

LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER 2018

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EVENSONG, FEBRUARY 25, 4:00 P.M.

St. Christopher's Choir and Choristers will lead this beautiful sung service. The service will feature music by Healey Willan, Jean Joubert, and J.S. Bach with guest organist Ryan Brunkhurst, middle school music teacher at St. Richard's Episcopal School.

THURSDAYS IN LENT (BEGINNING FEBRUARY 22)

5:30 P.M. | WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL

Using a service of the Holy Eucharist from derived from a variety of Anglican Prayer Books, St. Christopher's clergy will preside at these brief celebrations for all ages.

6:00 P.M. | SHARE SUPPER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Think bread, soup, salad, and conversations with fellow St. Christopher's members. All ages are welcome. Invite your friends to come. A vegetarian soup will always be one of the options for those choosing to keep a meatless Lent.

7:00 P.M. | LEARN FOR LENT (SEE BELOW FOR LENTEN BIBLE STUDY)*

Father Stephen will lead the 2018 Bible Study for Lent, "Holy Week according to Mark: A Doorway into the Heart of God." The course is intended to help participants relive the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life as a way of discovering what God might be about. Here are the sessions:

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| February 22 | Sowing the seeds of the story—a prelude; Mark 10:32-45 and The entry into Jerusalem; Mark 11:1-11 |
| March 1 | The cleansing of the temple; questions about authority; Mark 11:15-19, 27-33 |
| March 8 | The Last Supper; Mark 14:12-25 |
| March 15 | The Passion (Part I: Prayer in Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest and trial before the high priest); Mark 14:26-72 |
| March 22 | The Passion (Part II: Jesus before Pilate, the crucifixion, death and burial); Mark 15:1-47 |

8:15 P.M. | COME FOR COMPLINE

In communities of monks and nuns, Compline is the final church service of the day prior to going to sleep. Our Book of Common Prayer has a version of the service for everyone's daily use. The choir will join us as we end each evening by praying Compline together. If you can't be present physically, join us "virtually" by reading the service from the prayer book on page 127.

Participants are welcome for any or all of each Thursday evening. Come for Worship and stay for Simple Supper. Come for Supper and stay for Learning for Lent. Stop by to pray the ancient monastic night prayers to close out your day. Or make an entire evening of it. People are welcome to drop in as schedules permit.

*READING THE BIBLE THROUGH LENT

Three options are being offered this year: Reading the Minor Prophets, Reading the General Epistles (the ones not written by Paul) and Revelation, and Reading the Four Gospels. A schedule of what to read is provided for those who want to begin this discipline. "Reading the Bible" is self-directed with individuals choosing which of the offerings they would like to begin and deciding when and where to read the scripture passages each day.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

The journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday takes us from the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and his glorious Resurrection. Our Holy Week and Easter worship services are a blend of Anglican liturgical traditions and both ancient and contemporary language. All are welcome to participate in worship services at St. Christopher's.

MARCH 25, PALM SUNDAY

- 7:45 A.M. | LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST
- 10:00 A.M. | PROCESSION OF THE PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST
- 11:15 A.M. | EASTER EGG HUNT AND FELLOWSHIP

THE RECONCILIATION OF A PENITENT

In preparation for Easter, the Reconciliation of a Penitent (commonly known as Confession) will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 26, 27, and 28) in Holy Week by appointment with the parish clergy.

MARCH 28, HOLY WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 A.M. | HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHAPEL

MARCH 29, MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7:00 P.M. | HOLY EUCHARIST WITH FOOT WASHING AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
This service is in the Sanctuary with congregational hymns and music by St. Christopher's Choir.
- 8:00 P.M. | PRAYER VIGIL (UNTIL NOON ON GOOD FRIDAY)

MARCH 30, GOOD FRIDAY

- 12:00 P.M. | GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
- 3:00 P.M. | STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MARCH 31, EASTER EVE

- 7:30 P.M. | THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
This service is the ancient, and perhaps most significant, celebration of the liturgical year. We hear the biblical and historical story of salvation. The vigil service is approximately 90 minutes in length.

APRIL 1, EASTER DAY

- 7:30 A.M. | HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II, with congregational hymns
- 9:15 A.M. | FESTIVAL SUNG EUCHARIST, RITE II, with St. Christopher's Choir and Choristers accompanied by organ, brass quartet and handbells. The service is approximately 60 minutes in length.
- 11:00 A.M. | FESTIVAL SUNG EUCHARIST, RITE II, with St. Christopher's Choir and Choristers accompanied by organ, brass quartet and handbells. The service is approximately 60 minutes in length.

