



THE

APRIL 2022

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)
9:15 am - Adult Study
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service
(In-Person & Livestreamed via Facebook Live)

WEDNESDAYS

7 pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer on Facebook Live
6 pm - Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom



FAREWELL ORGAN RECITAL

Our parish organist, Greg Hassold, will give a farewell concert of organ music at 2pm on Saturday, May 7 at the church!

On the program are works by J.S. Bach, A. Guilmant, V. Fox and S. Karg-Elert. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

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COAT CLOSET MINISTRY

Please join us on Saturday,
April 23, 2022 at 5 pm
for our Coat Closet Kick-Off

SAVE THE DATE! Join us at 5 pm on April 23rd and plan to be part of the opening of St. Christopher's Coat Closet. Be ready for an evening of good music, good food, good fellowship and ... possibly ... a prize! For admission, please bring a new (or gently used) coat or make a donation to the Coat Closet. Hats, scarfs, gloves and mittens will be gratefully received as well.

After some time to meet and greet, dinner will begin at 6pm with a flash from St. Christopher's past. The spaghetti sauce recipe that the men of St. C's prepared so faithfully has been resurrected and will be served! Gluten free pasta and vegetarian sauce will be available as well. Music during the evening will be provided by Ken Duck.

We will continue to accept coat donations throughout the spring and summer and plan to open the closet to our "customers" in the fall.

Please join us, reconnect with friends following this long covid isolation and help make our new Outreach project a warming success for those in need!

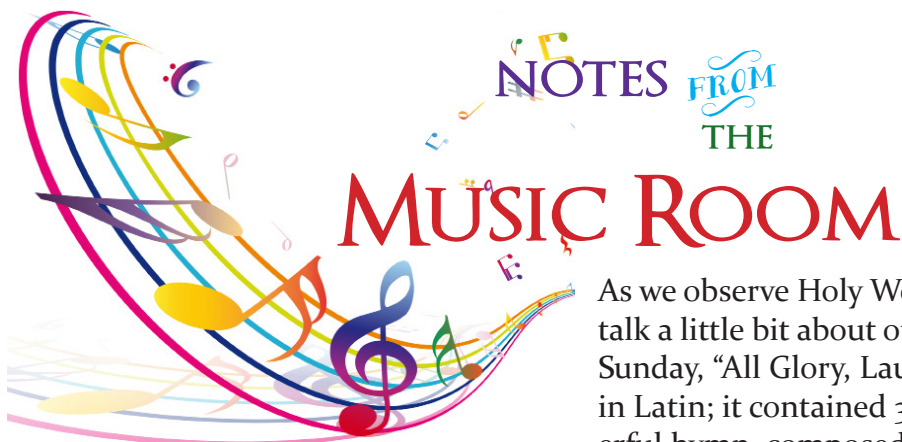
READ LUKE 3:10 THEN MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

LIVE-STREAMERS NEEDED!

We desperately need more people who are willing to livestream the Sunday services. It is not as hard as it sounds and we will train you!

If you have a basic knowledge of computers, that is really all that is needed. (If you have a decent knowledge of Facebook and/or Zoom, that certainly helps.)

Talk to Fr. Jerry if you would be interested in being a part of this vital portion of our worship services.



As we observe Holy Week, I would like to take a moment to talk a little bit about our opening hymn for Palm/Passion Sunday, “All Glory, Laud and Honor”. The text was originally in Latin; it contained 39 couplets. This magnificent and powerful hymn, composed by Theodulph, the Bishop of Orleans,

was translated by John M. Neale, who included this piece in his *Medieval Hymns and Sequences* (1851).

Who is John M. Neale, you ask? Well, I would love to share a bit about him with you! John M. Neale was the recipient of the Seatonian prize for religious poetry **eleven** times while studying at Trinity College, Cambridge, England.

Now, rumor has it, that despite the fact that he was born into an evangelical home, he seemed to have sympathies toward Rome! Even though Mr. Neale was in perpetual ill-health, he was a very productive individual. He was known to be of a ‘scholarly temperament’, and tried to improve social conditions in his area by fighting poverty. He was often ignored or scorned by his colleagues/classmates, and despite this, today he is greatly revered for his contributions to the church and hymnody.



