

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

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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1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 30, 2021, 9:30 A.M.



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Prelude "In The Garden"

Organist

Processional Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (vs 1-4)
362

Hymnal

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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**

Communion Hymns **See Insert**
"I Am The Bread Of Life" **SOP 36**
"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" **SOP 37**
"Glorify Thy Name" **SOP 209**

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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs 1,3,4) **Hymnal 423**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!" **Organist**

Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall after the service.

Please preserve the sanctity of the worship area by keeping lengthy conversations to the Parish Hall.

Maintain a quiet, contemplative space in the worship and narthex area.

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.**

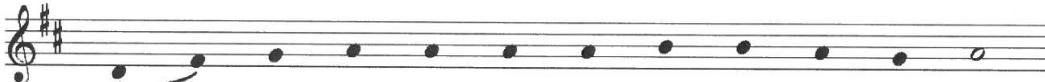
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.)

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.

Celebrant: Holy God, BCP 356
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People: *Have mercy upon us.*

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 Isaiah 6:1-8 See Insert

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

Psalm 29 See Insert

The Second Lesson Romans 8:12-17 See Insert

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

Gospel Processional *"I The Lord of Sea and Sky"* (vs. 1,2) See Insert

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn a way

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

At the Gospel reading:

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel **John 3:1-17**

After the Gospel is read:

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Recessional *"I, The Lord Of Sea and Sky" (vs. 3)* **See Insert**

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

The Sermon

Fr. Steve Karcher

(Please stand or kneel - as you are able)

The Celebrant continues:

BCP 362

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kathryn, our Bishops; for Steve, our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

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.**