



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
EMBRACING GOD'S EXPANSIVE LOVE

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
May 3rd, 2026
8:00am & 10:00 am

Welcome to St. Christopher's. We are glad that you are here. If you are new and would like to connect more with the congregation, please fill out a visitor card on the podium in the back of the sanctuary and leave it there.

Children: At St. Christopher's, we believe that the presence of children is a gift. Relax. Let your children be children. They are welcome as they are, just as you are welcome as you are. To support your family's experience in worship today, there are materials in the lobby area to help engage children in the pew. Most Sundays, we also have a staffed nursery available for ages 0-3, children's chapel for PK-2nd grade (they leave about ten minutes into the service and return at the peace), and a soft space with toys and audio of the service in the library just outside the sanctuary. Check weekly news for any cancellations.

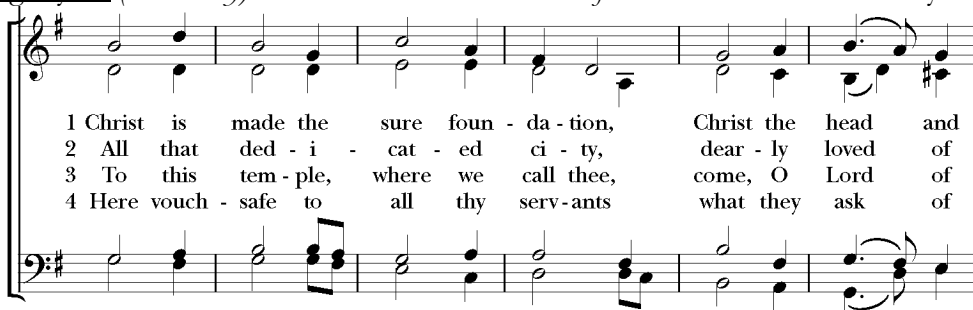
Today at St. Chris:

11:15am	3 rd -5 th Grade Formation	Do Not Be Afraid	Room 201
11:15am	Youth Formation	Good Leaders	Room 205
11:15am	Adult Formation	Centered in Christ	Choir Room
11:15am	Serving Together	BackSack Packing	Parish Hall

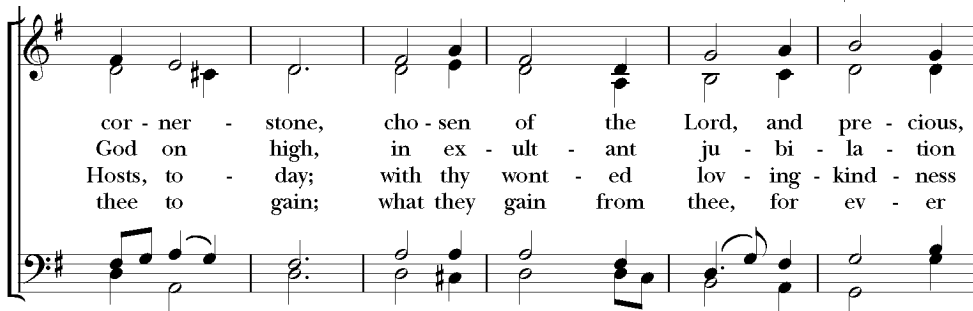
What is "BackSack Packing?"

Carmel Youth Assistance BackSack Program provides weekend food bags to students at 12 elementary and 3 middle schools in Carmel-Clay. Join us today after the 10am service in the Parish Hall to assist with packing food bags for distribution. Children and adults are welcome to serve. This is an easy way to jump in and provide support while also getting to know more of the St. Chris family!

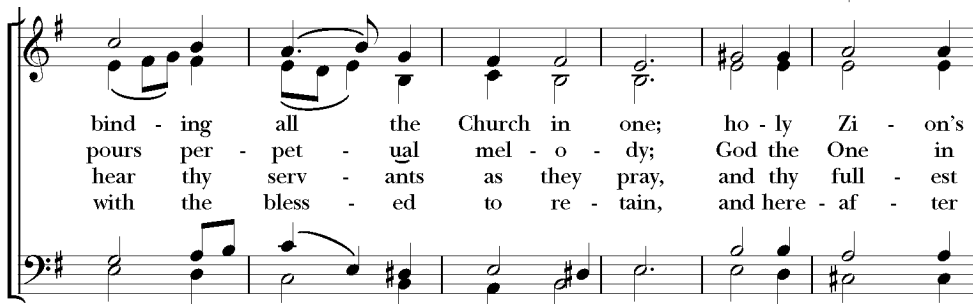
You are invited to join the congregation in reading anything that is **bold** aloud.
Anytime you see a ✦ in the booklet, you are invited to mark yourself with a sign of the cross.



