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Our Vision:
To Know Christ
To Love Christ
To Serve Christ in
Others

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

***Hymn**

Prayer Book

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Prelude: Soliloquy

David Conte

The Word of God

**494 Crown Him with many crowns*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**S280 Gloria (Festival Eucharist)*

***The Collect of the Day**

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First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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Psalms 1

(see insert)

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

(see insert)

**382 King of glory, King of peace*

Gospel: John 17:6-19

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Have you heard God's voice? Frederick Chatfield

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred? Are you still prepared to fol-low? Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and nar-row? Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent? Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent? Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow? Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow? Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different? Will you share your views using words of grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint? In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless? Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless? We will walk the path that will cost us much and embrace God's love and sorrow? Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow.

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Communion Anthem: Jacob's Ladder John Stainer

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*WLP778 *We are all one in mission*

* The Dismissal (Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.)

Postlude: Improvisation

WELCOME TO ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Visitors and New Members: Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to fill out a welcome card found on the back of each pew. We welcome all input, such as a request for a prayer, particular hymn, or more information about St. Christopher's. Please - let us know what you think!

Nursery Care: is available for infants and toddlers at the later service. Ask an usher or greeter for directions to the infant room.

We invite all baptized persons of Christian faith to receive communion. If you are not baptized you are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail, while crossing your arms over your chest. You will receive a blessing instead of bread, and the wine person will pass you by.

For Those Who Need Assistance: Communion can be brought to in your seat – just let an usher know during the service; large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are also available (see an usher or greeter for the service for assistance).

This Week We Are Praying For:

The Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, Susan and Robert, our Bishops. For Peter our Rector, Brooks our Seminarian, Joe our Music Minister, Joe our Bookkeeper and for Trish our Pastoral Assistant this week.

Our Government: Donald our President, and Ralph our Governor.

For those celebrating birthdays this month (but not read in church): Trevor Brown, Harper Vasquez, Katherine Frear-Holm, Rose Roger, Nora Holm, Andrew Johnson, Andrew McLaugherty, Jean Pates, Trish Taylor, Isaac Hall, Kayla Evans, Emily Wilsey, Gabrielle Ritchie, Travers Foster, Caroline Foster, Jessica Reyes, Sharyn Tomita, Danny Gorham, and John Quinn,

In Thanksgiving Bill and Kathy Kozak are pleased to announce the birth of their third grandson, Ellis Marshall Kozak, on April 19, 2018. His parents, Jeff and Lauren Kozak of Lexington, Virginia and his brothers, Benton and Wesley and his grandparents are all delighted with this sweet and precious little guy.

The Sick, Suffering, and in Need Ursula Walls, Barbara Milton, Janice Hagan, Marion Evans, Ginny and Fred Berg, Sandy and Dick Rowley, Marguerite Wagner, Ralph Tomita, Jim Foster, Priscilla Greene, Virginia Cole, Molly Gray, Ted Woodcock, Elaine Apostles, John Wells, and L. B. Berg as well as those on our **May Parish Family Prayer List (names not read in the service)**: Jackie Brant, Charlie Olsen, Becky Calzada, Esther Bergum, Mae, Karen Curry, Phyllis Brant, Helen Yi, Jack, June Shaw, Marty Kiefer, Susan Ackerman-Peterson, Daniel Carr, Fritz Baldwin, Brad Penney, David and Stephen Penny, Helen Wagner, Jennifer Flowe, Cook Family, Alleman Family, Dawn, Brendan Scriber, Bev Gilman, Matt Zeller, and Robin Courts.

For those away serving in our Military: Noah Flowe.

For Those Who Have Died:

The Altar Flowers are given in the glory of God by the Flower Guild.

The Sanctuary Candle is given in the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, the Flower Guild is presenting all of the mothers, grandmothers and aunts with a pink carnation at both the 7:30 and the 10:30 a.m. services.

The Church has ordered some flowers from the Preschool's fund raiser and we'll need a couple helping hands to plant them. Please meet after the 10:30 service this Sunday the 13th, bring a small shovel, a smile, and help us beautify our grounds." Thank you in advance, Darren Branch and John Olsen.

A message from the Stewardship Team: Your Capital Campaign dollars are about to be put to work soon for a big-ticket item that our church truly needs. The Vestry approved on April 30th a proposal from Cropp Metcalfe to replace the A/C System in the Church building due to the excessive age and declining performance and efficiency of our current system. The scope of the work includes replacement of the condensing (outdoor) unit and the air handler (indoor) unit that provides cooling to the church building. The units take 6-8 weeks for delivery, which means installation won't take place until the June/July timeframe. Installation work will take up to two weeks, which means we will have to hold at least one and probably two services in the auditorium of the education building. We thank you for your generosity and for your flexibility during this process – more information will be forthcoming as we get closer to starting this project. For questions, please contact John Olsen or Chris Erbe.

