



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**First Sunday After the Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**9:30 a.m.**

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
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**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		Mike Soock
Processional	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	H-128, Vs 1, 2, 3
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Isaiah 43: 1-7	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 29	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	Acts 8: 14-17	
Gospel Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	H-278, Vs 1, 2
Gospel	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	Attached
Sermon		The Rev. Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

**Offertory**

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning by Heber &amp; Harding</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

**The Holy Communion**

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
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>Let us Break Bread Together</i>	H-325
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Rise Up, O Saints of God</i>	H-551
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

## Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### Old Testament

#### Isaiah 43: 1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 29

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
4. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
7. The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*

- the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
8. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**
  9. And in the temple of the Lord \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**
  10. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
  11. The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**The Epistle**  
**Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**The Holy Gospel**  
**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

### Prayers of the People Form III

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People: That we all may be one.**  
Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**  
Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**  
Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**  
Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**  
Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  
Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

#### Confession of Sins:

**Minister** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned  
**And People:** 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

**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
Vergers:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Al Franco
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Lisa Wolford
Second Reading	Marva Martinez
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Al Franco & Betty Roddy
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Cathy Sheredy, Administrative Assistant  
Arturo Jaramillo, Sexton  
Don Palm, Music Director & Organist  
Arturo & Isabel Jaramillo, Hispanic Music Leader & Vocalists

**Vestry Members**

Beth Mayhew, Senior Warden  
Vacant, Junior Warden  
Vacant, Clerk of the Vestry  
Richard Camp, Treasurer  
Jim Barnette, Member-at large  
Jane Cooley, Member-at-large  
Bill Masters, Member-at-Large  
Mary Salgado, Member-at-large  
Mike Soock, Member-at-Large  
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Dick Young, Member-at-Large

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Weekly Announcements  
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**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 January ladies' luncheon will be at **The Haymaker Restaurant, 8706 W. Thunderbird Road, Peoria** on **Thursday, January 16 at 12 noon**. All are welcome! Please see Sue Schlichting if you have questions.

**CHRISTOPHER SINGERS:** If you want to have some fun and help others enjoy some of the old (and newer) songs, please join Christopher Singers at their January sing-along on **Friday, January 17, at 11:00 a.m.**, at Lucy's Place at 16752 N Greasewood St in Surprise. You don't have to know how to sing, just make a joyous noise unto the Lord! We have songs sheets for you to follow along, and the people at the care center always want us back again. For more information contact Diane Plein or Bill Lynn.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** St. Christopher's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This will be a bilingual service at **10:00 a.m.**

**MEN'S 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 Men's Bible Study takes place on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**. Come and join in fellowship.

**HURRICANE RELIEF:** On October 18, following weeks of intermittent grid outages, ten million people lost power. Then On October 20, during the blackout, Hurricane Oscar made landfall, flooding and damaging the island's eastern side. People in the Guantanamo and Baracoa areas had little warning that Oscar was coming because the ongoing power outages badly affected communication systems. In response to Hurricane Oscar and the ongoing power outages, Episcopal Relief & Development is working with the Episcopal Church of Cuba to provide food, hygiene products, fans, rechargeable lamps and supplies for home repairs.

On November 6, Hurricane Rafael ravaged the northwestern side of Cuba just above Havana, again knocking out the island's power grid and creating deadly flash flood and mudslide conditions. On November 10, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake shook the southern part of the island. Please pray for the

people affected by the blackout, the earthquake and hurricanes Oscar and Rafael. Please consider contributing directly at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org). Thank you.

