

Then the same day at evening,
being the first day of the week,
when the doors were shut where the
disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews,
came Jesus and stood in the middle,
and said to them, Peace be to you.

John 20:19

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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, April 12, 2026**

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Mike Sock
Processional	<i>Great Is The Lord</i>	Insert
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 16	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 1: 3-9	Attached
Gospel Hymn		
Gospel	John 20: 19-31	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form VI		Attached
Confession		BCP 360
Absolution		
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Thou Art Worthy by Pauline M. Mills</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>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	W-800
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven</i>	H-410
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	Judi Sock
First Reading and Psalm	Lisa Wolford
Second Reading	Diane Plein
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Connor Abel & Judi Sock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Great is the Lord

Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

Great is the Lord, He is ho ly and just, by His pow er we
trust in His Love. Great is the Lord, He is faith ful and
true, by His mer cy He proves He is love. 1.Great is the
2.Great are You
Lord, and wor thy of glo ry; Great is the Lord, and
Lord, and wor thy of glo ry; Great are you Lord, and
wor thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, Now
wor thy of praise. Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I
lift up your voice: Great
lift up my voice: Great
is the Lord
are You Lord
Great is the Lord!
Great are You Lord!

D.S. after 2nd time thru and sing 1st & 2nd verses and end.....

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
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'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Psalm Psalm 16

1. Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
2. All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
3. But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
4. Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
5. O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
6. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
7. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
8. I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
10. For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
11. You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the

dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Holy Gospel John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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
April 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.

LADIES LUNCHEON: The ladies luncheon in April will be at the IHOP located at 10603 W. Olive Avenue in Peoria, at 12:00 noon. Please contact Sue Schlichting if you would like a ride.



CHRISTOPHER SINGERS: The Christopher Singers will be singing on **Friday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m.** for Lucy's Place located at 16752 W. Greasewood St. in Surprise (just off Bell Rd. and El Mirage). Come join us for a fun time. Contact Diane Plein or Bill Lynn for more information.

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 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!

HELP! HELP! COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!: Thank you every week to everyone who helps make 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!

*This week's coffee hour is hosted by Dick Young.
We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!*

FOOD DRIVE! Next week is “Cereal and Grains” Sunday. Please bring a box of your favorite cereal or grains to share (oatmeal, corn flakes, white or brown rice, quinoa, etc.). Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	March 30	2026
Weight	50 lbs.	580 lbs.
Cash		\$300.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	March 30	March Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$447.00	\$3,619.50	\$5,295.50
Bookstore	\$51.00	\$414.60	\$563.00

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.

PRAYERS

Our first and most vital request is for your prayers. As St. Paul exhorted the Thessalonians, *“Brothers and sisters, pray for us”* (1 Thessalonians 5: 25). Your spiritual support is the bedrock upon which this ministry is built.

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 * 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 * Joanne Porter *
- Ramon * Jill Renner * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez *
- * Socorro Sanchez * Sherrie * Stella * Kurt Tetrick * Anna Van Scoter *
- * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Joanne Mola * Eileen Waldren *



Happy Anniversary in April

Ester & Raul Zamora 53 years
Pamela & Ken Anako 7 years
Judi & Mike Sock 54 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in April

Sam Barrios	April 7	Flo Ball	April 15
Verónica Sanchez	April 9	Katy Young	April 17
Maria Salgado	April 12	Benjamin Anako	April 18
Michael Tetrick	April 12	Jaslene Cortez	April 20
Mike Sock	April 13	Dorothy Anako	April 24
Jennifer Anako	April 15		

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