



THE

MARCH 2021

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

9 am - Sunday Morning Service via Facebook Live & Zoom
Zoom Gathering following

THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer via Facebook Live

HOLY WEEK 2021

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRAND BLANC, MI

At this time all services will be online via Facebook Live and Zoom



Maundy Thursday
(No footwashing)
Thursday, April 1 @
7 pm

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 2
@ Noon

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 3
@ 7 pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4
@ 9 am

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SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Christopher's,

In this short report I will try to update you on the Vestry's progress concerning our Strategic Plan for St. Christopher's. This experience will begin to cover Three Years of how we can bring our church closer to God while we grow in service to ourselves and our community at large.

The Vestry has established a committee which will bring this plan to life. The planning committee is just getting underway so look for more news as they make progress in this regard. It will not be done overnight but will grow, change, be reasonable and measurable as we move forward.

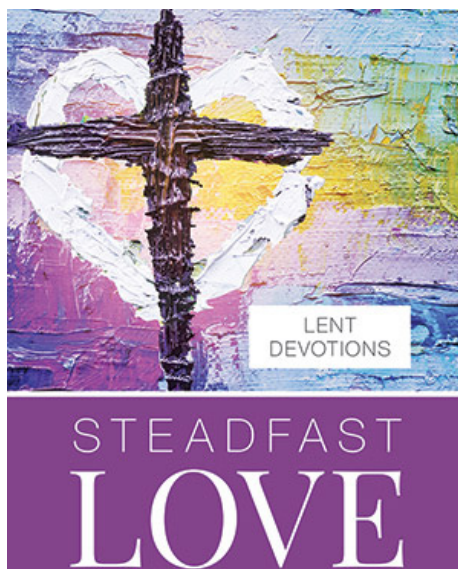
Pray for the Vestry and the committee as we tackle this important task for our ministry.

Peace and Blessings to you All!

Jane Brewer

Senior Warden

LENT DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE



As well as our normal Day By Day devotionals, we have an additional Lenten Devotional available upon request: "Steadfast Love".

You can request a copy by contacting the church office to arrange a time to pick up your copy or to have one mailed to you.



FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

We are in the season of Lent. Maybe we have given up something. Maybe we have added extra prayers. Maybe we are doing random acts of kindness. Whatever we are doing, it is important. This is a time not only to give things up, but to add. We die to ourselves in the hope of becoming more like Jesus in our everyday walk.

When I arrived here, I was a bit overwhelmed by the size of our property. It is absolutely stunning. The sun shining through the stained glass windows, the beautiful acoustics, the sense of the Holy One in our midst. More importantly, I found a people hungry for God. Hungry for meaning in their lives. Yes, it is difficult not being able to worship in this holy space. However, I feel that during this time we have realized just how much more we are a church through the people of God, not just a building.

It seems like we have been in Lent mode for an entire year. Giving things up. We might be tired of giving things up. It's true, lots of sacrifices have been made. But how are we living up to our baptismal call to "BE" the church? How are we making an impact on our community? Have we become so isolated that we forget that there is a world out there that is in dire need of healing? Not just physically and emotionally, but spiritually as well.

As we look to our future, we must ask ourselves what we can do to be the Body of Christ in a very broken world. A world that needs to remove hatred, bitterness, fear. A world that still sees women being treated unfairly in the work place. A world where the color of one's skin can impact the opportunities they have. A world where our elderly, our veterans, our children are suffering needlessly in one of the world's richest nations.

What are we doing to help with the healing of our nation? Our community? Our family? Our parish? As we move forward, we must begin to think of "after" the pandemic. I'm not sure when we will return to full worship, but I do know it will come. We must be prepared.

My vision is for us to grow spiritually. As we grow, we must find new ways to have an impact on our communities. It is time for us to take a bold new step and be leaders in the healing process. We

UPCOMING LESSONS

March 7 - Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 14 - Lent 4

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 21 - Lent 5

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-13

or Psalms 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

March 28 - Palm Sunday

John 12:12-16

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

**Find the readings every
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might not change the world, but we can change the world for so many.

My prayer is that we, as the Body of Christ, will boldly face the troubles of our world, and find ways to bring healing and restoration. Don't get me wrong. It's not all bad news. There is a great deal of goodness in our world. A great deal of love and compassion. But there can always be more. It is up to us to face injustice, poverty, racism, sexism and so many other issues. Will we tackle them all? Maybe not all at once. However, we must begin that journey.

Let us go with courage, faith and love. Let us join with one another on this journey. We can and will make an impact. Let us be guided and formed by the power of the Holy Spirit. May we see in the face of others, the crucified Christ.

The journey begins. Like Jesus from the tomb, we too, will rise up!

Keep the faith!

Blessings,

Fr. Jerry+



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**Evening Prayer & Bible Study
moving to Thursdays during
Lent -same times:
5:30 pm & 6 pm**