The APRIL 2026

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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

Reflections of Christ Easter Multi-Faith Art Display

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Karen Miller, who so beautifully helped organize and set up our recent multi-faith art show.

This meaningful display brought together a rich variety of artistic expressions, each reflecting the depth and diversity of faith within our community. From thoughful imagery to creative craftmanship, every piece invited reflection and inspired connection.

We are truly grateful for your time, dedication and creativity that made this exhibit possible to share with our community.

Multi-Faith Art Display

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Chapin Cook (2028)

Upcoming Lessons

April 5
Easter
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

April 12
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 19
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 26
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 3
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 10
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Find the readings every week at lectionary-page.net

FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

Beloved of God,

As we welcome the arrival of April, the signs of spring are all around us. The lengthening days, blooming flowers, and gentle warmth remind us of the hope and renewal that this season brings. In the church calen dar, we continue to rejoice in the Easter season, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the promise of new life for all who believe.

This month, I invite you to reflect on how God is calling each of us to be instruments of grace and renewal—in our families, our parish, and our wider community. Let us seek opportunities to support one another, serve those in need, and deepen our faith through prayer, worship, and study.

It has been a busy time for us. We recently hosted the Ecumenical Art Display. I hope you were able to join us for this event, and I hope that it put you in the right place to walk through Holy Week. Palm Sunday was a celebration of the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. The crowds were excited and in awe of this Jesus per son. What do you think that day was like? Imagine being there. What do you think you might have seen, heard, questioned? On Maundy Thursday, Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, washes the feet of his disciples. I think I too would have been reluctant just as Simon Peter was. After all, I believe that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. On Good Friday, we ponder the mystery of the Cross. Why did it have to be this way? Couldn't God have found a different way to accomplish our salvation? But there Jesus is. Huge rusty nails being pounded into his body. Hanging on a very rough piece of wood, made into a cross. Jesus on that cross, our salvation and our invitation to die to self and to live for God. The agony Jesus endured. The agony of a mother, whose only son was about to die. Watching him. Stricken with grief. Not understanding. The pain, the sorrow, the confusion. Us, watching from a distance. Also in pain, sorrow and confusion. After all, just a few days ago we thought he was the Messiah. This is not the way we expect things to go. Then the joyous celebration of Easter. An empty tomb. The risen Lord appearing. New hope, new life. A new way of life.

As we reflect on our lives, let us always put the invitation of Jesus forefront in our minds. The invitation to be like Jesus in all that we say and do. The invitation to see Jesus in our neighbor. All our neighbors. Not just those who look, think, pray and believe like we do. Reminding ourselves that every single person is made in the image and likeness of God. How will we become the reflection of the God who sent Jesus to die for us? Unconditional love. That's how. Loving God, loving our neighbor as ourselves. It is that simple. It is that complex.

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts this April and always. Together, let us walk in the light of Christ's resurre n, spreading hope and love wherever we go.

With Easter joy
,Jerry+

The lastest Vestry Meeting Minutes and Financial Statement are located on the kiosk in the narthex for review.

As announced at the Annual Meeting, all funds given toward pledges received in the current calendar year must be deposited and posted to the same calendar year. We can no longer accept advanced payment of pledges for the next calendar year.

Thank you for your understanding.

Armed Forces and Federal Ministries Cycle of Prayer

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Under the direction of Bishop Ann Ritonia, Armed Forces and Federal Ministries provides pastoral care and support to members of the military and federal agencies. This week's updates include:

Cycle of Prayer 2026. You can find the complete cycle at www.episcopalchurch.org under Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for the following:

Week of April 5. Those serving in Nevada - at Nellis Air Force Base, Creech Air Force Base, Naval Air Station Fallon, Hawthorne Army Depot, and the North Las Vegas VA Medical Center

Week of April 12. Those serving in New Hampshire and New Jersey - at Pease Air National Guard Base, Portsmouth Harbor Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Training Center Cap May, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Federal Correctional Institution Fort Dix, and the VA New Jersey Health Care System.

