



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost  
July 12, 2026  
9:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
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**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		
Processional	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	H-427
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Genesis 25: 19-34	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 119: 105-112	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 9: 1-11	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	H-178, Vs 1, 2
Gospel	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	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 Sings My Soul by Stuart K. Hine</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>We Will Extol You</i>	H-404
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	H-400
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
Vergger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Connor Abel
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Lisa Wolford
Second Reading	Diane Plein
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Connor Abel
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large  
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## Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson Genesis 25: 19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

**The Psalm**  
**Psalm 119: 105-112**

105. Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
**and a light upon my path.**
106. I have sworn and am determined \*  
**to keep your righteous judgments.**
107. I am deeply troubled; \*  
**preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.**
108. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
**and teach me your judgments.**
109. My life is always in my hand, \*  
**yet I do not forget your law.**
110. The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
**but I have not strayed from your commandments.**
111. Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
**truly, they are the joy of my heart.**
112. I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
**forever and to the end.**

**The Epistle**  
**Romans 8: 1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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**  
**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

## 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  
July 12, 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.*

**VESTRY & MINISTRY MEETINGS:** The Vestry will meet today at **1:00 p.m.** in Middleton Hall and the Ministry Leadership meeting will take place on **Tuesday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.** in Middleton Hall.

**JULY LADIES LUNCHEON:** Lunch will be at 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 16 at George's Café at Lakeview Bowling Alley on Thunderbird. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**BARGAINS & BOOKSTORE:** Will be closed on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> in tribute to Carol Masters Celebration of Life Service. The service will be live-streamed.

**ROOF REPAIR:** Repair work continues on all flat roofs to repair the damage from the hailstorm earlier this year.

**READERS AND ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** Please contact Patty Emanuelson or Fr. Gerardo for further information. Instructions will be provided.

**READINGS:** If you would like to receive large print copies of the lectionary readings, please notify the ushers. Several copies are always available.



**BOOKSTORE:** A very big thank you to Charlotte Powley, who has lovingly taken care of the Bookstore for 25 years and has now decided that the time has come for her to retire. Charlotte would also like to thank Barbara Welsh for all her assistance over the years.

**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 10:05 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 10:05-10:45. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!

**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 is in need of extra hands to help in the kitchen. And 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.

*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 "Soup and Chili" Sunday. Please bring cans of soup or broth, or packets of soup, bean mix or canned or dry ingredients for chili. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity

**Monthly Food Bank Donations  
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE – 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY WEEKEND**

**Monthly Thrift Shop Stats  
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE – 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY WEEKEND**



**Happy Anniversary in July**

***No anniversaries in July***



**Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in July**

Sharon Cook	July 7	Don Palm	July 17
Pamela Anako	July 8	Charlotte Powley	July 21
Shelly Clothier	July 9	Venecia Aleman	July 22
Chiamaka Anako	July 10	Martin Rios	July 25
Lincoln Wilcoxson	July 11	Sarah Shaneyfelt	July 25
Fernanda Luna Chávez	July 14	Ambrose Anako	July 26
Marie Vogel	July 15	Bruno Bramila	July 26

**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 \* Chinenye Anako \* Nnenna Anako \* Anne \* Jim Barnette \*
- \* Bob Bledsoe \* Viviana Brambila \* Judy Broeder \* Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia \*
- \* Tim Buffery \* Karen Butler \* Tom Camper \* John Card \* Clive Chancey \* Claudio \*
- \* Jane Cooley \* Jean Durrett \* Thomas Dyer \* Fr. Gerardo \* Gretchen \* Cathy & Gary Gustin \*
- \* Karen Harry \* Michael Heap \* Judith \* Kim \* Gene Lapham \* Terry Lewis \* Domingo Lopez \*
- \* Ernesto Martinez \* Marva Martinez \* Jeff McBride \* 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 \*
- \* Barbara Welsh \* Steve Wheatley \* Ester Zamora \*

**For those who have died**

- \* Matt Alderson \* Agnus David \* Carol Masters \* Sharon McKee \*

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