



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2026

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Mike Soock
Processional	<i>Praise to the Living Lord</i>	H-372
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Isaiah 25: 1-9	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 23	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 4: 1-9	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	H-178, Vs 1, 2
Gospel	Matthew 22: 1-14	Attached
Sermon		Deacon Emmanuel Bola Oluloro
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>I Sing Praises to Your Name 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>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	H-325
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>How Firm A Foundation</i>	H-637
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:	Deacon Emmanuel Bola Olulor
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Bola
First Reading and Psalm	Lisa Wolford
Second Reading	Dick Young
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Soock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

First Lesson
Isaiah 25: 1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle

Philippians 4: 1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 11, 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.

DEAR ST. CHRISTOPHER'S FAMILY: Thank you for helping make the Blessing of the Animals Potluck a success. Thank you to everyone who set up, brought a dish, pulled up a chair, and cleaned up. Your hard work brought our Church family closer together. For that we are so blessed. Leona Lindvall and Sue Schlichting.

OCTOBER LADIES LUNCHEON: The October Ladies Luncheon this coming **Thursday, October 15 at noon** at Betty's Rooste, 14418 W. Meeker Avenue, Sun City West. Please note that Betty's Rooste does not accept credit cards. Cash only. Let Sue Schlichting know if you want to car pool. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTOPHER SINGERS: The Christopher Singers welcomes new member Sharon Cook to the group. We will be singing at Benevilla Lucy's Place located at 16752 W. Greasewood Street in Surprise on **Friday, October 16th at 11:00 a.m.** Come join us in this fun ministry making a joyful noise to the Lord. See Diane Plein if you want to carpool from the church parking lot. We would love to have you!!

MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM: The morning prayer at 10:05 am is on October hiatus. Join us again by Zoom in November! For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino, or Beth Mayhew.

WEDNESDAY LITURGY & HEALING SERVICE: **Wednesday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m.** This will be followed at **10:45 a.m.** with **The Way of St. Francis Scripture Study led by Mary Ann Ronan.** This is a sacred journey not only through the life of St. Francis, but through the movement of your heart. We will use the 7 Pillars to awaken your faith.. Information for each week is on the next page

October 14: CALLING & ACCOMPANIMENT: Who has God placed in your life to walk the journey?

October 21: ENCOUNTER & COMPASSION: How is God asking me to move others I don't understand? Who around me is hungry - for belonging?

October 28: AGAPE & TRANSFORMATION: How do we understand love? What legacy of light are you giving to others?

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

SPARKLE & SHINE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Good morning everyone. We are getting very close to Boutique time. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for those bringing food and/or crafts for sale. There is also a place for you to volunteer to help on our table. Volunteers will only work sales at our St. Christopher's Table selling the crafts and the food. The St. Christopher's table will include donations from the first and second service members. If you have any questions please see me during coffee hour or text me at 602-448-9113. We have some new vendors this year with new items to share. Looking forward to another fun and profitable event. Thank you to everyone for your help and support.
Barbara Jackson

FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR

You're Invited! – Coffee Fellowship Gathering

We'd love for you to join us for a time of fellowship and warm conversation and friendly faces.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: After Worship Service

Location: Parish Hall

We can't wait to see you there!

Coffee hour is in need of extra hands to help in the kitchen. And coffee hour is always in need of donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays – anything you would like to bring. Look for the sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

***J.P Harrison and Donna Beyer host this week's coffee fellowship.
We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!***

WATER DRIVE: This year we will be collecting 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 summer 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 "Fruit/Fruit Juice" Sunday. Please bring Canned or bottled fruit juice, tomato or vegetable juice. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. ~*The greatest acts of generosity are done in secret. — Unknown*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	September 28	2026 Total
Weight	30 lbs.	1,324 lbs.
Cash		\$910.00
Water Project	\$9.00	\$717.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	October 5	October Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$262.00	\$262.00	\$19,328.90**
Bookstore	\$161.00	\$161.00	\$2,273.55

****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 *
 * Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tim Buffery * Karen Butler * John Card * Clive Chancey *
 * Claudio * Sharon Cook * Jane Cooley * Jean Durrett * Kathryn Frantz * Fr. Gerardo *
 * Cathy & Gary Gustin * Karen Harry * Michael Heap * Judith * Kim * Barbara Kimball *
 * Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis * Domingo Lopez * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez *
 * Larry Mayper * Jeff McBride * Maureen * Brenda McCormick * Mia * Shawn Mirigian *
 * Hivanny Oliver * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Paul & Paula * Jean Phelps * Ramon *
 * Jill Renner * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * Sherrie *
 * 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 * Tom Camper * Kathryn Frantz * Abel Zamora * Raul Zamora *



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	Lilly Murray
Barbara Welsh	Breanna Bustamante
Judi Soock	Rafael Rodriguez
Carmen Borda	Gail Tetrick
Denisse Ríos	Harley Díaz Ríos
Dennis Bustamante	Patty Emanuelson
Meka Anako	Natalee Valles
Rey Borda	Sofía Valle

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