He was ordained in the Church of England in 1842. His ill health, however, (that **and** his strong support of the Oxford Movement) kept him from being able to have a regular parish ministry assignment. But, as we know, God works in mysterious ways---Neale’s talents then really came to the fore because of his passion for improving socio/economic tribulations. He was such a devoted servant of the church/social improvement that, during a twenty year period, he became a warden of the Sackville College in East Grinstead, (which was a retirement home for poor men). Over the years, he was able to expand his Sackville ministry to include indigent women and orphans. How about that for making a difference in this world?

He also founded the Sisterhood of St. Margaret, which became one of the finest English training orders for nurses.

Now, back to the text of “All Glory Laud and Honor” and Theodulph. Who is Theodulph, you might be wondering? Well---remember in our opening sentence when I had mentioned that “All Glory Laud and

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UPCOMING LESSONS

April 10 - Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 23:1-49

April 17 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

April 24 - Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Psalm 118:14-29

or Psalm 150

May 1 - Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Psalm 30

**Find the readings every
week at
lectionarypage.net**

Honor” was originally written in Latin? Enter Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans! He wrote this text a few years back (in 820 A.D., to be exact) while in jail in Angers, France. He was imprisoned for ‘conspiring against King Louis the Pious’.

It was said that the reason he was imprisoned was that he didn’t agree with icons being in the church, and, too, King Louis suspected that Theodulph supported an Italian rival to the throne (A very long, complicated story involving Charlemagne and his three sons.). At any rate, Theodulph was removed from the bishopric and placed under house arrest. During his arrest, Theodulph wrote “Gloria, laus et honor” for Palm Sunday.

Although likely apocryphal, there is a story out there, which claims that during a Palm Sunday procession, King Louis passed by the prison in which Theodulph was housed and heard him (Theodulph) singing this piece from the top of his lungs. According to legend, Kind Louis the Pious was so moved by the music, that he freed Theodulph and decreed that the singing of “All Glory Laud and Honor” be sung for every Palm Sunday thereafter!

The tune of this hymn is credited to Melchior Teschner, composed in 1613.

*All glory, laud, and honor,
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children,
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest,
The King and Blessed One.*

The Latin text begins:
*Gloria, laus, et honor tibi sit, rex
Christe, Redemptor,
cui puerile decus prompsit Hosanna pium.*

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada Radakovich

Director of Music



FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK



What a wonderful time of the year! It is April and things will soon be blooming. The fragrance of flowers will be wafting through the air. It is a time of renewal, rebirth and hope.

I love this time of year.

It is no small miracle that flowers bud and bloom and gardens get planted in the spring. We are in the season of new birth. The church will celebrate the rising of Jesus from the tomb, giving new life to us all!

Other than Sunday, I have a favorite day of the week. You might think it to be Monday, my day off. Not at all. It's the days when Liz brings baby Jimmy to the office. He is such a beautiful reminder of the faithfulness of God. Each time a child is born, we are given hope. Hope for a better tomorrow. Hope that things can and will change. We are reminded of how God sees us all. Fearfully and wonderfully made. In God's image we are made. And God loves us more than we can ever imagine.

Live your life in that hope. Remember, it's not about how many times we stray. It's about how many times we come back. Remember that we have much to be thankful for. And always, always, focus on the face of Jesus! It is through the cross of Christ that we are made whole and given new life. It is through the lens of the cross that God sees us, loves us, and invites us into deeper relationship.

Blessings,

Jerry+

MAUNDY THURSDAY

I just wanted to let you know about an opportunity we will be doing after the Maundy Thursday Service:

The evening begins with our normal Maundy Service, reminding ourselves of the importance of the Holy Eucharist. After the altar is stripped, there will be a procession (optional for the congregation) with the Holy Eucharist from our nave to the Columbarium Chapel. The priests' wafer will be placed in a monstrance right before. What is a monstrance? It is a vessel, typically made of gold or silver, used to display the consecrated bread of the eucharist for veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. (I have personally purchased this, so no expense to the church.)

Once I have arrived in the chapel, you are invited

to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the mighty works of God, God's goodness, love and mercy. It is, simply, a time for adoration of God. That expression of supreme love and worship for God alone.

