



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		Dick Young
Processional	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	H-410, Vs 1, 2, 3, 4
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	Attached
Psalms	Psalms 139: 1-5, 12-17	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	Philemon 1-21	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Luke 14: 25-33	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 326
Prayers of the People Form VI		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

**Offertory**

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>I Worship You, Almighty God by Don Moen</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>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**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

## **The Psalm Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17**

1. Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
**you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**
2. You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
**but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**
4. You press upon me behind and before \*  
**and lay your hand upon me.**
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
12. For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
13. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
**your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
14. My body was not hidden from you, \*  
**while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**
15. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book; \*  
**they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.**
16. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
**how great is the sum of them!**
17. If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
**to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

**The Epistle  
Philemon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

### **The Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

## 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 added 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**

Celebrant:	The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Al Franco
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Bonnie Franco
Second Reading	Al Franco
Prayers of the People	Beth Mayhew
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Al Franco
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**

Jane Cooley, Senior Warden  
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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## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements September 7, 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.*

*Friendly Reminder: All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, September 14 needs to be in the office by Thursday September 11 at noon to be included. Thank you.*

**UPDATE—2025 GIVING STATEMENTS:** Your giving statements are in your mailcart folder. Please contact Beth Mayhew at 602-435-5272 if you have questions. Thank you for your generous support of St Christopher's!

**UPCOMING BILINGUAL SERVICES:** There will be two bilingual services this fall. The first service will be the **Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5 – Blessing of the Animals**, and the second service will be **All Saints Sunday on Sunday, November 2.**

**CODE RED IS STILL ON!** The Phoenix summer heat continues, and the Phoenix Rescue Mission is still collecting money to purchase water to share with the homeless. 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.

### **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE—VENDORS NEEDED**

**Need help finding vendors for our Boutique. If you are visiting some of the events and Farmer's Markets, please take some of the vendor invite cards which are in the office and help us find some new vendors. Make sure you get a business card with their email so I can follow up with them.**

**Those crafters in our congregation who will be donating items for our St Christopher's booth, please let me know what you will be donating. It will help me judge the space we will need. Please price your items.**

**Remember to sign the volunteer sheet located in coffee hour on the table at the end of the food line. Thank you for all your support—Barb Jackson**



**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:** 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!

**BUILDING KEYS:** Just a reminder that the office is updating the inventory of the building keys. If you have a key (church, parish hall, Bargains, office), please let Cathy in the office know so that we can revise the key log. Thank you.

**INFORMATION FROM CHASE BANK:** Chase Bank has notified St. Christopher's that as of September 1, they will no longer accept third-party endorsed checks without additional verification. They may accept third-party endorsed checks for deposit at a Chase branch with verification of endorsements. However, the original payee must be present with two valid forms of identification and will need to complete a verification form.

**BOOKSTORE:** Bookstore workers have updated their favorites table. If you regularly send greeting cards and pay too much for them, please check the table next to the puzzles where you will find cards for all occasions, very inexpensive. Also a new table with many books for older children.

**NAME BADGES:** We ask everyone to please remember to wear your name badge as it would be of immense help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office.

**FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE:** Next week is "Fruit/Fruit Juice" Sunday. Please bring canned or bottled fruit juice, tomato, or vegetable juice. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity~*Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle—Charles Glassman*

**Monthly Food Bank Donations**

	September 1	2025 Total
Weight	100 lbs.	1,034 lbs.
Cash		\$600.00

**Monthly Thrift Shop Stats**

	September 1	September Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$267.00	\$267.00	\$15,839.75
Bookstore	\$53.00	\$53.00	\$2,015.00
Code Red	\$100.00		\$511.00



### FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As we only have one coffee hour each Sunday between services and 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 wonderful way to get to know people. The more volunteers there are, 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 helpful for those attending services to get to know 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 in the kitchen. 😊

***We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week!***

***Domingo Lopez hosts this week's coffee hour. Thank you!***



### Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in September

Ester Zamora	September 3	Roberto Pérez	September 17
Ivón Millán	September 6	Joanne Mola	September 20
Jay Díaz Ríos	September 7	Ken Anako	September 21
Lesley Aleman	September 9	Connor Abel	September 24
Barbara Kimball	September 10	Aurelio Valles Burciaga	September 25
Gabriel Bustamante Diaz	September 12	Bill Masters	September 27
Isabel Jaramillo	September 13	Melanie Murua	September 28
Ann Gay	September 17		

### Happy Anniversary in September



Bonnie & Al Franco

September 1

63 years



### 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.*

\* Juan Gabriel Aleman \* Isaac Anako \* Noc Anako \* Stella \* Jim Barnette \* Viviana Brambila \*

\* Judy Broeder \* Kia Browning \* Jan Browning \* Tom Camper \* John Card \* Clive Chancey \* Claudio \*

\* Jonathan Dombek \* Ethel \* Gale & Arthur Farinas \* Cathy Gustin \* Gary Gustin \* April Harris \*

\* Michael Heap \* Ruth Jones \* Judith \* Gene Lapham \* Domingo Lopez \* Monica Maldonado \*

\* Marva Martinez \* Christina Mason \* Brenda McCormick \* Hannah McCabe \* Shawn Mirigian \*

\* Joanne Mola \* Mr. Monata \* Bryan Nance \* Don Palm \* Paula, Paula & Steven \* Joanne Porter \* Ramon \*

\* Jill Renner \* Bill Richardson \* Rick & Robbie \* Javier Sanchez \* Sharyn \* Socorro Sanchez \*

\* Laura Schwarz \* Sebastian \* Charles Jay Smith & Family \* Kurt Tetrick \* Charles Trione \*

\* Anna Van Scoter \* Victoria \* Brenda Johnson Walker \*



**For those who have died**

\* Sue Barnette \* Karolena Cardello \* Jo Hansen \* Catalina Sullivan \*

**Vestry**

Jane Cooley, Senior Warden \* Bill Masters, Junior Warden,  
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