**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.

**COFFEE HOUR:** 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!

*We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!*

**Thank you for your promise for Saint Christopher's for 2025  
Gracias por su promisa para San Cristóbal para 2025**

- \* Bernabe Aguirre & Maria Salgado \* Dorothy Anako \* Carmen & Rey Borda \* Fr. Gerardo Brambila \*
- \* Janet Cairo \* Clive Chancey \* Jane Cooley \* Sallie Crill \* Tad Daughters \* Carole & Dudley Dickey \*
- \* Patty Emanuelson \* Trinidad D. & Trinidad A. Fabela \* Barbara Fabre \* Kathryn Frantz \*
- \* Wilma Hammond \* Marilyn Hunter \* Barb & Ron Jackson \* Arturo & Isobel Jaramillo \*
- \* Barbara Kimball \* Leona Lindvall \* Bill Lynn \* Miguel Lopez & Elvira Vasquez \*
- \* Zeferino & Maria Maciel \* Marva Martinez \* Bill & Carol Masters\* Beth Mayhew \* Don Palm \*
- \* Diane Plein\* Charles Powley \* Charlotte Powley \* Feliciana Reyes \* Betty Roddy \* Michael Rowe \*
- \* Joanne Mola \* Frank & Susan Schlichting \* Mike & Judi Sock \* Constance Stresing \*
- \* Gail & Michael Tetrick \* Kelly Thomas \* Anna Van Scoter \* Barbara Welsh \*
- \* Dick & Janet Young \* Katy Young \*

**We thank the following people who have completed the Time and Talent Form**

As we share our time and talents we can accomplish much more together: Dorothy Anako, Janet Cairo, Kathryn Frantz, JP Harrison, Barbara Jackson, Barbara Kimball, Leona Lindvall, Marva Martinez, Beth Mayhew, Diane Plein, Betty Roddy, Judi Sock, Mick Sock, Anna Van Scoter, Barbara Welsh.

**FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE:** Next week is "Fruit/Fruit Juice" Sunday. Please bring canned fruit or fruit juice. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**Monthly Food Bank Donations**

	January 6, 2025	2025 Total
Weight	67 lbs.	67 lbs.
Cash		\$1,200.00



### Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	January 6, 2025	January Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$595.00	\$595.00	\$595.00
Bookstore	\$39.35	\$39.35	\$39.35

### 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 has the ability to bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the people below.*

- \* Juan Gabriel Aleman \* Emmanuel Anako \* Isaac Anako \* Noc Anako \* Susana Avila \* Jim & Sue Barnette \*  
 \* Viviana Brambila \* Judy Broeder \* Kia Browning \* Jan Browning \* Tom Camper \* John Card \* Clive Chancey \*  
 \* Agnes Chukwudozie \* Claudio \* Judy Couvillion \* \* Gale & Arthur Farinas \* Isaiah Garcia \* Ann Gay \*  
 \* John Gibson \* Cathy Gustin \* Gary Gustin \* Marilyn Hunter \* Annamarie Jett \*  
 \* Jacob "JJ" Johnson (Sister Cheryl's son) \* Julie Jones \* Lois Jones \* Ruth Jones \* Judith \*  
 \* Dorothy Lafferty & grandson Andrew \* Gene Lapham \* Christina Mason \* Larry Mayer \* Shawn Mirigian \*  
 \* Joanne Mola \* Mr. Monata \* Bryan Nance \* Paul & Paula \* Joanne Porter \* Audrey & Christopher Price \*  
 \* Ramon \* \* Rick & Robbie \* \* Javier Sanchez \* Socorro Sanchez \* Sebastian \* Charles Jay Smith & Family \*  
 \* Eunice Uzokwulu \* Anna Van Scoter \* Victoria \*

### For those who have died

- \* Aubrianna Exner \* Maria Payan \*



### Happy Anniversary in January

Diane & Eugene Plein                      48 years



### Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in January

Mikayla Abel	January 04	Nnenna Anako	January 18
Andres Borda	January 04	Erick Aleman	January 19
Ivette Ríos	January 05	Barbara Fabre	January 19
José Cazarez	January 07	Lorena Sanchez	January 21
Anthony Reyes	January 08	Ruthie Jones	January 22
Frieda Spann	January 09	Johnny Eylicio	January 23
Feliciana Reyes	January 10	Gabriel Bustamante Diaz	January 27
Emilee Fabre Parsons	January 14	Dudley Dickey	January 30
Lourdes Ríos	January 14	Mariana Borda-McNamara	January 31
Raymond Cortez	January 16	Clive Chancey	January 31
Carol Masters	January 17		

### Vestry

Beth Mayhew, Senior Warden \* Vacant, Junior Warden,  
Vacant, Clerk of the Vestry \* Richard Camp, Treasurer

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