

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

March 31, 2026 EBlast



Holy Week

As our journey in the wilderness draws to a close, our Holy Week opportunities here at St. George's seek to draw us deeply into the mystery of the Christian faith—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Entering into this weekend with reverence and intention allows us to walk with Christ through betrayal, death, and ultimately, into life.

We begin on Maundy Thursday at 6:00pm with a simple meal and then a service that comes in three major parts. First, we commemorate the Last Supper, when Jesus shared a final meal with His disciples and instituted the Holy Eucharist. Then we learn of Jesus giving the new commandment to “love one another as I have loved you.” and we express this love in the moving ritual of foot washing, a sign of servant leadership and humility. Then we move into the sanctuary where the liturgy ends with the stripping of the altar—a dramatic gesture symbolizing Jesus's arrest and the abandonment he would soon face.

Then we regather on Good Friday, the most solemn day of the Christian year, for one of two services where we remember Christ crucified. At noon we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Milford Presbyterian for an ecumenical service where we share in music, prayer and meditation from many different voices. In the evening at 7pm we will focus on the Passion according to the gospel of St John with time for solemn prayers for the Church and the world, and the veneration of the cross.

We don't hold an Easter Vigil at St. George's but I encourage you to spend Holy Saturday in hope and service to the world and to join in the evening at The Great Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of St Paul downtown at 8:00pm either in person or online here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CathedralChurchofStPaulDetroit/featured>

Then comes Easter Sunday the feast of feasts—the celebration of Christ's resurrection and the turning point of all history. The barren church becomes filled with joy and celebration. Worship on Easter morning will be filled with Alleluias, music, flowers, and festive joy. We will hear again the good news of Christ's glorious resurrection and join in the celebration of his disciples. And Easter also sets us out on a new path, because it is not just one day but a season of 50 days, where we are invited to live as resurrection people: carrying hope into a broken world, loving our neighbor and bearing witness to the life and love that is Christ's mission in the world.

See you throughout this weekend,
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday April 1

1:00pm 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 5th EASTER DAY

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

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

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

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

Scam alert:

Some members are getting texts from an unknown number pretending to be Rev Michelle. Rev. Michelle, Deb or anyone else from the church will never ask you for money, gift cards or personal info by text or email. If anything seems fishy call Rev. Michelle or the person texting you directly using the number in the directory. Scammers are using AI to make these scams more believable and effective. Please stay safe and take care of each other.

ECW Meeting April 14

The April ECW will be at 11:00am on Tuesday April 14. Folks can carpool from the meeting to the DIA event if desired.

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.

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, April 29th in the fellowship hall. See you then.**

-Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship April Sign up is posted in the Fellowship Hall. **Please sign up to Host!** We also always need people to set-up & clean-up for Coffee Hour.

-Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1st 3rd & 5th 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 **April 5 & 19**. 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.

April 14 - Judith Jambor, Joyce Spletzer & Sandy Scott - Tour of DIA - see above

May 16 at 8:00pm - 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.](#)

The **Daily Office Team** is taking a **Spring Rest and Refreshment break from Friday 3rd April 2026 through Friday 11th April** hence the last Morning Prayer will be delivered on Thursday 2nd April.

There will be no Evening Prayer, Compline or Morning Prayer from Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) through Friday, 10th April 2026 incl.

The **Daily Office will restart on Sunday, 12th April 2026 with Compline at 7pm** when we look forward to worshipping together once again. 🐝

-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

-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