



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, February 23, 2025**

**Seventh 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		Jim Barnette
Processional	<i>O Worship the King</i>	H-388
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Genesis 45: 3-11, 15	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 37: 1-12, 41-42	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	1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H- 711
Gospel	Luke 6: 27-38	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>People Need the Lord by Nelson & Hugh</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C		BCP 369
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>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	H-383
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	H-390, Vs 1, 2, 3
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

Collect of the Day

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Psalm Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

1. Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2. For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
3. Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwelt in the land and feed on its riches.
4. Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
5. Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
6. He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
7. Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
8. Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
9. Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
10. For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
11. In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
12. But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

The Epistle
1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Holy Gospel
Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Judi Soock
Second Reading	Beth Mayhew
Prayers of the People	Beth Mayhew
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Soock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Vestry Members

Jane Cooley, Senior Warden
Bill Masters, Junior Warden
Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry
Richard Camp, Treasurer
Chinenye Anako, Member-at-Large
Carmen Borda, Member-at-Large
Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large
Mary Salgado, Member-at-large
Mike Soock, Member-at-Large
Dick Young, Member-at-Large

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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.

CHAPEL ROCK CAMBERSHIP FUND: Bishop Reddall has designated **March 2nd, 2025**, as Chapel Rock Sunday throughout the Diocese. On that day, Bishop Reddall is asking each church and congregation member to support the **Chapel Rock Campership Fund** for the benefit of our children and youth.

The experiences that our campers have at Chapel Rock are life-changing and extraordinary. Every year, when we read camper evaluations, camper after camper says, "That was the best week of my summer!" It is fun, Christ-centered, and provides the opportunity to grow closer to God through the beauty and power of our Episcopal Church traditions.

Help send children and youth to camp this summer! There will be a collection taken to support the campership fund Sunday, March 2nd. You can also go to Chapel Rock's website, at <https://chapelrock.net/donate> to contribute securely online.

SCAM ALERT—PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS SCAM! Several people have received a phone call or text message from a person pretending to be Fr. Gerardo and asking for assistance to help cancer patients. This person has requested Apple gift cards. Fr. Gerardo wants to assure everyone that he is not asking for help and would **NEVER** request assistance from anyone at the Church. Chase Bank has also reported to the Church that many of their customers are reporting that scammers on social media asked them to send their payment with Zelle® or Wires



SAVE THE DATE! SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on **Tuesday, March 4 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Bring your family and friends and come and enjoy delicious pancakes and sausage! There is no cost, but donations will be gratefully accepted



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.



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.

COFFEE HOUR: Coffee Hour **STILL!** Needs help! **Please Please Please!** Consider inviting your family—your closest friends—people you want to be friends with—and plan on serving your brothers and sisters in Christ instead of being served. More fun you will never have! Talk with Leona Lindvall or Sue Schlichting.

This Sunday's coffee hour is being hosted by Barb & Ron Jackson.

We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!

FOOD DRIVE/FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Canned Goods” Sunday. Valley View Food Bank is always in need of canned goods (soups, vegetables, fruit). Please bring any canned goods to share. As always thank you for your kindness and generosity. *~Generosity is love in action—Harold W. Becker*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	February 17,. 2025	2025 Total
Weight	47 lbs.	227 lbs.
Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	February 17, 2025	February Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$391.00	\$1,385.00	\$3,282.70 **
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$41.40		
Bookstore	\$84.00	\$2977.15	\$469.15

***Total includes 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 * Feliciano 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.

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 *
- * 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 * Dorothy Lafferty & grandson Andrew * Gene Lapham *
- * Rosa Madrid & Family * Monica Maldonado * Christina Mason * Larry Mays * 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

- * Aubrianna Exner * Ranulfo Orozco * Maria Payan *



Happy Anniversary in February

Lourdes & Martin Rios 30 years
Sue & Frank Schlichting 61 years
Carol & Bill Masters 53 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in February

Marva Martinez	February 09	Maggie Mayper	February 18
Frank Schlichting	February 10	Janet Cairo	February 19
Susan Barnette	February 11	Bonnie Franco	February 20
Richard Young	February 11	Ariana Schwartz	February 21
Rose Harris	February 14	Betty Roddy	February 22
Jereme Perez Valenzuela	February 15	Sallie Crill	February 26
Beatriz Cortez	February 18	Lyberthad Xynayth Aguirre Salgado	February 28

Vestry

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