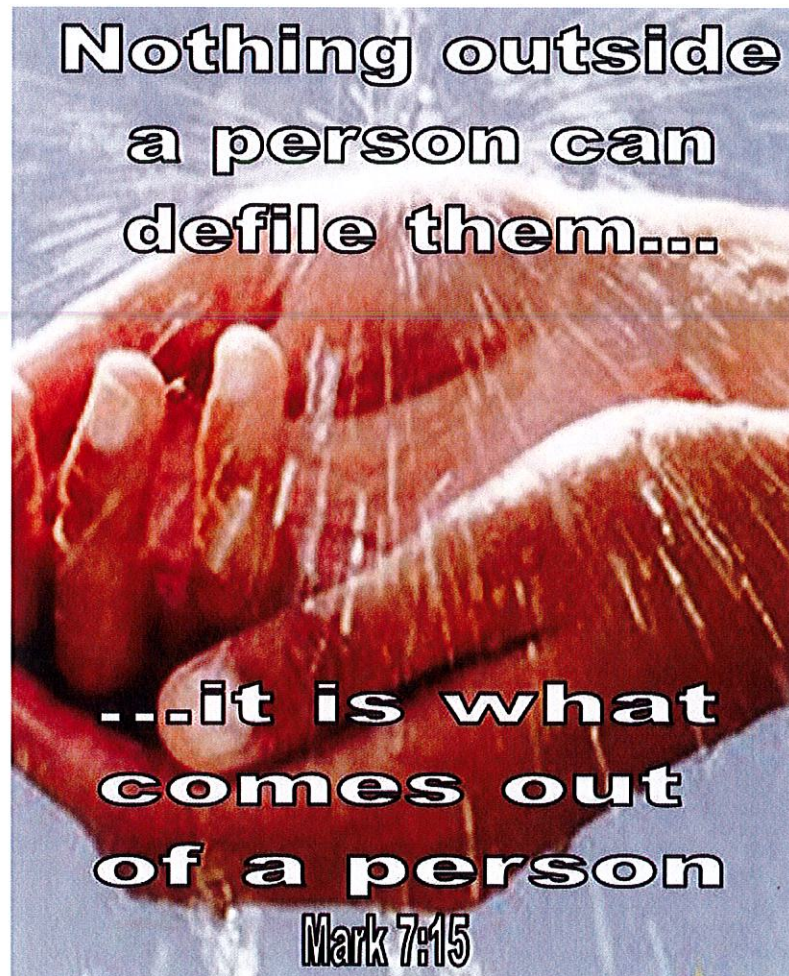


September 1, 2024

**The Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost Proper 17**



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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, September 1, 2024

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Dick Young
Processional	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	H-718
Opening Anthem		BCP 491
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 45: 1-2, 7-10	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	James 1: 17-27	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Attached
Sermon		The Rev. Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People		Attached
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Jesus is All the World to Me by Will L. Thompson</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>I Come With Joy</i>	H-304
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>My Country 'Tis of Thee</i>	H-717, Vs. 1, 3, 4
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding
over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
Or a young stag.
Look, there he stands behind our wall,
Gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise my love, my fair one, and come away;
For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth
The time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
They give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

The Psalm Psalm 45: 1-2, 7-10

1. My heart is stirring with a noble song: let me recite what I have fashioned for the king: *
My tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
2. You are the fairest of men; *
Grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.
7. Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
8. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
With the oil of gladness above your fellows.
9. All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
And the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
10. Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
On your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir

Glory be to the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. *Amen*

**New Testament:
James 1: 17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**The Holy Gospel
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honor me with their lips,
But their hearts are far from me;
In vain do they worship me,
Teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

GLORIFY THY NAME

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Donna Adkins



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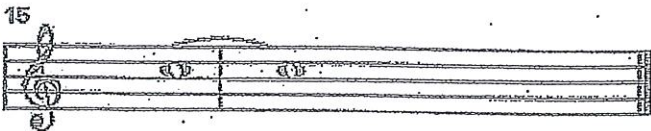
we love You, we praise You, we adore You.



