

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**

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**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		Chinenye Anako
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 1: 6-14	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36	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	1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	John 17: 1-11	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>Wade in the Water—Words: Traditional</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

# Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

♩ = 94

Vo.

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-

Vo.

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

Vo.

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.

Vo.

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

Vo.

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

Vo.

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

# GLORIFY THY NAME

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*Donna Adkins*



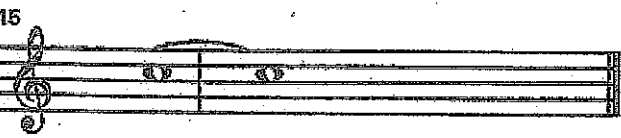
1. Fa ther } we love You, we praise You, we a dore You.  
2. Je sus }  
3. Spi rit }



5  
Glo ri fy Thy Name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Glo ri fy Thy



10  
Name, Glo ri fy Thy Name. Glo ri fy Thy Name in all thy



15  
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
Vergers:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Patty Emanuelson
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Judi Sock
Second Reading	Patty Emanuelson
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Patty Emanuelson
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Bill Masters, Junior Warden  
Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry  
Mona Guarino, Treasurer  
Chinenye Anako, Member-at-Large  
Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large  
Mary Salgado, Member-at-large  
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## Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### First Lesson

#### Acts 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

1. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
**let those who hate him flee before him.**
2. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
3. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
**let them also be merry and joyful.**

4. Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
**YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
5. Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
**God in his holy habitation!**
6. God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
7. O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
**when you marched through the wilderness,**
8. The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
9. You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
**you refreshed the land when it was weary.**
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
**sing praises to the Lord.**
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
**he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
**his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.**
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
**the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

**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  
1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt

you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**The Holy Gospel**  
**John 17: 1-11**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

## 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.**



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Weekly Announcements  
May 17, 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.*



**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24 IS PENTECOST SUNDAY. PLEASE WEAR RED**

**MAY LADIES LUNCHEON:** Lunch will be at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 21 at Manuels, located at 5670 W Peoria Avenue. Anyone wanting to car pool or needs a ride let Sue Schlicting know. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**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.

**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 now 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:** New paperback fiction table. All your favorites and some new friends.. Low prices continue here . It's too expensive to go for a drive so stay home and read. Also in - some new games.

**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. If you have requested a name badge, please check your folder in the mailcart 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.

*Kelly Thomas 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 “Fruit/Fruit Juice” Sunday. Please bring Canned or bottled fruit juice, tomato or vegetable juice. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

**Monthly Food Bank Donations**

	<b>May 11</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Weight	45 lbs.	891 lbs.
Cash		\$400.00

**Monthly Thrift Shop Stats**

	<b>May 11</b>	<b>May Total</b>	<b>2026 Year Total</b>
Bargains	\$544.00	\$1,012.50	\$11,538.95**
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$59.80		
Bookstore	\$75.00	\$158.50	\$1,012.50

**\*\*Big Brothers/Big Sisters monies are included in 2026-year total**



**Happy Anniversary in May**

Shawn Mirigian & Gene Lapham      4 years  
 Ramiro Lopez & Donna Valdez      34 years



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

Connie Stressing	May 1
Mario Ramirez, Jr	May 4
Janet Young	May 13
Cynthia Aguilar	May 22
Maria del Toro	May 23

### **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 \* Karen Bulter \* 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 \*  
\* Bryan Nance \* Marla Karla Pallas \* Don Palm \* Sandy Patrick \* Paul \* Joanne Porter \* Ramon \*  
\* Jill Renner \* Rick & Robbie \* Betty Roddy \* Javier Sanchez \* Socorro Sanchez \* Sherrie \* Stella \*  
\* Anna Van Scoter \* Victoria \* Lynn Viviano-Webb \* Ester Zamora \*

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

- \* Joanne Mola \*

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