

HE WHO RECEIVES YOU  
RECEIVES ME, AND HE  
WHO RECEIVES ME  
RECEIVES THE ONE WHO  
SENT ME.

- MATTHEW 10:40



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 28, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
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Holy Eucharist Rite II -  
Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		Marva Martinez
Processional	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	H-450
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Genesis 22: 1-14	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 13	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 6: 12-23	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	Matthew 10: 40-42	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>Rejoice, the Lord is King by Wesley &amp; Shackley</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>Come Thou Fount</i>	H-686
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Lead on O King Eternal</i>	H-555
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:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Diane Plein
Second Reading	Marva Martinez
Prayers of the People	Patty Emanuelson
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Soock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Chinenye Anako, Member-at-Large  
Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large  
Mary Salgado, Member-at-large  
Mike Soock, Member-at-Large  
Eric Tapia, Member-at-Large  
Dick Young, Member-at-Large

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## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide;" as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

## The Psalm

### Psalm 13

1. How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? \*  
**how long will you hide your face from me?**
2. How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
**how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**
3. Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
**give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**
4. Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**
5. But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
**my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**
6. I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
**I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.**

## The Epistle

### Romans 6: 12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies; to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Holy Gospel**  
**Matthew 10:40-42**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

## 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  
June 28, 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.*



**Bargains and Bookstore will be closed on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Independence Day.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:** Please note that children's Sunday School and children's activities is on summer hiatus and will convene again in September. If you have any questions, please speak with Fr. Gerardo.

**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. We have a few copies today and will have them available for future services.

**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.



**BOOKSTORE:** Check out the paperback fiction table. All your favorites and some new friends.. Low prices continue. It's too expensive to go for a drive so stay home and read. Also in—new games.

**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.

*J. P. Harrison and Donna host 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 for your kindness and generosity.

*~It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving— Mother Teresa*

**Monthly Food Bank Donations**

	June 22	2026 Total
Weight		1,057 lbs.
Cash	\$100.00	\$500.00

**Monthly Thrift Shop Stats**

	June 22	June Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$508.00	\$1,771.00	\$13,878.15**
Bookstore	\$50.50	\$272.50	\$1,358.00
Water Project		\$255.00	\$355.00

**\*\*Bargains total includes all monies recently received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters**



### Happy Anniversary in June

Janet & Richard Young	53 years
Meka & Jennifer Anako	8 years



### Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in June

Geri Rubalcaba	June 05	J. P. Harrison	June 21
Jim Barnette	June 06	Vicki Hand	June 23
Kelly Thomas	June 09	Juan Bernabe Aguirre Salgado	June 24
Bernabe Aguirre Martinez	June 11	Leona Lindvall	June 25
John Card	June 14	Thonathzyn Guadalupe Aguirre Salgado	June 26
Tim Murray	June 16	Carole Dickey	June 27
Christian Anako	June 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 \* 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

- \* Rev Frank Bergen \* Carol Masters \*

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