Glo ri fy Thy Name in all the earth. _____ Glo ri fy Thy



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earth. _____

The Prayers of the People

Lector: For our brother, Chris, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection, and I am the Life." Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Chris and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Lector: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Lector: You raised the dead to life; give to our brother, Chris, eternal life.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Lector: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother Chris, to the joys of heaven.

People: Hear us, Lord.

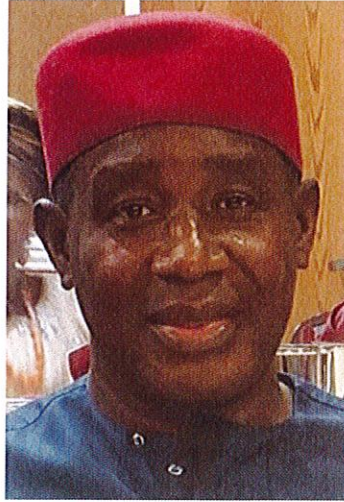
Lector: Our brother, Chris, was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Lector: He was nourished with Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Lector: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother, Chris; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.



It's exactly one year, two months since you joined the Saints in Heaven, still feels like yesterday—your memory remains evergreen in our hearts. We are thankful to God for your life and legacy. Once more, I say a big thank you to all our St. Christopher's family for the great kindness and prayers showered upon us during the difficult time. May the Lord bless you all and meet each and every one of you at your point of need. *Amen*
Lady Dorothy Anako.

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Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant:	The Rev. Gerardo Brambila
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Betty Roddy
Gospel Bearer	Lisa Wolford
Lectors:	
First Reading and Psalm	Bonnie Franco
Second Reading	Al Franco
Prayers of the People	Patty Emanuelson
Chalice Bearers:	Lisa Wolford & Betty Roddy
Ushers:	J.P. Harrison & Bill Masters
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements September 1, 2024

*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.*

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.

WEDNESDAY HEALING EUCHARIST SERVICE: The Wednesday Healing Eucharist Service returns on Wednesday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Resurrection Chapel.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: A reminder that choir rehearsal will begin this Wednesday, September 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Church sanctuary.

CODE RED IS STILL ON! The Phoenix Rescue Mission is once again collecting money to purchase water to share with the homeless who find themselves outside in the continued summer heat in Phoenix. 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 "Code Red." **Please do not drop off cases of water as St. Christophers then has to deliver them to the Phoenix Rescue Mission.** Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR: Please consider grabbing one or two of your closest friends and "belly up to the bar" to help serve your brothers and sisters in Christ. Or bring food that can be put in the freezer. You'll make new friends, and we guarantee you will have fun. Talk with Leona Lindvall or Sue Schlichting.

This Sunday's coffee hour is being co-hosted by Kelly Thomas and Dorothy Anako & Family for the Memorial. We appreciate all your help!

2024 NORTHERN ITALY PILGRIMAGE TOUR: Join Fr. Grant Holmes, former vicar of St. Mary's, St. Albans, England in a pilgrimage to Sacred Sites, Shrines and Miracles in the beautiful Lake District and Dolomite region of Northern Italy. Flyers can be found on the table in the Narthex. Dates of the Pilgrimage: September 15 – 28, 2024.

**Holiday
Boutique**

SPARKLE & SHINE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: We are just 2 months away from our Sparkle & Shine Boutique. For those who are making crafts to sell please let me know what they are. I will need all craft items in to the church by **Sunday, October 13.** I will

tag them for you but please provide a list of prices for your items. We will have a volunteer sign up list available by September 15th at the church table and also at coffee hour. Those lists will be for 2 hour segments each day. You can sign up for the days and times that will work best for you. Any questions please let me know. I will be available at coffee hour or by phone. Thank you for all your support as we strive to make this event a successful fund raiser for our church. Barb Jackson.

