

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
ROSEVILLE, MN



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Proper 17, Year A  
**August 30, 2020**

# Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

**Wednesday service** at 12:15 p.m. in the Kitchen Garden, weather permitting.

**Next Sunday's readings:** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.  
(*Pentecost 14, Proper 18, Year A.*)

**Audio recordings of sermons** and videos of Sunday worship are available online at our website. Please click on ACT, then Worship, and then Sermons.

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## The Word of God

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## The Lessons

### ***A Reading from Exodus [3:1-15]***

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites,

the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

**Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

**Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.**

**Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**

**O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

**Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.**

**The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;**

**Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.**

**He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

**Hallelujah!**

### **A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome [12:9-21]**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in

spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

### **The Gospel—Matthew 16:21-28**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

### **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Randy W. Johnson*

*The people stand.*

## **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**

*Form 6, Book of Common Prayer p. 392*

*The Deacon bids the prayers:*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

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, and **Craig** our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence*

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*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Presider*

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.**

*The people stand*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The people sit.*

**Greetings & Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1*

*The people stand.*

*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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Christopher and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

### **The Invitation**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him  
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Dismissal**

*The Deacon says the dismissal.*

*The People respond: **Thanks be to God.***

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### **Today's Readers:**

Readers: Ella Snyder  
Jean Crow

Intercessor: Kathy Ackerman

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

Updated for August 30, 2020

*This list is maintained in order to assist you in praying for the parish and larger community throughout the week.*

***Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:***

***Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:***

Mary Barkley	Barbara Danley	Barb Swanson
Jerry Baxter	Don Horton	Jean Swesey
Jean Brandt	Ken Ives	Evelynne Thompson
Dan Brown	Ebie Richards	Barb Wilkinson
Dennis Buechler	Mary Richards	Roberta Williams
Ruth Buechler	Marcia Rockwood	Millie Woodbury
Pamela Case	Dave Stewart	Lois Zwieg
Bob Curtis		

***Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:***

Karen Olson, Dan B., Tim & Sue Newman, Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Geri & Bud Julkowski, Jerry, Renee Forst, Jack Cork, Bev Singleton, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Wanda Alexander, Parker Bergum, Mary Jane LaPlant, Ruth Engdahl, Susan, Kirk Ingram, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Virginia L. Nymeyer, Diane Ferry, Sue Hitchcock, Willy Klingenberg, ViAnn Arneson, Jim VonDeLinde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Merle Anderson, Jan Holte, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Judie Cason, Kit Corti, Russell Hitchcock, Tim & Nancy Kersten, Missy Peterson.

**Pray for all who have died**, especially Vicky, cousin of Robert Williams.

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer**, please pray for the Dioceses of Montreal, Canada, and Willochra, Australia.

**In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer**, please pray for all hospital chaplaincies, counseling chaplaincies, and Spiritual Directors throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Pray for all farmers and laborers working with the harvest, especially San Jose Obrero Mission in Montgomery. Pray also for Good Samaritan faith community in Sauk Centre.

**Please pray** for children caught in crisis at our borders, and around the world. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for the President and Congress of the United States. Please pray for Iowa. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them. Please pray for world peace and justice for all people; and for those whose lives have been disrupted by recent marches and riots worldwide. Please pray for those affected by storms Laura and Marco.

**Please pray** also for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

**In Thanksgiving:** we give thanks for the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

**We remember** those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

*Michael Sirany, Matthew Cole, Ann Dobon, Suzanne Hitchcock, Maryruth Darnell, Caroline Fortmeyer, Cheryl Warkentien*