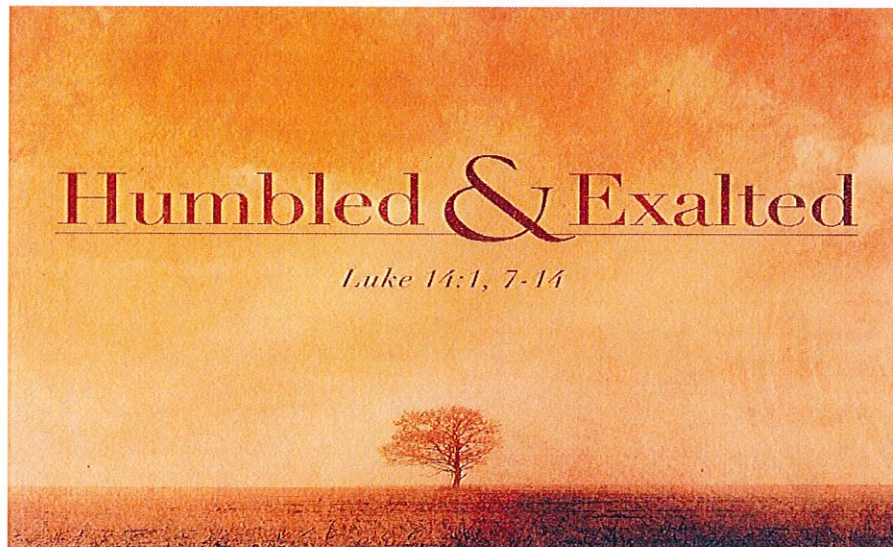
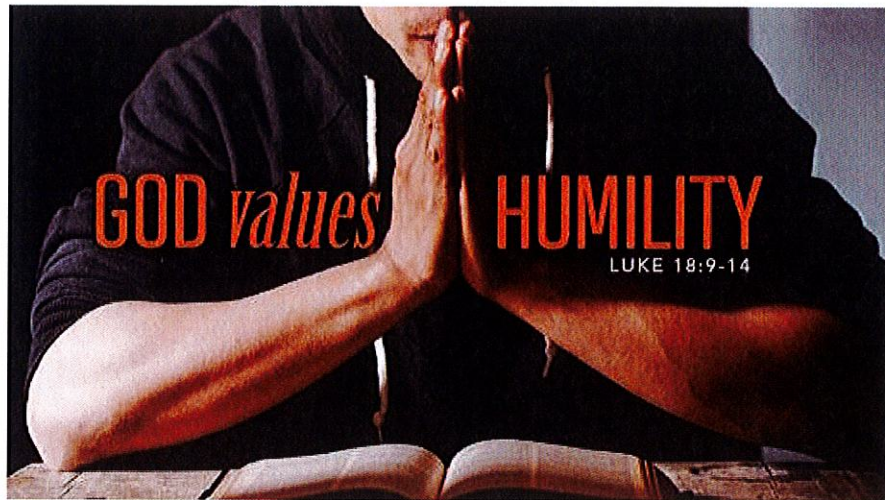




St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:30 a.m.

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Marva Martinez
Processional	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	H-427, Vs 1-4
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Sirach 35: 12-17	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 84: 1-6	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	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	Luke 18: 9-14	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>Shout to the Lord by Darlene Zschech</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>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	H-594
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:	Judi Soock/Connor Abel
Gospel Bearer	Al Franco
First Reading and Psalm	Dick Young
Second Reading	Patty Emanuelson
Prayers of the People	Beth Mayhew
Chalice Bearers:	Judi Soock & Al Franco
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The Psalm

Psalm 84:1-6

1. How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
3. Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
4. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
5. Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
6. They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Epistle
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel
Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you; this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Prayers of the People Form VI

Lectpr: 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 26, 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, November 2 needs to be in the office by Thursday, October 30 at noon to be included. Thank you.