VOTING INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 5 ELECTION: All registered voters in Maricopa County are eligible to participate in the November 5, 2024, General Election. Vote Centers and Drop Boxes will begin opening **28 days prior to Election Day for in-person voting and early ballot drop off**. Days and hours of operation will vary by site. Additional information may be found on the website below (although it does not yet have the list of voting locations which will be coming soon).

<https://elections.maricopa.gov/voting/where-to-vote.html>

For additional information about deadlines, visit [Calendar.Maricopa.Vote](#). To check your registration status and request an early ballot, visit [BeBallotReady.Vote](#).

FOOD BANK: Next week is “Canned Goods” Sunday. Valley View Food Bank is always in need of canned goods (soups, vegetables, fruit). Please bring any canned goods to share. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. *~Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving kindness—Dalai Lama.*

NAME BADGES: Just a reminder that we ask everyone to please 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.

Valley View Food Donations

	August 26, 2024	2024 Totals
Weight	51 lbs.	1,335.50 lbs.
Cash		\$700.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	August 26, 2024	August Total	2024 Year Total
Bargains	\$456.00	\$1,508.30	\$16,047.10
Boot Fund	\$84.00		
Bookstore	\$63.00	\$148.70	\$2,056.50

This Week’s Prayer List

Prayers Matter ...in ways you may never fully realize! A person is placed on the prayer list for 4 weeks. We are currently editing the list. If there are further needs we invite you to contact the church office and add them to the prayer list again.

- * Susana Avila * Viviana Brambila Jan Browning * Tom Camper * Clive Chancey * Claudio *
* Gale & Arthur Farinas * Isaiah Garcia * Gary Gustin * Marilyn Hunter * Julie Jones * Lois Jones * Ruth Jones *
* Judith * Gene Lapham * Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Joanne Porter *
* Audrey & Christopher Price * Ramon * Blake James Reed * Rick & Robbie * Javier Sanchez *
* Socorro Sanchez * Amy Schultz * Sebastian * * Charles Jay Smith & Family * Victoria *

For those who have died

- * “Bing” * Charlyn Balabanis * Killy Balabanis * Josie Herrera * Judy Schneider *



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in September!

Viviana Geraldine Brambila	August 31	Ann Gay	September 17
Samantha Martinez	September 1	Roberto Pérez	September 17
Sabrina Martinez	September 2	Mary Voss	September 18
Ester Zamora	September 3	Joanne Mola	September 20
Ivón Millán	September 6	Ken Anako	September 21
Jay Dia Rios	September 7	Avian Pérez	September 22
Leslie Aleman	September 9	Connor Abel	September 24
Barbara Kimball	September 10	Aurelio Valles Burciaga	September 25
Gabriel Bustamente Diaz	September 12	Bill Masters	September 27
Isabel Jaramillo	September 13	Melanie Murua	September 28
Rick Voss	September 13		



Happy Anniversary in September!

Bonnie and Al Franco

62 years

Vestry

Beth Mayhew, Senior Warden * Vacant, Junior Warden,
Vacant, Clerk of the Vestry * Richard Camp, Treasurer

Members at Large

Jim Barnette * Jane Cooley * Bill Masters * Maria Salgado * Mike Soock * Kelly Thomas * Dick Young*

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 Leaders & Vocalists

Contact Us!

Do you know someone who would benefit from prayer? Contact us! Would you like more information about something you read in the announcements? Contact us! Do you have an idea for fellowship or fund-raising? Contact us! Maybe you would like to talk with Father Gerardo? Contact us! Have a pastoral emergency (hospitalization, accident, family issues, something similar)? Contact us! Lots of information in the message! And you can leave one too!

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Friendly Reminder: All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, September 8, needs to be in the office by Wednesday, September 4 to be included. Thank you!