

# St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

## March 26, 2026 EBlast



### Palm Sunday...with some changes

This Lenten season at St George's, we have certainly been doing things a little differently. Our time in the wilderness has allowed us the time and space to sit and sing and pray and listen to scripture and listen to the Holy Spirit...and to do things a bit differently than we have ever done them before. And I promised that if you would bear with me, I would return everything back to normal by the end of Lent. And that is still true, but not quite yet. Our path out of the wilderness will take us by a bit of a different road to a new Palm Sunday worship.

Since the very earliest days of the ancient church, the Sunday before Easter, the start of Holy Week has commemorated both Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and the reading Passion of Our Lord, it has pretty much always been Palm/Passion Sunday. But in different times and places the focus has varied considerably. For the last 50 or so years in the Episcopal Church, the focus has decidedly shifted toward the Passion-centered aspects of this day. In the 1977 BCP, the Palm narrative is only given a few moments with the attention shifting to the Passion almost as soon as we enter the sanctuary. But in consideration of the very real ways that Christian antisemitism is still alive and well and fed by certain understandings of the Passion story and in the face of these difficult and politically fraught times, we are beginning to consider whether it is time to shift our focus a bit.

And so this year, St George's will be joining with congregations in this diocese and around the country in using an Alternative Liturgy for Palm Sunday that has been created by the Diocese of Massachusetts and approved for trial use around the country. In this revised liturgy, the Palm Sunday story stays front and center as the main Gospel lesson and the focus of the service as we consider what it means to declare Jesus the Messiah. But it still doesn't let us forget where this procession ultimately leads us. The Reading of the Passion narrative now stands as the conclusion of service, leading us into the solemn walk of Holy Week that leads us through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and ultimately to Easter. I hope that you will join us this Sunday. The weather looks great (if a little chilly) and we will begin our Holy Week journey together.

See You Sunday,  
Rev. Michelle

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday March 22 -

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I Celebrant: Rev. Michelle  
In the Church

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II Celebrant: Rev. Michelle  
In the church & livestreamed

11:30am - 'Chosen' Season 4 Episode 8

### Wednesday March 25

6:30pm - Braver Angels

### Sunday March 29 Palm Sunday

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In the Church

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### Wednesday April 1

1:00 pm - Crochet for a Cause

### Thursday April 2

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Supper & Service

### Friday April 3

12:00pm Ecumenical Good Friday Service - Milford Presbyterian Church

7:00pm Episcopal Service

### Sunday April 5

Easter Sunday

### Tuesday April 14

11:00am - ECW Meeting

1:00pm - LOK Outing to DIA

### Wednesday April 15

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm - Men's Group

### Sunday April 19

11:45am - Outdoor Worship Visioning Meeting

## Holy Week Schedule

**March 29, Palm Sunday:** 8:30am & 10:15am Services with Passion reading and Chosen 4 Finale

**April 2, Maundy Thursday:** 6:00pm Supper, Communion and Foot-washing in the Parish Hall followed by service in Sanctuary preparing the Church and ourselves for Good Friday.

**April 3, Good Friday:** 12:00pm Community Ecumenical Service, Milford Presbyterian  
7:00pm Traditional Episcopal Service

**April 5, Easter Sunday:** 8:30am and 10:15am Festive Easter Eucharist

## Holy Week sign -up

We would still like more people to sign-up to bring items for the Maundy Thursday Dinner. See Deb S. to Volunteer. She will have the Clipboard at the ready!

## 'The Chosen' Season 4

The Chosen tv series continues at St George's. This week we will watch the season finale of Season 4 Episode 8: Humble <https://watch.thechosen.tv/video/184683596189> We will eat lunch and watch the episode, and then have a discussion after. Suggested donation for lunch (Wraps, Chips, sweet Treat, Tea Coffee Juice etc ) \$7.

## Protest Signs for No Kings Rally Saturday March 28

If you plan to participate in a No Kings Rally on March 28th and took a Palm Sunday themed protest sign, bring them or other (church appropriate) signs you make back to church Palm Sunday and use them in our Palm procession. Also post a picture of yourselves in our Facebook group, I love to see our people up to 'good trouble'. If you would like to participate in a rally, you can find the times and locations here: <https://www.nokings.org/> closest ones are in Novi & South Lyon.

## Last Chance to Sign-up for Easter flowers

If you would like to sign-up to donate Easter flowers to beautify the chancel, please email the office as soon as possible if you would like your dedication to appear in the Easter bulletin.

## April LOK Outing to the DIA

The April LOK outing will be **Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00**. We will be having an hour guided tour at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Men are welcome too. No charge. We plan on lunch after the tour. See Joyce or the Facebook group for carpooling options.

## May LOK Outing - Hello Dolly

The May LOK outing is Saturday May 16 at 8pm to see the musical HELLO DOLLY at the Farmington Players Barn. Cost is \$24. The barn is an excellent venue and on the small side so we need to purchase tickets quickly. A firm commitment is needed to Joyce Spletzer this Sunday March 29 or please call or text Joyce on respond in the Facebook group. She will be purchasing tickets using her credit card. Payment to reimburse Joyce will be announced later. Men are welcome.

## Lenten Mite Box for the Church at Crossroads

If you are giving alms to Crossroads for Lent this year, it is time to return your mite boxes. Please return your alms to the fish in the sanctuary. PS. Ed and Margaret welcome you to convert your coins into a check or cash before you return them, but will take any offering you give :). We will bless them on April 19.

## Outdoor Worship Visioning Meeting April 19

Do you have ideas or opinions about how we can improve our outdoor worship experience? Join us after church on April 19 on the front lawn (weather permitting) to see if we can reenvision our outdoor worship space and improve the experience for all our members and guests. Don't worry, we won't be worshipping outdoors until June, but we want to do some planning now. All experiences are welcome.

