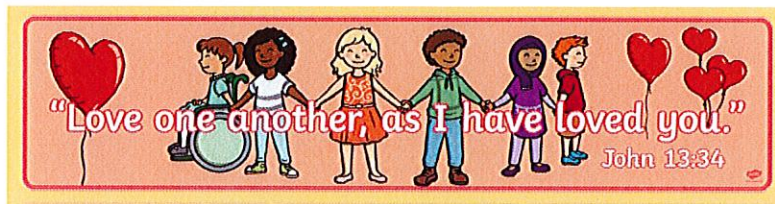




**LOVE** one another, As I have **LOVED** you.  
*John 13:34*



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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**Holy Eucharist Rite II -**  
**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		Bill Masters
Processional	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	Attached
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Collect of Purity		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Acts 11: 1-18	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 148	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	Revelation 21: 1-6	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	John 13: 31-35	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>Jesus, Name Above All Names by Nadia Hearn</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 Am The Bread of Life</i>	H-335
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	H-460, Vs 1, 2, 3
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

### The Psalm Psalm 148

1. Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
**praise him in the heights.**
2. Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
**praise him, all his host.**
3. Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
**praise him, all you shining stars.**
4. Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
**and you waters above the heavens.**

5. Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
**for he commanded, and they were created.**
6. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
7. Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**
8. Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
9. Mountains and all hills, \*  
**fruit trees and all cedars;**
10. Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
**creeping things and winged birds;**
11. Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
**princes and all rulers of the world;**
12. Young men and maidens, \*  
**old and young together.**
13. Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
**for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.**
14. He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

**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 21:1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I

am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

**The Holy Gospel**  
**John 13:31-35**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## 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.**

# Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

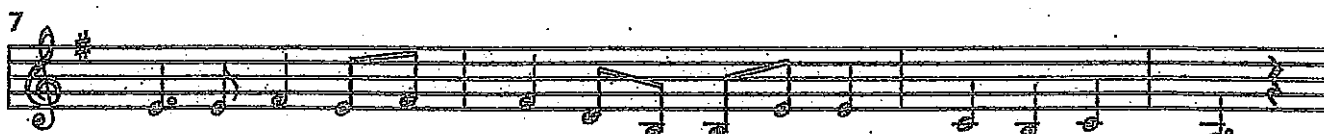
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1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the  
2. Lord, I come in Your awe-some pres - ence, from the sha-dows in-  
3. As we gaze on Your kind- ly bright - ness, So our fac- Es dis-



dark-ness shin - ing; Je- sus, Light of the world shine up- on - us,  
to Your rad - lance; By the blood I may en- ter Your bright- - ness;  
play Your like - ness; Ev- er chang-ing from glo- ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth You now bring - us; Shine on - me.  
Search me, try me, con- sume all my dark - ness; Shine on - me.  
Mirror-ed here may our lives tell Your sto - ry; Shine on - me.

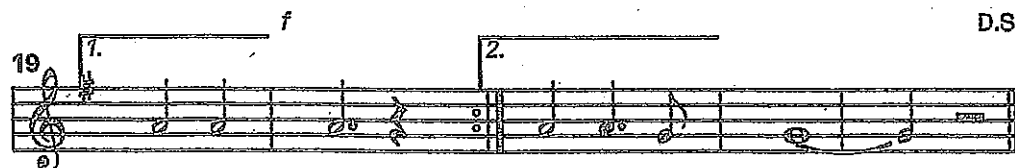
## Refrain



Shine on - me. Shine, Je- sus shine, fill this  
Shine on - me. Flow riv- er flow, flood the  
Shine on - me.



land with the Fa- ther's glo- ry; Blaze Spir- it blaze, set our  
na- tions with grace and mer- cy; Send forth Your word, Lord and

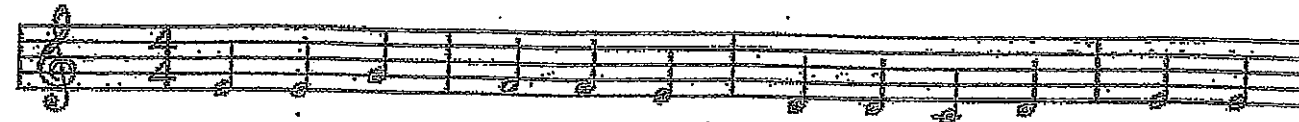


1. hearts on fire 2. let there be light.

