



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**

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**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		
Processional	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	H-525
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	Attached
Psalms	Psalms 71: 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	Hebrews 12: 18-29	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	Luke 13: 10-17	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>You Raise Me Up by Loveland &amp; Graham</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>Eagle's Wings</i>	W-810
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>O Worship the King</i>	H-388
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

## **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.*

## **The First Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

## **The Psalm Psalm 71:1-6**

1. In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
**let me never be ashamed.**
2. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
**incline your ear to me and save me.**
3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
**you are my crag and my stronghold.**

4. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
**from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**
5. For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
**my confidence since I was young.**
6. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you  
have been my strength; \*  
**my praise shall be always of you.**

**The Epistle**  
**Hebrews 12:18-29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time, his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

**The Holy Gospel**  
**Luke 13:10-17**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years.

She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## 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 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:	Al Franco
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Diane Plein
Second Reading	Patty Emanuelson
Prayers of the People	Beth Mayhew
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Al Franco
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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**Vestry Members**

Jane Cooley, Senior Warden  
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  
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## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements August 24, 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.*

*All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, August 31, needs to be in the office by Thursday, August 28 at noon to be included. Thank you.*

**CODE RED IS STILL ON!** The Phoenix Rescue Mission is once again collecting money to purchase water to share with the homeless who find themselves outside in the summer heat in Phoenix. 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 "Code Red." **Please do not drop off cases of water as St. Christophers then has to deliver them to the Phoenix Rescue Mission.)** Thank you.

### **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE—VENDORS NEEDED**

**Need help finding vendors for our Boutique. If you are visiting some of the events and Farmer's Markets, please take some of the vendor invite cards which are in the office and help us find some new vendors. Make sure you get a business card with their email so I can follow up with them.**

**Those crafters in our congregation who will be donating items for our St Christopher's booth, please let me know what you will be donating. It will help me judge the space we will need. Please price your items.**

**Remember to sign the volunteer sheet located in coffee hour on the table at the end of the food line. Thank you for all your support—Barb Jackson**

**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). Looking forward to seeing you!

**BOOKSTORE:** Bookstore workers have updated their favorites table. If you regularly send greeting cards and pay too much for them, please check the table next to the puzzles where you will find cards for all occasions, very inexpensive. Also a new table with many books for older children.

**NAME BADGES:** We ask that everyone 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 “Breakfast” Sunday. Please bring breakfast items (pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, dry cereal) to share. As always, thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. ~*Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment—Jean de la Bruyere*

**Monthly Food Bank Donations**

	August 11	2025 Total
Weight	100 lbs.	1,034 lbs.
Cash		\$600.00

**Monthly Thrift Shop Stats**

	August 18	August Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$340.00	\$1,110.00	\$15,287.75 **
Big Brothers/ Big Sisters	\$41.40		
Bookstore	\$82.00	\$206.00	\$1,898.00

**\*\*Bargains total includes the amount received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters**

**Code Red**

August Total	2025 Year Total
	\$



**HELP! COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Please consider volunteering as a coffee hour host. This can be a couple, a family, or individuals working together. It's a wonderful way to get to know people. The more volunteers there are, the easier it makes on everyone! **A BIG THANK YOU** every week to everyone who makes coffee hour a friendly, yummy gathering! 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. Sign-up sheet is in the kitchen. 😊

*We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week!  
This week's coffee hour is hosted by Kelly Thomas. Thank you!*



### Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in August

Zeferino Maciel	August 1	Raul Zamora	August 23
Mona Guarino	August 1	Brianna Fabian-Cortez	August 26
Barbara Jackson	August 4	Elizabeth Alburez Fabian	August 30
Luis Murua	August 6	Jesus Sanchez	August 30
Elvira Vasquez	August 11	Mauricio Nieco	August 31
Kathryn Frantz	August 22		

### Happy Anniversary in August



Carmen & Reynaldo Borda	August 5	53 years
Lilly & Tim Murray	August 12	53 years
Carole & Dudley Dickey	August 14	60 years
Isabel Guerrero & Mario Ramirez	August 23	6 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 \* Isaac Anako \* Noc Anako \* Stella \* Jim Barnette \* Viviana Brambila \*  
 \* Judy Broeder \* Kia Browning \* Jan Browning \* Mike Burkhart \* Caitlin \* Tom Camper \* John Card \*  
 \* Clive Chancey \* Agnes Chukwudozie \* Claudio \* Jonathan Dombek \* Ethel \* Gale & Arthur Farinas \*  
 \* Bonnie Franco \* Isaiah Garcia \* Ann Gay \* Cathy Gustin \* Gary Gustin \* April Harris \* Michael Heap \*  
 \* Marilyn Hunter \* Jacob "JJ" Johnson (Sister Cheryl's son) \* Ruth Jones \* Judith \* Marj Kassien \*  
 \* Gene Lapham \* Domingo Lopez \* Rosa Madrid & Family \* Monica Maldonado \* Marianne \*  
 \* Marva Martinez \* Christina Mason \* Brenda McCormick \* Shawn Mirigian \* Joanne Mola \*  
 \* Mr. Monata \* Bryan Nance \* Don Palm \* Paula, Paula & Steven \* Joanne Porter \* Ramon \*  
 \* Jill Renner \* Rick & Robbie \* Javier Sanchez \* Sharyn \* Socorro Sanchez \* David Scott \* Laura Schwarz \*  
 \* Sebastian \* Charles Jay Smith & Family \* Kurt Tetrick \* Charles Trione \* Eunice Uzokwulu \*  
 \* Anna Van Scoter \* Victoria \* Brenda Johnson Walker \*

**For those who have died**

\* Sue Barnette \* Karolena Cardello \* Jo Hansen \* John Reed \* Catalina Sullivan \*

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