

## Upcoming Events

### BISHOP HECTOR MONTERROSO'S VISIT

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

9:30 AM SERVICE

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE CONFIRMED, REAFFIRMED, RECEIVED,  
PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW SOON.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS CELEBRATION!**

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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#### *St. Christopher's Mission Statement*

*St. Christopher's mission is to worship and serve God, to know and love Christ, and to share Christ's love with others.*

#### *St. Christopher's Vision*

*St. Christopher's will become a vital outreach community that embraces all newcomers, tangibly communicates the love of Christ locally and worldwide, provides educational opportunities for all within our reach and maintains effective, world-class facilities through inspired stewardship and strong, well-trained leaders*

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## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY/WHITSUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

9:30 A.M.



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**Prelude** "His Name Is Wonderful" **Organist**

**Processional Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" (vs 1,2,5) **Hymnal 637**

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

### **The Opening Sentence**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People:** ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

**Celebrant:** 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.***

**The Gloria** (*sung*) **Hymnal S-280**

***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.***

**Communion Hymns** "Seek Ye First" **See Insert**  
"Commune With Me" **Maranatha 1**  
"There Is Power In The Name of Jesus" **Maranatha 43**  
**Maranatha 14**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Celebrant and people: ***Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**The Blessing** **BCP 339**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

**Recessional Hymn** "Onward Christian Soldiers" (vs 1,4,5) **Hymnal 562**  
**See Insert**

**The Dismissal** **BCP 366**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Postlude** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" **Organist**

Please join us Outdoors for our "Red" Pentecost Celebration with Music and food and the opening of our 1996 Time Capsule! Also, join us in the Parish Hall for our Mini-Outreach Auction!! There are many items to bid on! This is a preview to our Fall Outreach Auction on September 25th!!

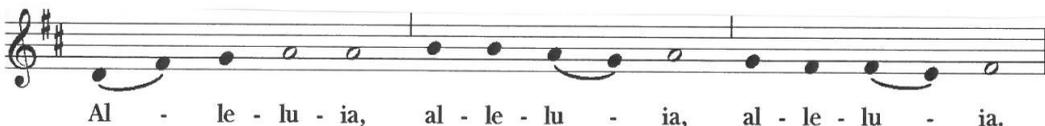
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

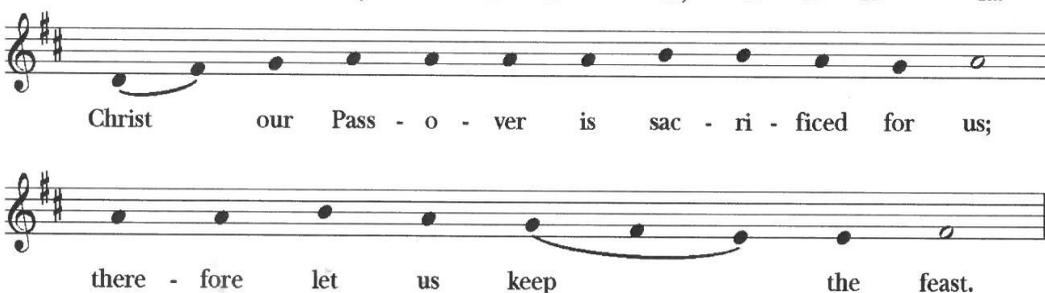
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

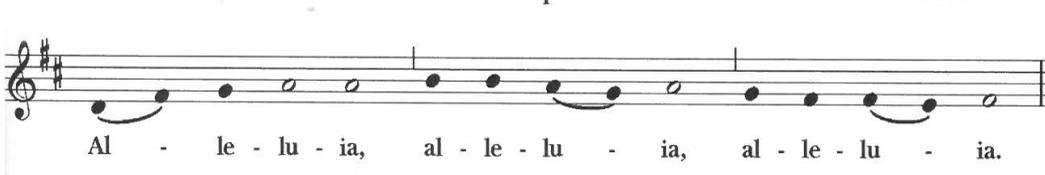
***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Hymnal S-154**

Celebrant:  Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People:  Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.

 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Celebrant:** These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Draw near, *either in spirit or in person*, and receive them in remembrance that Christ died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(Please come to Jesus' table for Communion or a Blessing.)*

**Celebrant:** Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
People: *Have mercy upon us.*

**BCP 356**

**The Collect of the Day**

**See insert**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you  
People: ***And also with you.***  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**The First Lesson**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

**See Insert**

Lector: The word of the Lord.  
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

**BCP 736/See Insert**

**The Second Lesson**

Acts 2:1-21

**See Insert**

Lector: The word of the Lord.  
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Processional** *"There's a Wideness In God's Mercy" (vs. 1,2)*

**Hymnal 470**

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.





For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

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*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

***The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.***

**BCP 395**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## Confession of Sin

**BCP 360**

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. *Amen.***

## The Absolution

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

**The Peace** *(shared by waving, smiling, peace signs, etc., from one's pew)*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Sentence**

**BCP 377**

**Celebrant:** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

**Offertory Meditation** *“Beneath The Cross of Jesus”*

**Organist**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**BCP 361**