

# St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 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.

**Please remain quiet while in the Sanctuary. Thank you.**

-Voluntary	Fantasia in G Minor – Johann Pachelbel
-Opening Hymn	H-149
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
- Kyrie	S-86
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Exodus 20:1-17 See Insert
-The Psalm	(Sung by Choir) Psalm 19 See Insert
-The Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-25 – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	H-641
-The Gospel	John 2:13-22 -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: Gentle people of God, as we renew our faith in this Lenten season, let us be truly fervent in prayer, saying: Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Let us pray for the universal Church, its members, and its mission that we may see Christ in each other and know that in Him we are all one. We pray for our Presiding Bishop and for all Christians in their vocation. Lord, in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for this nation and all nations of the world that all strife and divisions may cease. Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for an end to armed conflict, an end to oppression of every kind, and an end to the violence that marks so many lives. Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who have been graced with abundance, that they will be mindful of those in our world who suffer from hunger, preventable disease and those who live in misery and poverty. Let us pray for all those in need. We especially pray for Kay, Tammie, Crystal, John, Amy Jo, Mike, Deb, Rae, Gwen, Annie, Bob, Debbie, Kay, Annette, Bob, Cindy, Peggy, Brooke, Sharol, Howard, Marianne, Janell, Barb, Ed, Ron, Michael, Bob, Rob, Liz, John, Jan, Bill, Family of Bob, Jim and Doris. 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. Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for this community gathered here today and for all those we love who are far from us that we may all sense God's healing touch in our individual lives and in our common life. We pray for all those we name now, either silently or aloud... Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for all those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially all those we name now, either silently or aloud... Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for the many blessings of this life, the gift of friendship, the gift of this time to study, pray and learn together. We pray to realize the gift of God's presence in all that we undertake. We give thanks for those

gifts which we name now, either silently or aloud... Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

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

God be in My Head (Davies)

-Doxology

H -380, Verse 3

-The Holy Eucharist

Prayer A- BCP 361

- Sanctus

S-124

-The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

-The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

-Fraction

S-154 (omit Alleluias)

-Communion Hymn

H-141

-Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

-The Blessing

-Closing Hymn

H-147

-The Dismissal

-Voluntary

Finale in D – Eric Thiman

## **THIS WEEK:**

### **Stations of the Cross**

Please join us next Friday, March 8, 2024 at Noon for our next Stations of the Cross Service.

### **Game Day – NEW**

Please join us on Friday, March 8, 2024 after Stations of the Cross for Game Day. We will be playing various games and having light snacks. We hope you will join us!

### **Bulletins**

Please note that the bulletins are printed on Thursday mornings. For inclusion in the weekly bulletin, please have all items to Angela in the church office no later than Wednesday by noon. Thank you.

### **Bible Study/Evening Prayer**

Please note that Bible Study and Evening Prayer on Thursdays has been cancelled until after the Special Convention in March.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

In preparation for an upcoming Special Diocesan Convention at St. Christopher's, we will be holding a Church Spring Cleaning on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. We need all hands-on deck this day to get the church spruced up. Please mark your calendar and join us.

### **Healing and Eucharist Service**

The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held Friday, April 5, 2024 at Noon. Please join us.

**Men's Group:** The next men's breakfast will be held on April 13, 2024 at 9 am. at The Palace Grill, 5235 Saginaw Road, Flint.

Please sign up at the kiosk.

**Ladies' Luncheon:** The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 13th 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:**

**March 3rd**

Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan  
Grace, Port Huron – Shadrack Owuor, Priest  
Church of the Holy Cross, Kentwood – Mike Wernick, Rector

Next Week

**March 10th**

Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan  
Grace, Port Huron – Shadrack Owuor, Priest  
Church of the Holy Cross, Kentwood – Mike Wernick, Rector

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Sunday, 3 March 2024: 3rd Sunday of Lent – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Monday 4 March 2024: The Diocese of Chubu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tuesday 5 March 2024: The Diocese of Clogher – The Church of Ireland

Wednesday 6 March 2024: The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria

Thursday 7 March 2024: The Diocese of Cochin – The Church of South India

Friday 8 March 2024: The Diocese of Coimbatore – The Church of South India

Saturday 9 March 2024: The Diocese of Columbia – The Episcopal Church

**Serving Today**

LEM/Lector: Dave Butler (LEM)/Jane Brewer(8 am)  
Linda Rathburn (10:15 am)

Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)  
Flo Gjerstad/Jan Taylor (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Mary Van Duyne

**Serving Next Week (March 10th)**

Debbie Moses (LEM) (8 am)  
Joyce Thewalt (10:15 am)

Usher/Greeters: Dale & Sharon Rice (8 am)  
Louise Desgranges/Flo Gjerstad (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Cindy Donner

**Birthdays**

March 1	Ashley Sweers
March 4	Robert Rathburn
March 5	Lynn Gibbs
March 6	Jim Beal
March 6	David McMurty
March 9	Dr. Rodney Pierson
March 18	Mary Van Duyne
March 19	Bill Hartley
March 23	Cindy Donner

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP  
THE REVEREND JERRY LASLEY, RECTOR  
THE REVEREND DR. MICHAEL CARR, PRIEST IN RESIDENCE  
NADA RADA KOVICH, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC | ANGELA ZINSLI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
JEFFREY WALKER, ORGANIST | JOEL STOEKLIN, SEXTON

VESTRY 2024  
ELLEN SAFLEY, SENIOR WARDEN | BILL HARTLEY & ROD BYTWERK, JUNIOR WARDENS  
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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