



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Season of Lent 2025
Holy Eucharist: Rite I

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Mike Sock
Processional	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	H-150, Vs 1-5
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Kyrie	<i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	Attached
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16	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	Romans 10: 8b-13	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	H-142, Vs 1-4
Gospel	Luke 4: 1-13	Attached
Sermon		The Rev. Troy Mendez
Nicene Creed		BCP 326
Prayers of the People Rite I		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 343
Offertory Anthem	<i>Jesus Is All the World to Me by Will Thompson</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer Rite I		BCP 333
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-156
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>Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing</i>	H-344
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

Kyrie: Kyrie (Sung)..... Clark

Choir: Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve.
See the violence, feel the hardness.
All my people weep with me.

All sing refrain:

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is labeled 'Voice' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Vo.'. Both staves are in a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, melodic style. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Voice: Ky - ri - e e - tel - son, Chris - te e - tel - son,

Vo. ky - ri - e e - lo i - son,

Choir and Congregation:

Walk among them; I'll go with you.
Reach out to them with my hands.
Suffer with me, and together
We will serve them, help them stand.

REFRAIN

Choir and Congregation: Forgive them Father; hear our prayer.

We would walk with you anywhere.
Through your suffering with forgiveness,
Take your life into the world.

REFRAIN

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
9. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
10. There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
11. For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
12. They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13, You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
14. Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
16. With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

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in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen**

**The Epistle
Romans 10: 8b-13**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Holy Gospel
Luke 4: 1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'
And 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Prayers of the People Rite I

Lector: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Lector: Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean our presiding bishop, Jennifer our diocesan bishop, and Gerardo our priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; they, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: We beseech thee also, so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all who are listed on our Parish Prayer Chain and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for communities in our cycle of prayer including the Anglican Church of Canada, St. John's Episcopal-Lutheran Church in Williams, and for Church of the Palms in Sun City. Pray for joyful celebrations of Christ our King.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for all members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, Tierra and Kristen. Pray for wise leaders and safe missions.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for all first responders and healthcare professionals. Pray for calm and quiet in our cities and towns.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples St. Christopher and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

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

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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 Prayer inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.



SONORAN SOUNDS WOMEN'S CHORALE CONCERT: St. Christopher's is hosting a free concert of the Sonoran Sounds Women's Chorale on **Sunday, March 16 at 3:00 p.m.** The concert entitled "One In a Million", will feature a variety of songs from sacred (Jubilate Deo) to Americana (This Land is Your Land), to movies (A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman). The event is free for the community and a free will offering can be made. Bring your friends, relatives and neighbors. For more information, contact Diane Plein.

USHERS NEEDED: We are in need of ushers to assist on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate in assisting members as they arrive, please speak with one of the ushers after the service.

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.

MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10:15 AM: If you like morning prayer and can't get to church all the time, feel free to join us on Zoom any Wednesday morning around 10:15-10:45. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!



BOOKSTORE: The BOOKSTORE has received many boxes of new to us books and puzzles. Our low prices continue—no inflation here! So, now is a good time to stock up on summer needs. Look it up, there is a lot here to **streeetch** your minds.



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!
This week's coffee hour is hosted by Janice Crane and J.P. Harrison.

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Hygiene Sunday.” Per Valley View Food Bank, they are especially in need of personal hygiene items. Please bring shampoo, soap, etc. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.~ *Generosity – the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion--Anonymous*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	March 3,. 2025	2025 Total
Weight	281 lbs.	508 lbs.
Cash		\$200.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	March 3, 2025	March Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$3,086.30 **
Bookstore	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$608.15

***Total includes the amount received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters for February*

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

- * Bernabe Aguirre & Maria Salgado * Chinenye Anako * Dorothy Anako * Ken & Pamela Anako *
- * Jim & Susan Barnette * 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 * Mona Guarino * Wilma Hammond * Marilyn Hunter * Barb & Ron Jackson *
- * Arturo & Isabel 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.

GIVING STATEMENTS: Full year 2024 giving statements are now in your mail cart folders. If you have questions, please ask Beth at 602-435-5272. Thank you for your support!

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.

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 * Stella Ardire * Susana Avila *
- * Jim & Sue Barnette * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder * Kia Browning * Jan Browning *
- * Mike Burkhart * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Agnes Chukwudozie * Claudio *
- * Ryan Colton * Philip Cooley * Judy Couvillion * Gale & Arthur Farinas * Isaiah Garcia * Ann Gay *
- * Cathy Gustin * Gary Gustin * Michael Heap * Marilyn Hunter * Annamarie Jett *
- * Jacob "JJ" Johnson (Sister Cheryl's son) * Julie Jones * Lois Jones * Ruth Jones * Judith *
- * Gene Lapham * Rosa Madrid & Family * Monica Maldonado * Christina Mason * Larry Mayer *
- * Brenda McCormick * Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Bryan Nance * Paul & Paula *
- * Joanne Porter * Audrey & Christopher Price * Ramon * Rick & Robbie * Ranulfo Orozco Reyes *
- * Allen Rosetti * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * Frank & Sue Schlichting * Sebastian *
- * Charles Jay Smith & Family * Eunice Uzokwulu * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria *

For those who have died

- * Tommy Canavan * Ranulfo Orozco *



Happy Anniversary in March

Verónica Sanchez & Aurelio Valles 23 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in March

Lili Valenzuela Vidal	March 3	Dasyre Roddy	March 22
Kabrina Slaten	March 4	Wilma Hammond	March 25
Carmen García Zapeda	March 5	Virginia Swisher	March 25
Francisco Aguilar	March 7	Ashleigh Johnson	March 28
Jocelyn Valles	March 8	Jason Luna Guerrero	March 30
William Alburez Fabian Jr.	March 16		

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All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, March 16 needs to be in the office by Thursday, March 13 at noon to be included. Thank you!