Feast of the Pentecost, Sunday May 20, 2018 - Our Pentecost tradition includes reading the Acts in as many languages as possible, all at once. If you read a language other than English and you are willing to participate in the festivities, please speak with Mary Johnson or email her at MJohnson311@icloud.com. Thank you.

Feed Your Soul This Summer – School for the Spirit Join us on Wednesday evenings beginning May 23rd for St. Christopher's School for the Spirit (S4S). This S4S offering is in association with our planned Sabbatical activities and will give you the opportunity to explore spiritual practices that may make room for God to nourish your soul this summer! The spiritual disciplines covered in these sessions will provide you options for putting together your own spiritual practices that work for you! Each evening session will include learning and discussion about a particular spiritual discipline or practice and then a guided experience with that practice so you can test it out. The disciplines we will explore

are ones that spiritual seekers down through the centuries have practiced as a way of opening to the transforming presence of God. If you are looking for a spiritual journey this summer, please join us for any of the S4S sessions below or all six! No registration is required. All sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings in the Auditorium from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will be using the videos produced by the author of *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation to guide our learning and experiences.* Ruth Haley Barton's book is not necessary for this class but you may be interested in obtaining a copy from your favorite retailer to support your practice. Please contact Christina Manning at christina.manning.cm@gmail.com or at 703-975-4319 for more info.

- May 23, Session 1: Desire – Longing for More in the Spiritual Life
- May 30, Session 2: Solitude and Silence – Creating Space for God
- June 6, Session 3: Lectio Divina – Encountering God in Scripture
- June 13, Session 4: Honoring the Body – Flesh-and-Blood Spirituality
- June 20, Session 5: The Examen – Bringing My Whole Self to God
- June 27, Session 6: A Rule of Life – Cultivating Your Own Sacred Rhythms

Book Discussion Group We will be meeting at the home of Judy Lawson at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 22nd, to discuss Andrew Greer's *Less*, which just won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. It is a delightful comic novel. For more information and to RSVP, contact Christine Meloni at cfmeloni@hotmail.com. Remember that our group meets in the evenings in the summer to accommodate those who work during the day.

Service Participants For Sunday, May 13, 2018

7:30am

Acolyte: Jim Hertsch

Lector: Tricha Shivas

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lynn Knox

10:30am

Acolyte(s): Zack Manning and Lillian Foley

Lectors: Brooks Boylan (L1), Gaye Evans (L2)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Meredith Maple (PB), Mark Ingebretsen (CB1), Carroll Hill (CB2)

Altar Guild: Marie Ackerman and Virginia Clark

Flower Guild: Rosemary Henry and Kathy Kozak

Vestry Person of the Week: Chris Erbe

Prayer Intercessor: Meredith Maple

Chapel Prayer Team: Jennifer Guernsey and Lynn Knox

Communion Bread Baker: Marie Ackerman

Greeters: Ruth York and June Hoffman

P.A.T. Minister (taking Eucharist to our parish's shut-ins): Trish Taylor

Refreshment & Fellowship: Pam Osborn

Tellers: Debbie Frear and Joe Bush

Ushers: Team Bush

**if you are unable to serve, or a trade did not get posted, please let Fr. Peter know by Sunday morning (email/voicemail) and he will let the appropriate ministers know.*

THE VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Christina Manning, Katy Dunlap, Richard Sellers, Robert Hall, Danny Gorham, Logan Foley, Liz Zubritsky, Darren Branch, John Olsen, and Chris Erbe.

STAFF The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman, Rector; Meredith Maple, Youth Minister for Teens; Nina Miller, Parish Administrator; Joe Bush, Bookkeeper; Joe Gabalski, Organist/Choir Director; Polly Colwell, Preschool Director

This Week at St. Christopher's Church

Monday, May 14

11:00 a.m. Preschool Spring Program
(Two's and Three's)

Tuesday, May 15

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 p.m. P.A.T. Minister's Meeting
7:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Thursday, May 17

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Women's Discussion
Group
5:30 p.m. Girls Scouts/Auditorium
7:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 18

11:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation &
Reception (Four Year Olds)

Saturday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Men's Group Meeting
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Frazelle Music
5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting
8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, May 20 – The Day of Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Rite I
9:00 a.m. Girls' Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Rite II,
Children's Sermon and Children's
Church (Nursery Available)
11:45 a.m. Refreshments &
Fellowship
12:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday Eucharist/Morning

Prayer Hiatus Due to the summer
schedules of our lay and ordained
officiants and with the
agreement of those who
regularly attend, there will be no
Thursday Morning Eucharist or
Morning Prayer from June -
August. When these return in the
late summer, you will be invited
to join us.