



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 25, 2026

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Marva Martinez
Processional	<i>Great Is the Lord</i>	Attached
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 1	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	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	Matthew 22: 34-46	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>Shout to the Lord by Tom Fetke</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>We Will Extol You</i>	H-404
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	H-493
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
Deacon	Deacon Emmanuel Bola Oluloro
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Bola
First Reading and Psalm	Stella Oluloro
Second Reading	Gwen Suchta
Prayers of the People	Dick Young
Chalice Bearers:	Judi Soock & Betty Roddy
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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 Leader & Vocalists

Vestry Members

Patty Emanuelson, Senior Warden
Bill Masters, Junior Warden
Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry
Mona Guarino, Treasurer
Chinenye Anako, Member-at-Large
Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large
Mary Salgado, Member-at-large
Mike Soock, Member-at-Large
Eric Tapia, Member-at-Large
Dick Young, Member-at-Large

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[But, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Gerardo at 602-405-4588 and leave a message.](#)

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Psalm Psalm 1

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4. It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 22: 34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements October 25, 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.



Coming Soon!

**2027 Stewardship
Promise Campaign**
November 1 – 29

*There's plenty good room
at God's table.
And plenty good room
for you.*

Join us this November as we celebrate
the generosity, gratitude, and community
that make St C's a place where all are welcome.



¡Próximamente!

**Campana de Promesas
2027**
1 – 29 de noviembre

*Hay mucho espacio
en la mesa de Dios.
Y mucho espacio
para usted.*

Acompáñenos este noviembre para celebrar
la generosidad, la gratitud y la comunidad
que hacen de St C's un lugar donde
todos son bienvenidos.

THANK YOU! Thank you so much to Mrs. Leona Lindvall for the Pumpkin Decorating with the children. It was well received and the children had fun decorating the pumpkins and gourds.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KATHRYN FRANTZ: A Celebration of Life for Kathryn Frantz will take place on **Tuesday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m.** in the St. Christopher's sanctuary. All are invited.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: We will have a bilingual service on **Sunday, November 1 at 9:00 a.m.** Archdeacon The Venerable Amy Bryan will be in attendance and there will be a potluck luncheon following the service.

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH MARY ANN RONAN: The final session of the Way of St Francis Scripture Study with Mary Ann Ronan has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 4 at 10:45 a.m. (Zoom Morning Prayer will meet instead on the 28th)

November 4: AGAPE & TRANSFORMATION: How do we understand love?
What legacy of light are you giving to others?

MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM: Morning prayer will meet via Zoom this coming **Wednesday, October 28 at 10:05 a.m.** For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino, or Beth Mayhew.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR UTILITY WORK: MCDOT will be temporarily closing 107th Avenue north of Northern Avenue beginning 5:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2 until late November 2026 (approximately three weeks). During the closure access will be maintained via Butler Drive and 111th and 103rd Avenues. Look for the detour signs.

STREAMING LINK: As a reminder, if you are unable to attend church in person, you can view both the English and Spanish services via our streaming link (below). Both English and Spanish bulletins can be found on the webpage and are sent out via email on Fridays. If you have any questions regarding the link, please speak with Bill Lynn.

https://www.youtube.com/@StChris_SunCityAZ/streams

WATER DRIVE: We continue to collect 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 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.

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is "Personal Hygiene Sunday." Per Valley View Food Bank, they are especially in need of personal hygiene items (shampoo, body wash, soap, toothpaste, etc), including adult diapers and feminine hygiene products. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity~*The heart that gives, gathers— Lao Tzu*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	October 19	2026 Total
Weight	50 lbs.	1,374 lbs.
Cash		\$910.00
Water Project	\$100.00	\$817.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	October 20	October Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$317.25	\$946.25	\$20,013.15**
Bookstore	\$105.00	\$336.00	\$2,448.55

****Bargains total includes all money received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters.**

This Week's Prayer List

Effective October 1, names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days, after which they will be removed. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have someone remain on the prayer list, please add the information to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

* Kelli Abel * Makayla Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Anne * Jim Barnette * Judy Broeder *
 * Skip Broomfield * Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tim Buffery * Karen Butler *
 * John Card * Clive Chancey * Claudio * Jane Cooley * Fr. Brian Couvillion * Jean Durrett *
 * Fr. Gerardo * Cathy & Gary Gustin * Karen Harry * Michael Heap * Judith * Kim *
 * Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis * Domingo Lopez * L:orna * Ernesto Martinez *
 * Marva Martinez * Larry Mayper * Jeff McBride * Maureen * Brenda McCormick *
 * Shawn Mirigian * Hivanny Oliver * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Paul & Paula *
 * Jean Phelps * Ramon * Jill Renner * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez *
 * Socorro Sanchez * * Stella * Anna Van Scoter * David Scott (Barbara Kimball's son) *
 * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Carol Weber * Steve Wheatley * Janet Young * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Janice Crane * Kathryn Frantz *



Happy Anniversary in October

María Salgado & Bernabé Aguirre Martinez	37 years
Barbara & Ronald Jackson	56 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in October

Hailey Cortez
Barbara Welsh
Judi Soock
Carmen Borda
Denisse Ríos
Dennis Bustamante
Meka Anako
Rey Borda

Lilly Murray
Breanna Bustamante
Rafael Rodriguez
Gail Tetrick
Harley Díaz Ríos
Patty Emanuelson
Natalee Valles
Sofía Valle

Vestry

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