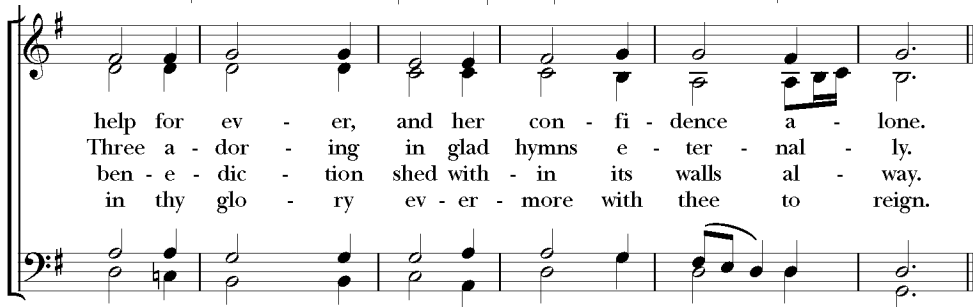
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect of Purity

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.

Glory to God (*8am spoken, 10am sung*)

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

receive our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

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.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Procession to Children's Chapel (*10am only -- for children PK to 2nd grade*)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
**deliver me in your
righteousness.**
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep
me safe,
for you are my crag and my
stronghold; *
**for the sake of your Name, lead
me and guide me.**
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have
secretly set for me, *

- for you are my tower of
strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
**for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my
enemies,
and from those who persecute
me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your
servant, *
**and in your loving-kindness save
me.**

Gradual Hymn (10am only)

Thou art the way to thee alone



1. Thou art the Way, to thee a lone from
2. Thou art the Truth, thy word a lone true
3. Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro -
4. Thou art the Way, the Truth the Life: grant

sin and death we flee; and all who would the
wis - dom can im - part; thou on - ly canst in -
claims thy con - quering arm; and those who put their
us that way to know, that truth to keep, that

Ma - ker seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
-form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our ✨ ✨ ✨ Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection † of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Sam Michelle Vander Missen / 10a Anne O'Leary

*You may sit, stand, or kneel according to your practice.
The response to each petition is: God of love, **Hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution

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.

Priest 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

Announcements

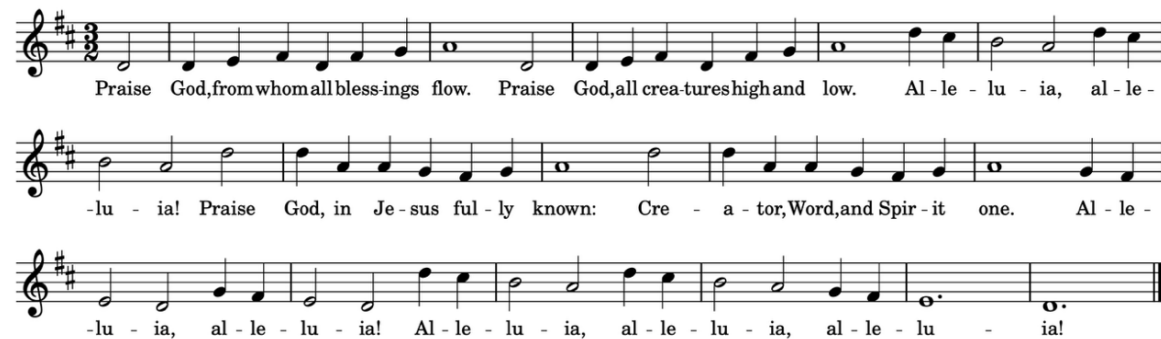
Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travels

Offertory

O come, ye servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
-lu-ia! Praise God, in Je-sus fully known: Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface of the day.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*You may kneel, stand, or sit as is your custom for the prayers.
The Celebrant continues until...*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues until . . .

Celebrant 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Communion of the People:

Sam will receive communion or a blessing around the altar rail and 10am will be invited forward by the ushers to receive in stations. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one of the bread-bearer.

