

# St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024

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

-Voluntary	Prelude No. 1 – Halsey Stevens
-Opening Hymn	H-1
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
- Gloria	S-278
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Isaiah 40:21-31 See Insert
-The Psalm	(Spoken) Psalm 147:1-12, 21c– See Insert
-The Second Reading	1 Corinthians 9:16-23 – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	LEVAS 62
-The Gospel	Mark 1:29-39 -See Insert
-The Homily	The Rev. Jerry Lasley
-The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
-The Prayers of the People	

*The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Leader: You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking for your healing presence. Heal us and raise us so that we may serve you. We are amazed at your creative genius – how you have stretched the heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us. **People: We are amazed, God. We raise our hearts in awe.**

Leader: Our world and our lives are in need of healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church: bishops, priests, and deacons – all those in positions of leadership. **People: We ask for direction. Raise them up, God.**

Leader: We ask you to heal the relationships between nations and neighbors. Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice and speak peace as an example for the world. **People: We ask for healing. Raise them up, God.**

Leader: Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Break the chains that bind them and heal them, God. Surround them with supportive people, the resources they need, and a tangible sense of your love. We especially pray for Susan, Kay, Tammie, Crystal, John, Amy Jo, Mike, Rae, Gwen, Annie, Bob, Marge, Debbie, Kay, Susan, Steve, Annette, Bob, Cindy, Peggy, Barry, Brooke, Sharol, Dale, Howard, Marianne, Janell, Barb, Ed and Ron. We also pray for the Standing Committees of both Eastern and Western Michigan dioceses. We thank you for the presence of your Holy Spirit in our congregation and in the lives of our siblings in our partner congregation, Trinity of Three Rivers. **People: We ask for healing. Raise them up, God.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died, that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss and give them the confidence of your love that knows no limits of time or space. **People: We ask for assurance of your love. Raise them up, God.**

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

**All: Amen**

-The Confession & Absolution BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.

-Offertory	Pie Jesu – Andrew Lloyd Webber, Soloists: Jasmine Turmine & Judith Conyers
-Doxology	H -380, Verse 3
-The Holy Eucharist	Prayer A- BCP 361
- Sanctus	S-128
-The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
-The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
-Agnus Dei	S-165
-Communion Hymn	H-684
-Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 365
-The Blessing	
-Closing Hymn	H-135
-The Dismissal	
-Voluntary	Prelude No. 3 – Halsey Stevens

**THIS WEEK:**

**Healing and Eucharist Service**

The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held Friday, March 1, 2024 at Noon. Please join us.

**Men's Group:** The next men's breakfast will be held on February 10, 2024 at 9 am. Location to be determined. Please sign up at the kiosk.

**Ladies' Luncheon:** The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 11:45 am at Antonio's Coney Island, 5485 Fenton Road, Flint, MI 48507. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Thank you.

**Bi-diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

**February 4th**

Camp Chickagami/EYC & Plainsong Farms, for all staff, campers & volunteers  
St. John's, Otter Lake – Ministry Team: Joanne St. Pierre

Next Week

**February 11<sup>th</sup>**

St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc – Jerry Lasley, Rector  
St. Philip's, Beulah – Mike Clark, Senior Warden  
Worship Leaders in Eastern Michigan

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Sunday, 4 February 2024: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent Sexagesima – The Anglican Church of South America

Monday 5 February 2024: The Diocese of Cameroon- The Church of the Province of West Africa

Tuesday 6 February 2024: The Diocese of El Camino Real – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 7 February 2024: The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – The Anglican Church of Australia

Thursday 8 February 2024: The Diocese of Canterbury – The Church of England

Friday 9 February 2024: The Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Saturday 10 February 2024: The Diocese of Cape Town – The Anglican Church of Southeran Africa

**Serving Today**

LEM/Lector: Dave Butler (LEM)/Jane Brewer (8 am)  
Frank Burger (10:15 am)

Ushers/Greeters: Neuman & Jan Convis (8 am)  
Mike Latesky/Jan Taylor (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Jane Brewer

**Serving Next Week (February 11th)**

Nancy Wells (LEM)/Lector (8 am)  
Linda Rathburn (10:15 am)

Usher/Greeters: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)  
Louise Desgranges/Joyce Thewalt (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Shirley Showler

**Birthdays**

February 5	Bill Anderson
February 7	Kelly Scotland
February 7	Shirley Lloyd-McMurty
February 12	Bob Van Duyne
February 24	Sharon Rice
February 28	Ann Ditri
February 28	Kristin Keyes

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP  
THE REVEREND JERRY LASLEY, RECTOR  
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LINDA RATHBURN, CLERK | DALE RICE & JANE BREWER, TREASURERS  
LINDA RATHBURN (2026) | MYRTLE DUCK (2027)  
JANICE CONVIS (2027) | BILL HARTLEY (2026)  
DAVE MILLER (2027) | JANE BREWER (2026)  
ELLEN SAFLEY (2025) | COLLEEN SHRANK (2025) | ROD BYTWERK (2025)

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