



**St. Christopher's
Episcopal Church**

SEEK SERVE SHARE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A

May 3, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant	The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing
Deacon	The Rev. Vicki Knipp
Family Minister	Lyssa Williford, Director
Vergers	Scott Cummings
Music	Ann Vail, Director of Music
	Michael Davis, Piano
	John Cotten, Guitar
	St. Christopher's Choir

Welcome to St. Christopher's!

We are so happy you're here to celebrate with us today! Whether this is your very first visit or your church home, we are glad to welcome you on this joyful morning as we celebrate the good news: **Christ is risen!**

St. Christopher's is a family-friendly community, and children of all ages are welcome in every worship service. For those who prefer, childcare is available. **Children ages 4-10** are invited to follow the cross during the Gloria and will process to the Godly Play room for a lectionary based mini service and return at the Peace. Quiet Bags filled with activities for our youngest visitors during the service are available in the narthex (lobby). We kindly ask you return the bag for others to enjoy.

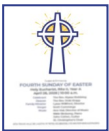
At Holy Communion, **all are invited to come forward.** If you would like to receive the bread, please hold out your hands. If you would prefer a blessing, simply **cross your arms over your chest**, and the priest will offer a blessing.

After the service, the celebration continues! Please stay and join us for a time of **fellowship.**

We'd love to stay in touch! If you're visiting today, we invite you to connect with us in whatever way is easiest for you. **Scan the QR code, email us, send a text, or fill out a Connect Card in the pew.** We'd be delighted to welcome you, answer any questions, and help you learn more about our church community.

If you'd simply like to know what's happening without sharing all of your contact information, just **scan the QR code to receive our weekly e-newsletter.**

Thank you for spending this morning with us. We hope you feel at home here and leave filled with Easter joy!



Large print bulletins available in the narthex (lobby).

Digital bulletins available on the home page @ stchristophersaustin.org



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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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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)

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 191

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts and voices heavenward raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead..

5 Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior
who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

4 Christ is risen, we are risen!

Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling,
we on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
He is risen, He is risen, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Celebrant says to the people.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

COLLECT FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP, p. 225

See insert (Contemporary)

(Please be seated for the lessons)

FIRST LESSON:

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

See insert

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSE

Psalm 66:7-18

The response appointed for today is from Psalm 66, please sing in unison.



- 7 Bless our | God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his | praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our | souls in life, *
 and will not al | low our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O | God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us | just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us | into the snare; *
 you laid heavy | burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through | fire and water; *
 but you brought us out | into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will | pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth | when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the | smoke of rams; *
I will | give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you | who fear God, *
and I will tell you | what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him | with my mouth, *
and his | praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found | evil in my heart, *
the Lord | would not have heard me;

17 But in truth | God has heard me; *
he has attended to the | voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not re | jected my prayer, *
nor with |held his love from me.

Glory to the Father, and to the | Son, and to the Holy | Spirit,*
as it was in the beginning, is | now, and will be forever. A | men.

EPISTLE:

1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

See insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hymnal 1982, # 205

Repeat 3 times

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia'. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written above the staff, and 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staff. The music is divided into three phrases, each corresponding to one of the 'Alleluia' words. The first phrase ends with a comma, and the second phrase ends with an exclamation point. The third phrase also ends with an exclamation point. The melody is simple and easy to sing, with a steady rhythm.

GOSPEL:

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

See insert

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hymnal 1982, # 205

Repeat 3 times



(Please be seated for the sermon.)

SERMON

The Rev Vicki Knipp, Deacon

(Please stand as you are able)

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

**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 and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Let us pray for the world, saying Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Holy God, through the gift of your spirit we are given the ability to do what you ask of us and the desire to respond with our hearts and hands. Give each person who hears this prayer the ability to live a life of discipleship and the courage to make a difference in the world.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion, and for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury.

We pray for our church, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Hector, and Brian, our bishops, for All Saints', Fort Worth, All Souls, Arlington, El Jardin Church Plant, Fort Worth, and for our whole diocese.

We pray for our parish, for Alyssa our priest; Vicki our deacon, Lyssa, our family minister, Casey and Christina, our seminarians, and all our leaders and ministers

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the health and welfare of our nation, for the health and security of all nations and for those who have the authority to bring your vision of peace, prosperity, and safety to fruition. Bless us with the will to solve problems, care for the marginalized, and improve the lives of all people.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick and for those who work to heal, that the pain and suffering of this world might be diminished.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer from abuse, who are not safe at home. We pray for those who have no shelter, for the hungry, the oppressed, the downtrodden and the fearful. We pray for those without hope and who are alone. We pray for those who prey on the weak, for those who seek to do harm and for those who embrace evil - that they might turn away from the darkness inside them and embrace the light of God's love.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, for those whom we remember and long to see. Give us hearts that rest in the hope of a future life lived in your presence.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence

The Deacon concludes with Intercessions

Celebrant

Holy God you are our strength and compass. Send us your spirit, your advocate to guide us in this life and strengthen us to love and serve you through service to your people. Be present to us this day and always, as creator, redeemer, and sustainer. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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

See insert

We invite our visitors to fill out a Connect Card located in the pew rack in front of you or text STCHRISATX to 833-488-4578 to learn more about St. Christopher's events and ministries.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

1 I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

(Please stand as you are able)

DOXOLOGY

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

Lift Every Voice, # 69

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

[Refrain]

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

[Refrain]

Hymnal 1982, # 380

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, ...

... Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982, # S 164

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace." The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes.

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise, # 819

1 Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race. 3x
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

3 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 3x
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

2 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 3x
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Communion Hymn

Lift Every Voice, # 87

1 More love to thee, O Christ,
More love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea;

3 Then shall my every breath
Sing out your praise;
This be the only song
My heart shall raise;
This still my prayer shall be:
[Refrain]

Refrain
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to thee, More love to thee!

2 Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek,
Give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be:
[Refrain]

Communion Praise Song

Kirk Dearman

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

3 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

2 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

BCP, p. 366

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Folliot Pierpoint

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
[Refrain]

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
[Refrain]

4 For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven.
[Refrain]

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

*Please know that your participation
with us has been a blessing.*

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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@stchristatx.org

For Healing, Comfort and Peace: Sally, Mike, Elizabeth, Bob, George, Elena, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Pam, Joe, Cheryl, Ray, Michael, Nick, Samuel, Nicholas, Jean, Nate, Emily, Shannon, Winn, Diana, June, Beth, Andy, Kenyon, Steve, Jean, Aly, Vanessa, Ann, Renee, Eric's family

For those in Service to Our Country: Daniel, Cale, Joyce, Karim

For Expectant Mothers: Kaitlyn, Catherine, Esther

For the Departed: Eric

ANNOUNCEMENTS

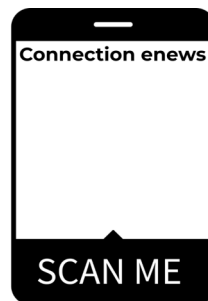
Please check the Connection or scan the QR for ministry
schedules and additional announcements.

Your Voice Matters: Formation & Ministry Survey

We invite you to answer just 5 questions to help us better understand your interests, experiences, and hopes for Christian formation and ministry in our congregation.

Vestry Minutes

Approved minutes will be posted on the website with a link in the Connection.



Migration with Dignity Prayer Vigil | Wed, May 13 @ 6:30p

Interfaith prayer vigil for refugees, asylum seekers, and other immigrants at St. David's (301 E 8th). Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items. Parking is free.

Mean Girls Jr, Mon, May 18 @ 9a

Smalls Middle School Junior Varsity Theater will present Mean Girls Jr with our own Lily Horner. \$5 cash donation. Morning Prayer will be held there.

Day of Pentecost | Sun, May 24th

Wear red as we celebrate the birthday of the church. We are also looking for folks to read the Pentecost story in other languages (contact the office).

May Gathering @ Salt Lick BBQ | Fri, May 29 @ 5:30p

Let's meet at the Salt Lick (18300 RM 1826, Driftwood, TX 78619) for our annual barbeque together, before summer pulls us apart. Join us at 5:30p and it can be easier to bring cash.



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50TH CELEBRATION | SUN, JUL 5

After the service there will be BBQ and you are invited to bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert (please let us know). Please join us even if you don't bring a dish.

There will be music, games, activities, and fun for the whole family. Many more details to come.

Serving in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte

Carol

Altar Guild

Mary Lois and Pat

Bell Ringer

Gabbi

Epistoler

Michael W

Eucharist Minister

Carol

Fellowship

Karen, Monica, Linda, David

Flowers

Annie

Godly Play

Lyssa and Christina

Lector

Michael W

Nursery

Athena

Ushers

Chuck and Steve

Vestry of the Day

Chris and Rob

Ways to support the ministry of St. Christopher's

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

St. Christopher's clergy and staff will never ask for an urgent favor, purchase of gift cards, or other financial items, or your personal info via email or text. Please delete these without responding.



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Please remember to enter **pledge** on the memo line and choose **Operating Pledge** online.

THIS MOTHER'S DAY, WE'RE SENDING LOVE TO THOSE WHO...



Are longing to become a mother



Are celebrating being mothers



Are missing their mother



Have lost a child



Have experienced loss on the path to motherhood



Are navigating motherhood alone



Are mothering in non-traditional ways



Are fathers serving as mothers



Have chosen a different path



Have a complicated relationship with motherhood



Are supporting others like a mother would



Are mothering those with fur, fins, or feathers

AND ANYONE WHO NEEDS IT

I will not leave
you as orphans.
I will come
to you.

PHEW!

THAT'S A
RELIEF.

BUT WHERE
IS HE GOING?

