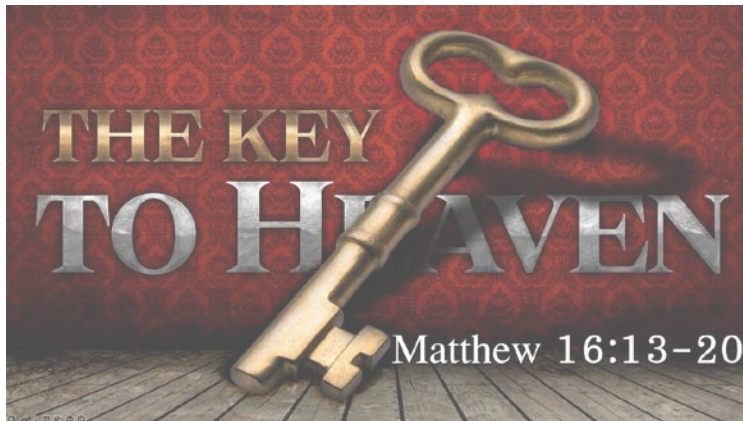
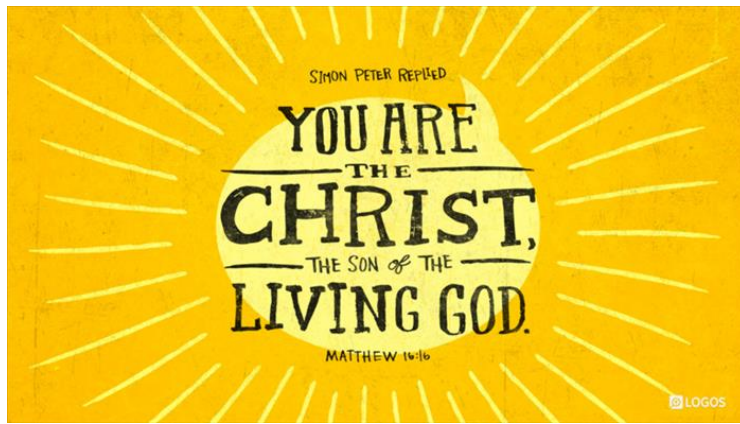




St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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Holy Eucharist Rite II -
Sunday, August 23, 2026

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Marva Martinez
Processional	<i>Great Is the Lord</i>	Attached
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Exodus 1: 8 – 2:10	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 124	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	Romans 12: 1-8	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	Matthew 16: 13-20	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>Then In His Hands The Cup He Raised</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>Father We Thank The Who Has Planted</i>	H-302
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>O Worship The King</i>	H-388
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:	The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Betty Roddy
Gospel Bearer	Patty Emanuelson
First Reading and Psalm	Diane Plein
Second Reading	Marva Martinez
Prayers of the People	Dick Young
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Patty Emanuelson
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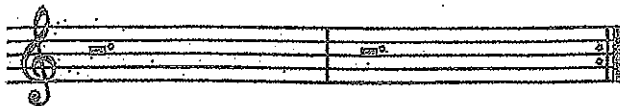
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Great is the Lord

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
lift up your voice: Great
lift up my voice: Great
is the Lord
are You Lord
Great is the Lord!
Great are You Lord!

D.S. after 2nd time thru and sing 1st & 2nd verses and end.....



Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson Exodus 1: 8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and

placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The Psalm Psalm 124

1. If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
2. If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
3. Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
4. Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
5. Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
6. Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
7. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8. Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Epistle Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the

renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 16: 13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 August 23, 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 and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Men's Prayer Breakfast is on **Thursday, August 27th at 8:00 a.m.** at Mercer's Restaurant, 9720 W. Peoria Avenue. See Bill Masters or Dick Young for details.

HOSPITALIZATION AND ADDRESS CHANGE: Please remember to contact us if you or a family member is ill, or hospitalized, or if you move and change address. Call Patti Emanuelson at **602-228-2316 with the information or contact the church office. Thank you.**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Please accept Barbara Kimball's apologies if you have not received a birthday or anniversary card in August. She hopes to be caught up soon.

SPARKLE & SHINE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: It is that time again! The Christmas Boutique will be **October 23-25, Friday - Sunday.** We need our crafters to get those beautiful items ready for our St Christopher's Boutique table. We have postcards available for you to share with your family, friends and neighbors and invite them to attend. You can also share them with vendors if you are visiting other Craft shows or Events and invite them to join us in October. If you have any questions please see Barbara Jackson or Mona Guarino during coffee hour or send a note to Cathy in the office and she will forward it to me. Working together will help us have another successful event.

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

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.

YOU'RE INVITED! – COFFEE FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Join us for a cozy morning of coffee, conversation, and community! Let's gather together to share stories, encourage one another, and enjoy the warmth of fellowship.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: After worship

Location: Harte Hall

Whether you are a long-time member or visiting for the first time, you are welcome at our table. Bring a friend and an open heart.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

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.

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 for your kindness and generosity~*No-one has ever become poor by giving—Anne Frank*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	August 18	2026 Total
Weight		1,212 lbs.
Cash		\$710.00
Water Project		\$579.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	August 18	August Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$453.00	\$1,207.00	\$16,248.15**
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$23.00		
Bookstore	\$72.00	\$169.00	\$1,640.55

*****Bargains total includes monies received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters the week of August 18***

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 * Makayla Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Chinenye Anako * Nnenna Anako *
* Anne * Jim Barnette * Judy Broeder * Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tim Buffery *
* Karen Butler * Tom Camper * 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 * Archie Lafferty *
* Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis * Domingo Lopez * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez *
* Jeff McBride * Brenda McCormick * Mia * Shawn Mirigian * Hivanny Oliver *
* Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Paul * Paula * 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 *
* Barbara Welsh * Steve Wheatley * Janet Young * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

*Steven Blankenship * Carol Masters * Jo Anne Hansen *

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