



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Liturgy of the Word

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| Prelude | | |
| Announcements | | Dick Young |
| Processional | <i>Great Is the Lord</i> | Attached |
| Opening Acclamation | | BCP 355 |
| Collect of Purity | | BCP 355 |
| Gloria | <i>Glory to God</i> | S-280 |
| The Collect of the Day | | Attached |
| First Reading | Acts 16: 16-34 | Attached |
| Psalm | Psalm 97 | 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**

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| Second Reading | Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21 | Attached |
| Gospel Hymn | <i>Glorify Thy Name</i> | Attached |
| Gospel | John 17: 20-26 | Attached |
| Sermon | | The Rev Troy Mendez |
| 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

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| Offertory Sentence | | BCP 376 |
| Offertory Anthem | <i>Total Praise by Richard Smallwood</i> | |
| Doxology | <i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | H-380, v. 3 |

The Holy Communion

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| 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

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| Communion Hymn | <i>Taste and See</i> | W-764 |
| Post Communion Prayer | | BCP 365 |
| The Blessing | | Celebrant's Choice |
| Dismissal Hymn | <i>Lift High The Cross</i> | H-473 |
| Dismissal Acclamation | | BCP 366 |

Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Lesson Acts 16: 16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set

food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**The Psalm
Psalm 97**

1. The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
2. Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
3. A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
4. His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
5. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6. The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
7. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
8. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.
9. For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

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
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21**

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Holy Gospel John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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, Tierra, and Kristen.
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 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

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| Celebrant: | The Rev Troy Mendez |
| Verger: | Patty Emanuelson |
| Crucifer: | Judi Soock |
| Gospel Bearer | Betty Roddy |
| First Reading and Psalm | Marva Martinez |
| Second Reading | Beth Mayhew |
| Prayers of the People | Patty Emanuelson |
| Chalice Bearers: | Betty Roddy & Judi Soock |
| Music Director | Mr. Don Palm |

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Bill Masters, Junior Warden
Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry
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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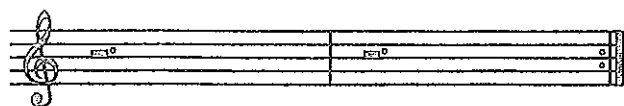
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Great is the Lord

Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

Great is the Lord, He is ho ly and just, by His pow er we
trust in His Love. Great is the Lord, He is faith ful and
true, by His mer cy He proves He is love. 1. Great is the
2. Great are You
Lord, and wor thy of glo ry; Great is the Lord, and
Lord, and wor thy of glo ry; Great are you Lord, and
wor thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, Now
wor thy of praise. Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I
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Great is the Lord!
Great are You Lord!

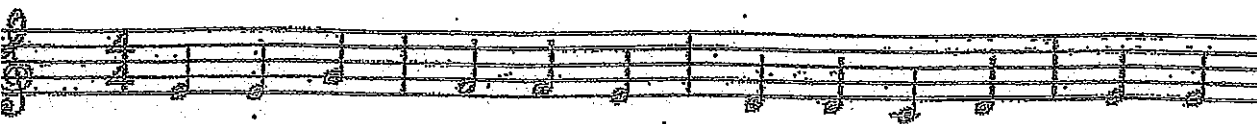
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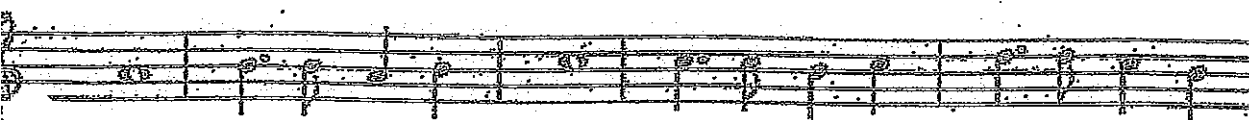
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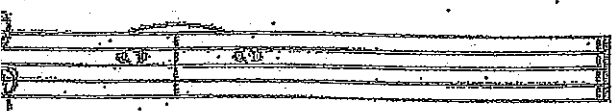
A Fa ther we love You, we praise You, we a dore You.
J. Je sus in
S. Spi rit



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



Name, Glo ri fy Thy Name. : Glo ri fy Thy Name in all thy



earth. _____



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements June 1, 2025

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.

JUNE 8 WORSHIP SERVICE: Fr. Troy Mendez will be with us once again presiding and preaching at our Eucharist at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Please continue to come together and make him feel welcome.



RED, WHITE AND BLUE: Bargains would like you to search for red, white, and blue items. We sold lots before Memorial Day and still have Flag Day and the 4th of July coming up. Clothes, dishes, what-nots and flags. Any type of item would be appreciated. We thank you for whatever you have that you don't anymore!

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 (NEW TIME): 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!

BOOKSTORE: Bookstore workers have updated the Bookstore Workers favorites table. If you regularly send greeting cards and pay too much for them, please check the table next to the puzzles. There are cards for all occasions very inexpensive. Also a new table with millions of books for older kids. No inflation here.

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.

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is "Soup Sunday." Please bring cans or packets of soup, bean mix or broth. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. ~Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment—Jean de la Bruyere

Monthly Food Bank Donations

| | May 27 | 2025 Total |
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| Weight | 65 lbs. | 849 lbs. |
| Cash | \$100.00 | \$400.00 |

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

| | May 27 | May Total | 2025 Year Total |
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| Bargains | \$387.00 | \$1,829.75 | \$10,675.45 |
| Bookstore | \$47.00 | \$178.35 | \$1,196.50 |

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.



HELP NEEDED FOR FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR!! As we only have one coffee hour each Sunday between services and in order for it to be successful, **we need volunteers to host.** Please, please consider volunteering as a coffee hour host. This can be a couple, a family, or individuals working together. It's a great way to get to know folks. The more volunteers, the easier it makes on everyone! **A BIG THANK YOU** every week to everyone who helps make coffee hour a friendly, yummy gathering! Coffee hour is a great way for those attending services to reacquaint with each other and to meet new faces. 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! **Sign up sheet is in the kitchen!**

This week's coffee hour is hosted by Marva Martinez and Dick Young.

We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!



Happy Anniversary in June

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| Janet and Richard Young | June 23 | 52 years |
| Jennifer and Meka Anako | June 30 | 7 years |



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in June

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| Geri Rubalcaba | June 5 | Christian Anako | June 18 |
| Jim Barnette | June 6 | J. P. Harrison | June 21 |
| Kelly Thomas | June 9 | 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 |
| Jessica Sanchez | June 17 | | |

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 * Sarah Benson * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder * Kia Browning * Jan Browning *
 * Mike Burkhart * Caitlin * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Agnes Chukwudozie *
 * Claudio * Judy Couvillion * Ethel * Gale & Arthur Farinas * Bonnie Franco * Isaiah Garcia *
 * Ann Gay * Cathy Gustin * Gary Gustin * April Harris * 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 Mayper * Brenda McCormick *
 * Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Bryan Nance * Don Palm * Paul & Paula * Joanne Porter *
 * Audrey & Christopher Price * Ramon * Rick & Robbie * Ranulfo Orozco Reyes * Bill Rosetti *
 * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * David Scott * Frank & Sue Schlichting * Sebastian *
 * Charles Jay Smith & Family * Eunice Uzokwulu * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria *

For those who have died

* Betty Burrous (Barbara Fabre's Mother) *

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