



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite I**

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Marva Martinez
Processional	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	H-150
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Kyrie	<i>Kyrie</i>	Attached
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading		Attached
Psalm		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		Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	H-142, Vs 1, 2, 3
Gospel		Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Rite 1		Attached
Confession of Sin		BCP 331
Absolution		BCP 332
The Peace		BCP 332
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Praise to God, Immortal Praise by Mary Lynn Lightfoot</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Rite I Eucharistic Prayer		BCP 333
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father (Spoken)</i>	
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-156
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread</i>	H-321
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing</i>	H-344
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366
Postlude		

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 Sock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Diane Plein
Second Reading	Beth Mayhew
Prayers of the People	Patty Emanuelson
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Sock
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
Maria Salgado, Member-at-large
Mike Sock, Member-at-Large
Dick Young, Member-at-Large

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Kyrie: Kyrie (Sung)..... **Clark**

Choir: Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve.
See the violence, feel the hardness.
All my people weep with me.

All sing refrain:

Voice
Ky - ri - o e - lei - son, Chris - to e - lei - son,

Vo.
ky - ri - o e - lei - son.

Choir and Congregation:
Walk among them; I'll go with you.
Reach out to them with my hands.
Suffer with me, and together
We will serve them, help them stand.

REFRAIN

Choir and Congregation: Forgive them Father; hear our prayer.
We would walk with you anywhere.
Through your suffering with forgiveness,
Take your life into the world.

REFRAIN

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

The Psalm
Psalm 130

1. Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2. If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
3. For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
4. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
5. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
6. O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
7. With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory 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
Romans 8: 6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Holy Gospel
John 11: 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,

“Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus

began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Prayers of the People Rite I

Lector: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Lector: Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean our presiding bishop, Jennifer our diocesan bishop, and Gerardo our priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; they, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: We beseech thee also, so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all who are listed on our Parish Prayer Chain and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for communities in our cycle of prayer including The Anglican Church of Korea, Church of St. Matthew in Tucson, and First United Methodist Church of Sun City. Pray for joyful celebrations of Christ our King.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for all members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, Tierra and Kristen. Pray for wise leaders and safe missions.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for all first responders and healthcare professionals. Pray for calm and quiet in our cities and towns.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples St. Christopher and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.



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Weekly Announcements
March 22, 2026

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 in the pews or in the narthex.
Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.*

PRAYERS

Our first and most vital request is for your prayers. As St. Paul exhorted the Thessalonians, *"Brothers and sisters, pray for us"* (1 Thessalonians 5: 25). Your spiritual support is the bedrock upon which this ministry is built.

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK CALENDAR:

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday – Two services: 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, April 1 – Holy Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday at 5:00 p.m. (English)
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m.
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Service at 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday – One service at 10:00 a.m. - Bilingual

SUN CITY POSSE OPEN HOUSE: The Sun City Posse is holding its annual Open House on **Saturday March 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** at Posse Headquarters on 10861 Sunland Drive. This is an opportunity to tour the facility and view demonstrations of Posse equipment. MCSO and the Sun City Fire Department will also be on site with equipment. NASCAR will be there with a race car. All Sun City Residents and guests are welcome to this free event. Join the Sun City Posse for complimentary popcorn, ice cream, hot dogs and participate to win a prize and learn how the Posse serves your community.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – BRING A BUNNY TO CHURCH: St. Christopher's annual collection of stuffed bunnies or other stuffed animals will take place on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. These will be given to the children at Eve's Place. The items will be placed on the altar to be blessed. The bunnies will be delivered to Eve's Place before Easter. (You may bring a bunny or stuffed animal before Palm Sunday.)



EASTER LILIES: We have ordered the Easter lilies to be placed around the altar on Easter Sunday, April 5. There is a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex if you would like to purchase a lily or call or email the church office. The cost is \$25 and can be paid by check or cash placed in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the offering plate. The lilies can be taken home after the Easter Service.

LENTEN STUDY & WAY OF THE CROSS: We continue with the Lenten Study on **Wednesdays** during the **10:00 a.m.** Healing Eucharist service in the Resurrection Chapel. Also, during Lent we will walk the Way of the Cross on **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.



SONORAN SOUNDS WOMEN'S CHORALE CONCERT: St. Christopher's is hosting a free concert of the Sonoran Sounds Women's Chorale on **Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m.** The concert is entitled "The Rhythm of My Heart." The event is free for the community with donations welcome but not required. Bring your friends, relatives and neighbors. For more information, contact Diane Plein.

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!



BOOKSTORE: Lent/Easter is the holiest time of the year. The Resurrection is what defines us as Christians. The bookshop table reflects this. Here you will find items for the season. Low prices continue. Also new is the games table.

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. If you ordered a name badge, please check your mail cart in the Narthex.



FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP! Coffee hour needs donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays, or anything you would like to bring. We are always looking for an extra set of hands to help in the kitchen. Sign up in the kitchen.

Dick Young hosts this week's coffee hour.

We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!

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

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	March 9	2026
Weight	40 lbs.	370 lbs.
Cash		\$200.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	March 16	March Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$374.50	\$2,648.00	\$4,323.80 **
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$50.60		
Bookstore	\$50.00	\$303.60	\$452.00

****Total Includes amount received from Big Brothers Bis Sisters**



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in March

Lili Valenzuela Vidal	March 03	Dasyre Roddy	March 22
Kabrina Slaten	March 04	Wilma Hammond	March 25
Carmen García Zepeda	March 05	Virginia Swisher	March 25
Francisco Aguilar	March 07	Ashleigh Johnson	March 28
Jocelyn Valles	March 08	Jason Luna Guerrero	March 30
William Alburez Fabian Jr.	March 16		



Happy Anniversary in March

Trinidad A. & Trinidad D. Fabela	March 15	55 years
Veronica Sanchez & Aurelio Valles	March 22	24 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.

* Kelli Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Anne * Jim Barnette * Marcia Bledsoe * Viviana Brambila *
* Judy Broeder * Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tim Buffery * Tom Camper * John Card *
* Clive Chancey * Claudio * Jane Cooley * Jean Durrett * Thomas Dyer * Fr. Gerardo *
* Cathy & Gary Gustin * Michael Heap * Judith * Kim * Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis *
* Domingo Lopez * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez * Brenda McCormick * Mia *
* Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Bryan Nance * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Sandy Patrick *
* Joanne Porter * Ramon * Jill Renner * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez *
* Socorro Sanchez * Sherrie * Stella * Kurt Tetrick * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria *
* Lynn Viviano-Webb * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Marilyn Hunter *

Vestry

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