# GLORIFY THY NAME

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Donna Adkins



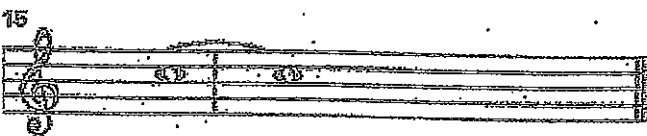
1. Fa ther } we love You, we praise You, we a dore You.  
2. Je sus }  
3. Spi rit }



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 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:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Dick Young
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  
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## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements May 18, 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.*

### **\*\*SUNDAY, MAY 25\*\***

Dick Young will lead us in morning prayer at 9:30 a.m. The 11:15 a.m. service will also be a morning prayer service led by Carmen and Rey Borda.

### **\*\*SUNDAY, JUNE 1 and 8\*\***

At 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Fr. Troy Mendez will be with us presiding and preaching at our Eucharist. Please come together and make him feel welcome.

**SPIRITUAL MAINTENANCE CENTER—A USO LIKE PLACE:** The Spiritual Maintenance Center is the newest ministry of the Arizona Episcopal Diocese located on Luke AFB. It's a place where airmen can go for a work break, have a snack, a cold bottled water in the hot summer, etc. and is run by the chaplains at the base and by volunteers.

They are currently in need of more volunteers. However, as it is on Luke AFB, volunteers will need a military ID, a military retiree ID, or a VA card to get on to the base. Volunteer shifts are for 4 hours, either in the morning or afternoon, and usually every 2 weeks or so.

If you are interested, please email the Rev Canon Laura Adelia at [priestlauraadelia@gmail.com](mailto:priestlauraadelia@gmail.com) or [vetmilministryazdiocese@gmail.com](mailto:vetmilministryazdiocese@gmail.com), or Deacon Michael Douglas at [mdouglas7@cox.net](mailto:mdouglas7@cox.net).

**GIVING STATEMENTS:** 2025 Giving statements are available in your mailcart folder. If you have questions, please contact Beth Mayhew at 602-435-5272. Thank you for your generosity!

**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.

**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 10:15 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 10:15-10:45. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!

**BOOKSTORE:** Bookstore workers have built a new table called "**Bookstore Workers Favorites.**" There are books, DVD's and other stuff that the bookstore workers have enjoyed. You may find a new friend here. The table is next to the New Arrivals table. Also new is a special display of children's books in excellent condition. This table shares space with the puzzle table. Prices continue very low - no inflation.

**FOOD BANK/DRIVE!** Next week is "PB & J" Sunday. Please bring peanut butter (or other kinds of nut butter) and jelly. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

#### Monthly Food Bank Donations

	May 12	2025 Total
Weight	85 lbs.	869 lbs.
Cash		\$300.00

#### Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	May 12	May Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$673.00	\$1,044.75	\$9,860.55**
Bookstore	\$47.35	\$85.35	\$1,103.50

**\*\*Adjusted total indicates additional monies omitted from previous total.**

**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.

#### FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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.

We only have one coffee hour each Sunday between services and in order for it to be successful, we need volunteers to host. Please consider volunteering as a coffee hour host. This can be a couple, a family, two families, or individuals working together. It is a great way to get to know folks. The more volunteers, the easier it makes on everyone.

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!

*This week's coffee hour is hosted by Janice Crane and J.P. Harrison  
We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!*

### **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 \* Viviana Brambila \* Judy Broeder \* Kia Browning \* Jan Browning \*  
\* Mike Burkhart \* Caitlin \* Tom Camper \* John Card \* Clive Chancey \* Agnes Chukwudozie \*  
\* Claudio \* Philip Cooley \* Donna Coseo \* Judy Couvillion \* 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 \*  
\* Allen Rosetti \* Bill Rosetti \* Javier Sanchez \* Socorro Sanchez \* David Scott \* Frank & Sue Schlichting \*  
\* Sebastian \* Charles Jay Smith & Family \* Eunice Uzokwulu \* Anna Van Scoter \*  
\* Ellye Vargas, granddaughter Marina and Marina's mother \* Victoria \*

### **For those who have died**

\* Betty Burrous (Barbara Fabre's Mother) \* Thomas Canavan \* Lois Jones \* Ranulfo Orozco Reyes \*



### **Happy Anniversary in May**

Belated Wishes to Fr. Gerardo and Viviana	April 27 –	23 years
Kim and James Van Scoter	May 5	1 year
Shawn Mirigian & Gene Lapham	May 28	2 years



### **Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in May**

Connie Stresing	May 1
Mario Ramirez Jr.	May 4
Karolena Cardella	May 12
Janet Young	May 13
Cynthia Aguilar	May 22
Maria Del Toro	May 23
John Kennedy	May 31

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