Week of April 19. Bishop Michael Hunn, the work of the bishop's school in forming military chaplains from other denominations for Episcopal priesthood, and those serving in New Mexico - at Kirtland Air Force Base, Holloman Air Force Base, White Sands Missile Range, Cannon Air Force Base, and the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center.

Week of April 26. Those serving in New York - at Fort Drum, West Point, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Stewart Air National Guard Base, Federal Correctional Institution Otisville, and the James J. Peters VA Medical Center.

Please note that the next Healing Service will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026 at noon.

...COFFEE HOUR...

Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in March: Mary Little, Diane Stellrecht, Dave & Karen Miller, Shirley Showler, Jeff & Kim Parker. 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

The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 8th at 11:45 am. Escamilla Amigos Cantina, 10006 S. Saginaw Streeet, Grand Blanc.

If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 11th at 9 am @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Lansing Lugnuts baseball group outing for Thursday, July 23, 2026. The cost for tickets will be $12/per person. More information and sign-ups will begin in mid-May.

From the Music Room...

Greetings from the Music Room!

Welcome to Holy Week, Everyone!
I'll bet that some of us have been wondering what the right color we are encouraged to wear for Palm Sunday in the Episcopal Church? Would you believe me if I were to tell you that it is suggested we wear RED, in honor of the blood that Jesus shed on the Cross for our salvation? It is true! Palm Sun day is also called The Sunday of the Passion. Its two main focal points are Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem---when Jesus is proclaimed as King of kings. The second focus of this service is in contrast to our jubilantly shouted "Hosannas" which then suddenly shift to cries of "Crucify Him".

The main hymn we will be singing is "All Glory Laud and Honor". This hymn, written by Theodulf of Orleans (and translated by John Mason Neale) is sung during the procession following the blessing of the palms. It serves as a triumphant opening, which then transitions into the solemnity of Holy Week. "All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King! to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring". Our choir will also be singing the stunning Gilbert Martin "When I Survey the Won drous Cross". This hymn was written by Lawell Mason and arranged by Gilbert Martin. Isaac Watts is the lyricist; if you feel compelled to sing along, then, please, by all means DO!

Then, as Holy Week unfolds, we will be singing the beautiful Faure, "Word Made Flesh" at our Maundy Thursday service, 6:00 p.m. at St. Christopher.

Friday, Good Friday, brings us to our annual ecumenical service we will be sharing with Kirkridge Presbyterian Church, Grand Blanc Methodist Church, Halsey United Methodist Church, First Con gregational United Church of Christ and of course, our host church, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. This service begins at 7:00 p.m., 7234 Fenton Road. Of course, then on Sunday, Easter Day, we will bring down the rafters of our great sanctuary singing glorious hymns and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Haendel's "Messiah".

Everyone ready for Holy Week? I sure am!

- ~ In Christ, I am yours,

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Worship Leaders for April 2026

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
April 5 – Easter Sunday						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/Jane Brewer	Dale & Sharon Rice		---	Easter Brunch Potluck – please sign up	---
10:15 am	Mary Little (LEM)	Becky Stermer & Diane Stell-recht		Sharon Rice		
April 12						
8 am	Jacob Stuart (LEM)	Neuman & Jan Convis	---	---	Chuck & Gerry Rudduck	---
10:15 am	Karen Miller (LEM)/Steve Huber (L)	Grant Charles & Flo Gjerstad		Shirley Showler		
April 19						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/ Susan Arm-strong	Jane Brewer & Jacob Stuart		---	Jeff & Kim Parker	Available
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn (LEM)	Rene Carpenter & Christine Jacob		Dawn Ruther-ford		
April 26						
8 am	Debbie Moses (LEM)/ Kay Van Natta	Dale & Sharon Rice		---	Available	Janice Fly
10:15 am	Ellen Safley (LEM)	Rod Pierson & Flo Gjerstad		Anne Naber		