



THE

APRIL 2023

# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

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

### THURSDAYS

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



## THE PRIEST'S DESK

Hello Everyone! I hope you have had a holy Lenten season. It's hard to believe that April and Easter are almost here.

Due to the pandemic, we have experienced much loss. It has been a difficult time for us all. We experienced a great death. Death of what we once knew.

But as an Easter people, we know that death is not the end of the story. In just a few days, we will celebrate and remember the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior. As we navigate this "Holy Week" I want us all to remember. Remember what we missed. One of the most important things we missed was that loss of community. But now is the time for rebirth. We, like the phoenix, will rise from the ashes. As Christ's body was resurrected, the same can be said of us. Now is the time for us to get in touch with our own spiritual journey. One of faith, of commitment, one of light and love. We must begin the journey of new life. We must do this together.

I pray that you will all have a wonderful Easter celebration. I hope we will have huge crowds at our Easter services and that many will continue to join us for in person worship. We need each other.

Please consider joining us for our worship opportunities this Holy Week.

*Jerry+*

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## UPCOMING LESSONS

### April 9

#### Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-18  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

### April 16

#### Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a. 22-32  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31  
Psalm 16

### April 23

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35  
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

### April 30

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10  
Psalm 23

### May 7

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**Find the readings every week at  
[lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)**



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S  
CONCERT FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY  
Award Winning Concert Tour Comes to Michigan!**

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The Concert for the Human Family is an inspiring collaboration between musicians and church leaders who believe in the power of music and storytelling to foster Beloved Community.

Experience genre-crossing original music that bridges jazz, hip-hop, rock and bluegrass, performed by a multi-cultural, award-winning team of recording artists, led by GRAMMY-nominated pianist and composer Kory Caudill and Wordsmith, a Baltimore-based songwriter, performer and recording artist. Guided by their music and friendship, they invite concertgoers into an exploration of Beloved Community and the power of racial reconciliation through relationship.

The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan are thrilled to host two stops on the nationwide Spring Tour: in Grand Rapids on April 21st and in Flint on April 22nd. This is a destination experience -- see below for tickets!!

**TICKETS**

Tickets are on sale now! Tickets are \$18 per person with our local discount codes and additional savings are available for students and group registrations. This event is open to all, regardless of denomination or faith background -- please share!

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st at 7:30pm  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids  
Discount Code: STMARKS

SAT., APRIL 22nd at 7:30pm  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flint  
Discount Code: STPAULS

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## notes from the... *Music Room*

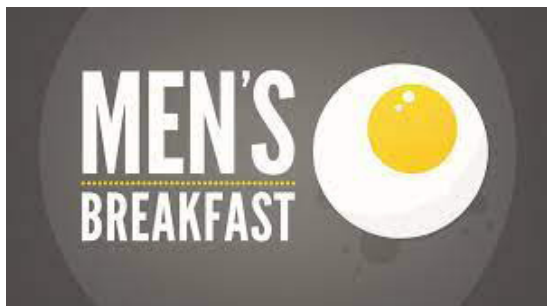


Greetings from the Music Room!

Easter is ever so near! I do hope we all will find time in our busy schedules to participate in Holy Week at St. Christopher's. Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 8:00 and 10:15; Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 7 p.m., Good Friday. We will be celebrating this ecumenical service with neighboring churches, Holy Spirit Lutheran, United Methodist of Grand Blanc, Kirkridge Presbyterian and First Congregational, UCC. Choirs from all of these churches will be joining together for this very special service. Please do try to attend. Easter Day will of course, be a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Both services, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15, Following the 10:15 service we will be enjoying a brunch hosted by the choir in the parish hall. Please do come!

Also, later in April, the Flint Symphony Chorus will be presenting our annual Choral Masterworks concert on Saturday, April 15th at St. Christopher. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Jeff Walker will be conducting this very fine choral ensemble and members of the Flint Symphony Orchestra. Soloists will include our very own Cynthia Butcher, soprano, and Andrew Wilson, tenor. The exciting work, "Dixit Dominus" of Haendel will be on this program, as well as the beautiful Rheinberger "Mass in C".

In Christ, I am yours,  
*Nada Radakovich*  
 Director of Music



## MEN'S GROUP

**Men:** We have formed a Men's Club that will meet once a month for breakfast on a Saturday morning to share fellowship. The next men's breakfast will be on **Saturday, April 15th at 9 a.m.** at Hill Road Grille, 2160 w. Hill Rd., Flint, MI 48507. Reservations are highly recommended.

Please **sign up on the kiosk (NEW)**, email or call Jerry to make your reservation.

# THANK YOU!

Thank you for all your kind wishes and prayers after my heart attack. I'm doing much better: no pain, just some shortness of breath. The heart attack was a very rare kind: I tore a flap in the wall of a small artery, which disrupted the blood flow to the heart, and led to the attack. This type is most often seen in athletes (I was swimming when this happened). I was in surgery at a local heart hospital within the hour, and released two days later. They weren't able to put in a stent, but the vessel started healing almost immediately. I was sent home after two days of observation and medication, with no restrictions at all. I feel very blessed to have gotten off so lightly. I'm also blessed to have Noralynn taking care of me.

Love from us both,



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 12th at 11:45 a.m. at Blondie, 2520 W. Hill Rd., Flint. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than March 4, 2023 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!



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in March: Bob & Mary Van Duyne, Cindy Butcher, David & Karen Miller and Renee Carpenter.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



Please join us at Noon for our Stations of the Cross Services. These services will be held every Friday during Lent.





**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL 2023**

	<b>LECTOR / LEM</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>TECH</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>
<b><u>April 2 – Palm Sunday</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Jane Brewer	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Linda Rathburn Steve Huber (L)	Paul & Jerri Bassett		Shirley Showler	Available	-----
<b><u>April 6 – Maundy Thursday</u></b>						
<b>7 pm</b>	Joyce Thewalt	Flo Gjerstad & Jan Taylor				
<b><u>April 9 - Easter</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Debbie Moses	Dave & Melissa Butler		-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Flo Gjerstad	Joyce Thewalt & Jan Taylor		Sharon Rice	Available	-----
<b><u>April 16</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Dave & Melissa Butler	Don & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Ellen Safley Rod Bytwerk (L)	Flo Gjerstad & Jane Yorks		Anne Naber	Available	Chapin Cook
<b><u>April 23</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Nancy Wells	Jane Brewer & Lou Alarie	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Frank Burger	Flo Gjerstad & Mike Latesky		Cindy Donner	Available	Available
<b><u>April 30</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Kay Van Natta	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Bob Luckey	Jan Taylor & Becky Stermer		Colleen Shrank	Available	Available