There are options for how to participate in the chalice. The first chalice offered is wine to drink, and the second chalice is grape juice to dip the host in. The first chalice will be offered to those who have already consumed the host; if you prefer the second chalice, simply hold on to your host, and the second chalice will be offered for you to intinct (dip) the host. You also may decline both chalices as receiving the host is considered full participation in communion. Please note that the first chalice is only for drinking, and the second chalice is only for dipping.

For a blessing, place your hands crossed on your chest as the bread-bearer and chalice-bearer come to you.

Prayer Partners: Most Sundays prayer partners are available by the lectern in the back of the sanctuary during communion to offer prayer for you or someone/something on your heart today.

Communion Anthem

Bread of Life

Lee Barrow

Communion Hymn (10am only)

Here, O Lord, your servants gather

WLP 793



1. Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
2. Man - y are the tongues we speak, — scat - tered are the lands,
3. Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, — chang - es nev - er cease.
4. Grant, O God, an age re - newed, — filled with death - less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, — joined in love we stand.
yet our hearts are one in God, — one in love's de - mands.
Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls — find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray, — send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, — we u - nite to pray:
E'en in dark - ness hope ap - pears, — call - ing age and youth:
Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
truth and cour - age, faith and power, — need - ed in our strife:



Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our — steps, for you are the Way.
Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with — us, for you are the Truth.
Je - sus, heal - er, bring your — balm, for you are the Life.
Je - sus Mas - ter, be our — Way, be our Truth, our Life.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

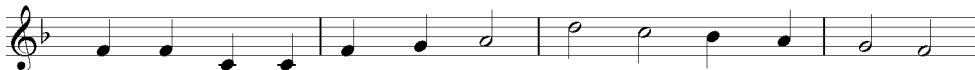
Blessing

May the risen Christ fill you with joy,
strengthen you in hope,
and keep you steadfast in faith;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✦ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

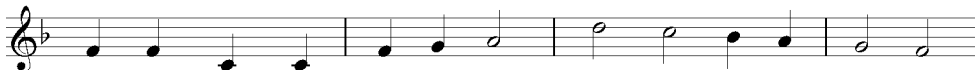
Closing Hymn

Come ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 200



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Fugue in G, BWV541

J.S. Bach

The Altar flowers today are given by Sherry & Fred Horner in loving memory of Arthur D. Strabla.

Praise God for those Who Serve Today

Both Services

Clergy: The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli
The Rev. Spencer Ruark
Music Director: Robert Richter
Altar Guild: Jenell Weaver, Dawn
Holcombe, Lynn Alexander, & Sue Barnum
Flower Team: Beth Smith

10am

Musicians: St. Christopher Choir
Chalice Bearers: Alex Esche & David
Morton
Acolytes: Corgan Sprunger, Chloe Sprunger,
& Matteo Frey
Greeters: Annie Weissert-Cole & Rob
Weissert
Ushers: David Stelsel & Kevin Price
Children's Chapel: Susan McCormack & Lisa
Mayer

PRAYER LIST

Dan Kubley, Tom & Mary Alice Cooler, Nanci Pavarati, Anne Louise Vreeman, Marcus Seldy, Deb Callahan, Carrel Anne Bishop, Jason Gropp, Bill McGarvey, Alison Tierney, Nancy Knoll, Lorraine Albright. *Ongoing*: Phil Henke, Susan McBeath, Barbara Wynne, & Cheryl Young.

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WELCOME TO ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Wherever you come from
Whether you are young or old
Whether you are single, married, or widowed
Whatever you can offer in time, talent, and treasure
Whatever gender or sexual identity you express
However your brain or body functions
However you vote and whoever you cheer for
Wherever you are on your faith journey
Join us in embracing God's expansive love

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to know more about what's happening at St. Christopher's?
This QR code will take you to the Wednesday Weekly News.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 7 th | Learn to Play Mahjong from 12:30-2:30pm (Parlor) |
| May 10 th | Graduate Recognition at the 10am Service |
| May 17 th | Indy Winds Flute Choir Concert at 3:00pm (Sanctuary) |
| May 17 th | Learn to Play Mahjong from 5:30-7:30pm (Parlor) |
| May 17 th | Youth Sunday Supper (Youth Area) |
| May 17 th | Young Families Pitch-in Dinner at 5pm (Parish Hall) |