## Ongoing Outreach Activities

Below is a list of things we are currently collecting for our ongoing outreach ministries. Check back often to see what we are up to

**Dress and other nice clothing** - Grace Centers of Hope Resale Shop - Middle of Hallway - through Feb

**Small Toiletries** - FedUp - Hallway Closest to Office - Ongoing

**Non-perishable food** - Community Sharing - Green bin in Narthex - Ongoing

**Used Grocery Bags** - Crochet for a Cause - Bins outside by plastic box or in back classroom - Ongoing

## Outreach Update:

**March 17: Large donation of men's clothing for Grace Center of Hope thanks to a friend of Laura Frost.**

## Ongoing Ministries in Action:

### -Braver Angels

Monthly meetings have now been moved to the last Wednesday of the month working on depolarization. All are welcome. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, skills practice at 7:00, and planning at 7:30, finishing at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25th in the fellowship hall. See you then.**

### -Coffee Fellowship

Coffee fellowship is on Pause during the Chosen. However we always need people to set-up & clean-up for lunch. We also welcome a sweet treat, fruit or veggies to go with the wraps if anyone feels inclined.

### -Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meetings are April 1 & 15.**

### - Cookie Ministry - Supporting the AA groups that meet at our church

All four weeks of cookie donations for this month have been covered for the AA groups that meet at our church twice a week. Many thanks to the Darcys, Mike Fanfair Sr., Linda Gillespie, and the Vestry for their support.

If you would like to provide cookies for this ministry during one of the weeks in March, please see Dot. You can either bake or purchase approximately 50 cookies and drop them off by Friday of your scheduled week.

### -ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting is Tuesday April 14 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.**

St. George's ECW is a small group of women committed to supporting the many activities of this church. All women members of the church are members of ECW and are encouraged to attend the meetings. Do come along and join us.

### - Healing Prayer

Provides laying on of hands and anointing for healing after worship at 8:30 & during communion at 10:15 service. The next Healing Prayers will be on **March 29 & April 5.** Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

### - LOK - Ladies of the Knight

**2026 Tentative Schedule.** Keeping check throughout the year for updates and more info.

March 21 - Henry Ford DaVinci Exhibit - see above - sign-up and pay by March 8.

April 14 - Judith Jambor, Joyce Spletzer & Sandy Scott - Tour of DIA - see above - sign-up for head count on Facebook or to Sandy or Joyce by March 8.

May - Joyce Spletzer - Farmington Players "Hello Dolly"

June - Laura Frost & Deb Shomoch - Detroit River Cruise  
Deb Lesnew & Beck Sheridan - Recycled Rockettes  
July 18 - Ann Gatland - Summer Party  
Sandy Scott - St Sabba's Orthodox Monastery  
August 25-26 - Joyce Spletzer - Stratford Trip - see info above  
September - Caroline Liebau - Mariners Church  
October 4 - Deb Lesnew - Dio Dinner Theatre  
November - Dot Vangel - Ford Rouge Tour  
December 5 - Joyce Spletzer - Annual Christmas Party

## **- Mens' Group**

The Men's Group normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All Men are invited to attend. The **next meeting** is on **Wednesday April 15 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

## **Keeping Your Faith Strong**

### **-Those in Our Prayers**

**It is time for our periodic review of our prayer list, those who have been on the list for a long time will automatically come off, if you would like someone added back on, please let Rev. Michelle know or add it to the prayer request sheet in the Narthex.**

Please pray for our members, community members and friends in search of health, healing, wholeness and solace: *Annie F., Art, Barry, Brett & Megan & Joshua, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Dean R., Denise, Dot V., Eric, Fred K., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jim, Joan B., John E., Judi V., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon, Lisa D., Lisa S., MaryLou, Mary Sue Lutz & Family, Matt, Michael B., Michelle M., Michelle R., Nancy B., Olivia S., Randy H., Rebecca, Rick & Debbie, Rick, the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A., Tara* Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* (Book of Occasional Services pg217)

### **- Online Daily Office Schedule**

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer  
Fridays, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer  
Sundays, 7 p.m. Compline

Do you join our Sunday worship online? A reliable and quick way to find our YouTube services (live or recorded) is from our website's "Watch" page, accessed from the top of the home page by clicking the word "Watch." [Here's a direct link.](#) Want to participate in our Daily Office online? Those are on Facebook. [Here's the link.](#)

### **-Sermon Blog**

Ever hear something in worship and think, I wish I could look at that again or send it to a friend? Well now you can. Now St George's has a Sermon Blog. Weekly sermons and reflections will be posted here from now on. Rev. Michelle's sermons will appear on Sunday morning, Morning Prayer reflections will usually be up within a couple of days. Feel free to share! [St George's Sermon Blog](#)

### **-When to contact the Priest:**

Please be in touch. I can only pray, help or connect you with resources if I know what is happening. Examples of when to contact the Priest: Birth, Death, Illness, Hospitalization, Difficulty in the Family, You would like to receive sacraments or a Pastoral visit, You have an idea or ministry you would like

to discuss. I am usually in the office Wed and either Tues or Thurs 9:30-3. If you see my car in the lot, feel free to pop in. If I don't answer the phone make sure to leave a message or send a text and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

How to contact Rev. Michelle: **Phone/Text:** (734) 646-4064 or **Email:** [priest@stgmilford.com](mailto:priest@stgmilford.com)

### **-Forward Day by Day Devotions**

The February-April Booklets are available now to pick up in the Narthex. Let us know if you need one mailed/delivered to your house. The cost is \$2.00 for each booklet. Please reimburse us as you are able in the donation box nearby. I recommend a read! 🐝

### **Community Events**