There will be 30 minute time slots between the hours of 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm. (Many churches do this all night long!) I hope and pray that you will join with others and stay for a bit or the whole time. Our heartfelt worship is our best gift to God!

May God continue to lead us in a Holy Lent so that we might understand more deeply, the new life in Christ, as we celebrate Easter!

Jerry+

VESTRY PERSPECTIVES...

St. Christopher's, other churches, and, indeed, most of our world is emerging from a two-year pandemic. This disease has caused innumerable changes in how we live, act and interact with others and the world around us. It has had a profound effect on our church. Fortunately, we have been given the magic of devices such as the Internet and Facebook to allow us to somehow be together and somewhat connect with the faces familiar to us in the pews. We have even discovered new faces among us who now consider themselves part of St. Christopher's.

We are emerging from this pandemic not knowing how best to proceed. I hope all of those for whom St. Christopher's was their church home will find their way back to our services. I hope those who discovered us online will continue to consider themselves part of St. Christopher's. I also hope everyone will recognize the need for the resources necessary for St. Christopher's to continue as everyone's church home.

Bill Thewalt

I'm not sure that I like being on the Vestry. There.... I've said it!

My previous experiences on Vestry as a member, a member's spouse, a Junior Warden and a Senior Warden, led me to believe that I was mostly a rubber stamp for the Rector. (Very similar to experiences I'd known with Parish Councils in the Roman Catholic Church.)

Now I am finding that the post is a **responsibility**. A responsibility to focus, guide and help facilitate the path on which God is leading our congregation. It's work, it's prayer, it's reflection, it's listening to the desires and needs of others. It's recognizing where we have come from, where we are now, and helping my fellow Vestry members make decisions for our future. It's making sense of spreadsheets when my checkbook doesn't even always balance! It is remembering that it is about GOD and the people of God—those who try to know Him and those who have yet to meet Him. And I realize that “like” isn't even part of the equation. I must love God and trust that He will guide our Vestry to be a small part of His presence in the world in all that we do.

So, pray for your Vestry members, talk to them, and express your desires, ideas, hopes and fears. Remember, while some of us currently carry the title of Vestry Member, we are ALL part of the team. We all need to contribute our time and talents in hopes that one day our Savior will say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Ellen Safley

A Prayer for Vestry:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the gifts of leadership and service to those in your Church who guide the care and keeping of our parish. Be present with those who serve on our Vestry, that their committed hearts may be fixed upon you. Grant them wisdom to notice the cares and concerns of this community, trust to follow your guidance when answers are not easy, and the knowledge and love of you to be ever-present in their discussions and decisions. Through Christ our Lord we offer our prayers to you. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL 2022

	LECTOR / INTERCESSOR	GREETER(S)	TECH	ALTAR GUILD
<u>April 10 – Palm Sunday</u>				
8 am	Nancy Wells	Sharon & Dale Rice	-----	-----
10:15 am	Tristram Shayna	Jan Taylor Becky Stermer	Tristram Shayna	Sharon Rice
<u>April 17 – Easter Sunday</u>				
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	
10:15 am	Bob Luckey	Jane Yorks Flo Gjerstad	Bill White	Colleen Shrank
<u>April 24</u>				
8 am	Kay Van Natta	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ken Duck	Jerri & Paul Bassett	Frank Burger	Anne Naber
<u>May 1</u>				
8 am	Jane Brewer	Jane Brewer	-----	-----
10:15 am			Audrey D'itri	Mary Van Duyne
<u>May 8</u>				
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----
10:15 am			???	Sharon Rice
<u>May 15</u>				
8 am	Nancy Wells	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	
10:15 am			Tristram Shayna	Colleen Shrank

Holy Week 2022

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8 & 10:15 AM EUCHARIST SERVICES
(10:15 AM ALSO LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK)

Maundy Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

6 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
7 – 10 PM VIGIL (SIGN UP IN GATHERING SPACE)

Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

7 PM GOOD FRIDAY ECCUMENICAL SERVICE
HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH
7234 FENTON ROAD, GRAND BLANC, MI

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8 & 10:15 AM EUCHARIST SERVICES
(10:15 AM ALSO LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK)

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Following the 10:15 am Easter Service, we will have a potluck brunch!
All are welcome! Please bring a dish to pass.