



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C

Jun 22, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Celebrant
Deacon
Family Minister
Music

The Rev. Canon Lisa Burns
The Rev. Victoria Mason
Lyssa Williford, Director
Ann Vail, Director of Music
Michael Davis, Piano
John Cotten, Guitar
St. Christopher's Choir

Visitors

Welcome! We are so glad you've joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about getting connected at St. Christopher's, we invite you to fill out a **Connect** card, or contact our office. **Childcare** is available for Formation and Worship.

Restrooms (non-gendered)

In the Church, a restroom is located near the Nursery. Two restrooms are located to the right as you enter the Parish Hall.

Fellowship

Please join us immediately following the service for conversation and treats in the Parish Hall.



Phones are welcome, **please silence**. We hope you will share your visit with friends.

Prayer Requests

Please complete a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate, or contact our office by phone, email, or on our website.



The Connection newsletter

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the office or scan the QR code with your phone.



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Support the life and ministry of St. Christopher's. Contact the office for more information.

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Christian

Altar Guild
Isabel and Mary Lois

Bell Ringer
Gabbi

Epistoler
Christian

Fellowship
Tina

Flowers
Isabel

Godly Play
Lyssa

Eucharistic Minister
Cathy

Lector
Lynne

Nursery
Athena

Ushers
Guy

Vestry of the Day
Kathy and Michael

Sunday | 9a Nursery | 9a Adult Form. | 10a Children's Form. | 10a Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11a Fellowship

Monday | 9a Morning Prayer **Wednesday** | noon House of Prayer **Friday** | 7p Online Compline

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

As the Prelude begins we invite you to you to finish conversations and find a place in the nave to prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Michael Davis, piano

WELCOME

(Please kneel as you are able)

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 372

Praise to the Living God

1 Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be
for ay the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought
his timeless years!

2 Formless, all lovely forms
declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all.
Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below,
his will obeys.

3 His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spoke of old;
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

4 Eternal life hath he
implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Enriching Our Worship, p. 50

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

During the singing of the Gloria the children will follow the cross and return at the Peace

GLORIA (*see pew card for music*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray

COLLECT OF THE DAY

EOW, p. 52

Jesus, you are the way through the wilderness: show us your truth in which we journey,
and by the grace of the Holy Spirit be in us the life that draws us to God. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the lessons)

THE FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Psalm 22:18-27

The psalm appointed for today is from Psalm 22, please read responsively by verse.

18 Be not far away, O LORD;*

you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *

my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *

my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your name to the community; *

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that are God-fearing; *

stand in awe of the LORD, O offspring of Israel;

all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; *

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

24 My praise is of God in the great assembly;"

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.

27 For sovereignty belongs to the LORD, *

who rules over the nations.

EPISTLE:

Galatians 3:23-29

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Lift Every Voice, # 62

In Christ There is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Thru'out the whole wide Earth.

2 In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind

GOSPEL:

John 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

SEQUENCE HYMN

Lift Every Voice, # 62

In Christ There is No East or West

3 Join hands, then, children of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a child
Is surely kin to me.

(Please be seated for the sermon.)

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him,
Thru'out the whole wide Earth.

SERMON

Steve Bishop, PhD

(Please stand as you are able)

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

The Deacon says,

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

God there are no places your love cannot penetrate; give us eyes to see you in darkness, ears to hear you in silence, and minds that rest in your stillness. Hear these prayers and the prayers of our deepest hearts as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Grant to those who love you, and those who long to love you more, the deep desire to do your will and seek you in all times and circumstances.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion.

We pray for our church, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian, and Hector our bishops, and for our whole diocese.

We pray for our parish, for Alyssa our priest; Vicki our deacon, our lay leaders, and ministers.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Inspire our hearts to carry your message to all those who long for your good news and send us to be your hands at work in this world and in the world to come.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give to those who have authority over us the desire to serve your people with mercy and justice.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless us with a great unease in the face of hunger, poverty, injustice, and persecution that we might find peace only in the way of Love as demonstrated by your son Jesus, our Lord.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Comfort the afflicted, the wounded, the sick and the dying with the certain promise of your constant love in this life and the next.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Welcome the dying and comfort the grieving; let their entrance into the land of light and life give us comfort and hope for our future.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Glory and honor to you O Lord, for you are the one who seeks us out, provides for our needs, and directs our path. Bless us and keep us this day and always through the grace of your Son and the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Silence

The Deacon concludes with Intercessions

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Deacon

Let us confess our sins to God.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

EOW, p. 56

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated for the announcements)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O, Worship the King

Hymnal 1982, # 388

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor,
and girded with praise.

3 The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

The Celebrant and people sing together.

DOXOLOGY *(see pew card for music)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

EOW, p. 60

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Please remain standing.)

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

SANCTUS *(see pew card for music)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick,

and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread and drink this cup to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and one cup.

FRACTION ANTHEM *(see pew card for music)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us, grant us peace.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would prefer you may receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.

(Please sit or kneel as you prefer after receiving Holy Communion)

Communion Praise Song

Eat This Bread

Taize

Eat this bread, drink the cup,
come to me and never be hungry

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Communion Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise, # 773

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

1 Heal me, hands of Jesus,
and search out all my pain:
restore my hope, remove my fear
and bring me peace again.

2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus,
take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven
and bring me peace today.

3 Know me, mind of Jesus,
and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt,
and bring me peace within.

4 Fill me, joy of Jesus:
anxiety shall cease
and heaven's serenity be mine,
or Jesus brings me peace!

Communion Praise Song

Commune with Me

Kirk Dearman

Commune with me 2x
Between the wings of the cherubim
Commune with me 3x
Between the wings of the cherubim
Commune with me

I'll meet you there 2x
Between the wings of the cherubim
I'll meet you there 3x
Between the wings of the cherubim
I'll meet you there

I worship You 2x
Between the wings of the cherubim
I worship You 3x
Between the wings of the cherubim
I worship You

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

EOW, p. 69

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 493

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth
abroad the honors of thy Name.

3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven. Amen

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Michael Davis, piano

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Your help is needed in keeping our Prayer List current. Please send any updates for the Prayer List to the office at office@stchristophersaustin.org

Prayers for healing, comfort, and peace Sally, Mike, Jim, Elizabeth, Bob, Kathleen, George, Finn, Hailey, Judy, Ian, Elena, Mary, Mary Beth, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Bill, Hank, Cheryl, Fraser, Mark, Ray, Gillian, Michael, Lynne, Rose Mary, Nick

Prayers for God's Protection: Kenyon, Daniel, Cale, Joshua, Joyce

Prayers for Expectant Mothers: Ariana, Molly

Prayers for the Birth of a Child: Sawyer

Prayers for the Departed: Connor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth Sunday, Holy Eucharist, Rite I | Sun, Jun 29

We will be celebrating with the more traditional Rite I, from the Book of Common Prayer.

St Christopher's Independence Day Spectacular! | Sun, Jun 29

The Men's Group of St. Christopher's extends a warm invitation to all as we celebrate the birthday of our parish and the Fourth of July Sunday, June 29. Stay after the service for great food & fun!



SCAN ME

Good Book Club: Summer with Psalms

Join us in reading Psalms this summer. Scan the QR for more information and the reading list.

