ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2023

WELCOME TO OUR MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

HYMNALS AND THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ARE LOCATED IN THE PEWS. YOU ARE INVITED TO SAY ALOUD THE ITEMS PRINTED IN BOLDFACE.

Prelude Come Sunday – Edward Kennedy Ellington Ken Duck, Saxophone Songs of thankfulness and praise, H-135 Opening Hymn Confession of Sin Page 79 Page 80 **Invitatory and Psalter** All stand Venite Psalm 95:1-7, Page 82 The First Reading Exodus 24:12-18 The Psalm Psalm 2, Page 586 The Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21 The Song of Zechariah (Please Stand) Page 92

The People stand as they are able for the Gospel,

Hymn

The Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Christ upon the mountain peak, H-129

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Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow. Prayer and Thanksgivings

Leader: When we call upon the Lord, God will answer us. So let us come before the Lord in prayers, saying, "Majestic God, *Show us your glory*."

Lord our God, move your Church by your Holy Spirit. May we proclaim your greatness in the world. Inspire in us a prophetic message and let us not be overcome by fear.

Silence

Majestic God,

People: Show us your glory.

Leader: We pray especially today for our Bishop Singh. May he, like your servant

Moses, lead your people into a deeper experience of you.

Silence

Majestic God,

People: Show us your glory.

Leader: O mighty King, lover of justice, may this and every nation, strive for

justice and peace. We pray that the leaders of the nation trust and care

for those in their charge.

Silence

Majestic God,

People: Show us your glory.

Leader: Holy One, you have chosen to wear the clouds and meet our forebears on

the mountains. In doing so, you remind us that you created all things good and continue to manifest your glory through those things you have created. Remind us to also honor your creation. *Invite the congregation*

to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Majestic God,

People: Show us your glory.

Leader: O Lord, after they witnessed your majesty, Jesus led his disciples back

down the mountain to minister to the people. Lead us to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ to our neighbors —to be your lamps shining

in dark places.

Majestic God,

People: Show us your glory.

Leader: God our Father; touch those who are overcome by fear, sickness, or any

other adversity. Overshadow them with the healing power of your love.

We especially pray for John, Laura, Larry, Tammie, Cheryl, Mario, Kathy, Matthew, Joyce, Makayla, Gwen, Bill, Bill & Keiko, Michael,

Debbie, Robert, Dawn and Carol. *Invite the congregation to add their*

petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Silence

Majestic God,

People: Show us your glory.

Leader: God of Light, we pray for the dying and the dead. May all those who

experience death also come to know the new day of resurrection that

comes through your Risen Son.

Silence

Majestic God,

People: Show us your glory.

The offering plates will be passed at this time.

Offertory Anthem Hallelujah, Amen - Handel

Doxology H-380, Verse 3

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Closing Hymn Ye watchers and ye holy ones, H-618

Voluntary on Old Hundredth – Henry Purcell

THIS WEEK:

Altar Flowers

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given in memory of Wilma Anderson's birthday on February 14th by her family.

Men's Group

The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, March 11th at 9 am at the Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint, MI 48507. Reservations are highly recommended. **Please sign up on the kiosk**, email or call Jerry to make your reservation.

Ladies' Luncheon

The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 11:45 a.m. at Blondies, 2520 W. Hill Road, Flint, MI. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than February 3rd as we need to give a head count to the restaurant. Please note that going forward the Ladies' Luncheons will be held the second Wednesday of the month so mark your calendars!

Bi-diocesan Cycle of Prayer

February 19th - Christ Church, Owosso - Paul Brunell, Priest St. Peter's-by-the-Lake, Montague – David Meyers, Rector

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 19, February 2023: Sunday next before Lent, Joseph of Nazareth Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Monday 20 February 2023: The Diocese of Popondota – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

<u>Tuesday 21 February 2023</u>: The Diocese of Portsmouth – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

<u>Wednesday 22 February 2023</u>: Ash Wednesday. The Diocese of Pretoria – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

<u>Thursday 23 February 2023</u>: The Diocese of Puerto Rico – The Episcopal Church. (IX (9) Province)

<u>Friday 24 February 2023</u>: The Diocese of Pune – The (united) Church of North India

<u>Saturday 25 February 2023:</u> The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Missionary Diocese of Pyay – The Church of Province of Myanmar

Serving Today

<u>LEM/Lector</u>: Debbie Moses (8 am) Linda Rathburn (10:15 am) Steve Huber (L)

<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>: Jane Brewer & Lou Alarie (8 am) Jane Taylor & Becky Stermer (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Mary Van Duyne

Serving Next Week (February 26)

<u>LEM/Lector</u>: Kay Van Etta (8 am)

Joyce Thewalt (10:15 am)

<u>Usher/Greeters</u>: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am) Flo Gjerstad & Mike Latesky (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Shirley Showler

Birthdays

February 7
February 7
February 12
February 14
February 24
February 28
February 28

St. Christopher's Church Leadership The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh, Bishop Provisional | The Reverend Jerry Lasley, Rector The Reverend Dr. Michael Carr, Priest in Residence The Reverend Elizabeth Morris Downie, Assistant Emeritus Nada Radakovich, Director of Music | Angela Zinsli, Administrative Assistant Jeffrey Walker, Organist | Joel Stoeklin, Sexton

VESTRY 2023

ELLEN SAFLEY, SENIOR WARDEN | BILL HARTLEY, JUNIOR WARDEN STEVE HUBER, CLERK | DALE RICE & JANE BREWER, TREASURERS LINDA RATHBURN (2026) | MYRTLE DUCK (2026) STEVE HUBER (2024) | BILL HARTLEY (2026) FLO GJERSTAD (2024) | JANE BREWER (2026) ELLEN SAFLEY (2025) | COLLEEN SHRANK (2025) | BILL THEWALT (2025)

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