*****NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY*****



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE – LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE ITEMS!



The Boutique will be open today from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Look for our own St Christopher's table displaying the beautiful donations from our own members and those sales will go 100% to our church. Thank you for all your support—Barb Jackson

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY BILINGUAL SERVICE & POTLUCK LUNCH – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2: The service will take place at **10:00 a.m.** followed by a potluck lunch. Sign-up sheets are available for those who wish to have family and friends remembered. And sign-up sheets for the luncheon are also available

HAVE YOU HEARD? The Christopher Singers of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church is a group ministry that conducts sing-a-longs at adult care centers every month. With a banjo, guitar and flute, we will be making a joyous noise to the Lord in November starting on FRIDAY NOV. 7th at 10:00 a.m. at Mary's Place located at 14601 N. Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. Then on FRIDAY NOV. 21st we will be at Lucy's Place, located at 16752 W. Greasewood St, Surprise. Ask Diane Plein or Bill Lynn for more information on how much fun we have! We would love to have you join us.

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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Sunday, December 14 at 11:15 a.m.

LAS POSADAS: This year, to celebrate Las Posadas, St. Christopher's will join with Iglesia Episcopal de San Pablo, 2801 N. 31st Street, Phoenix on Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. **More information to come.**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: There will be one Christmas Eve service in English, on Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS: A Christmas Mass in Spanish will take place on Thursday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

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!

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 "Canned Goods" Sunday. Valley View Food Bank is always in need of canned goods—canned vegetables, fruit, including low salt and low sugar, canned meat (spam, etc.), canned tuna, sardines, salmon.. Please bring any canned goods to share. Thank you again and again for your generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	October 20	2025 Total
Weight	50 lbs.	1,279 lbs.
Cash		\$700.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	October 20	October Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$475.00	\$1,255.00	\$18,114.00 **
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$36.80		
Bookstore	\$75.00	\$154.00	\$2,169.00
Code Red	\$7.00		\$597.00

****The total includes the amount received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters**



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in October

Haley Cortez	October 2	Rey Borda	October 21
Barbara Welsh	October 3	Lilly Murray	October 25
Judi Soock	October 9	Breanna Bustamante	October 26
Carmen Borda	October 10	Rafael Rodriguez	October 27
Genessis Cazarez	October 11	Gail Tetrick	October 29
Denisse Ríos	October 13	Harley Díaz Rios	October 30
Enrique Sanchez	October 14	Patty Emanuelson	October 30
Dennis Bustamante	October 15	Natalee Valles	October 31
Meka Anako	October 17	Sofía Valles	October 31

Happy Anniversary in October



Aguirre Martinez, Bernabé & María Salgado	October 8	36 years
Barbara and Ronald Jackson	October 9	54 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 * The Alers Family * Isaac Anako * Noc Anako * Anne * Jim Barnette *
 * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder * Jan Browning & granddaughters Haley and Kia * Tom Camper *
 * John Card * Clive Chancey * Rev. Sandy Chilese * Claudio * Colleen Combs * Jonathan Dombek *
 * Jean Durrett * Ethel * Gale & Arthur Farinas * Cathy Gustin * Gary Gustin * April Harris * Michael Heap *
 * Ruth Jones * Judith * Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis * Domingo Lopez * Monica Maldonado *
 * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez * Wayne Martino & Family * Christina Mason * Brenda McCormick *
 * Mia * Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Bryan Nance * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm *
 * Paula, Paula & Steven * Joanne Porter * Ramon * Jill Renner * Bill Richardson * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy *
 * Javier Sanchez * Sharyn * Socorro Sanchez * Laura Schwarz * Sebastian * Charles Jay Smith & Family *
 * Stella * Kurt Tetrick * Charles Trione * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb *
 * Brenda Johnson Walker *

For those who have died

* Sue Barnette * Jo Hansen * Peter Houle * Catalina Sullivan *

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