



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 ❖ Noon



A very warm welcome! We are delighted to have you join us. This bulletin has been designed to help you worship with us. Please note that wherever it says “stand, sit, kneel” (Episcopalian Calisthenics!), such are only suggestions. We Stand to Praise; Sit to Listen; and Kneel to Ask. You are welcome to do whatever you are able or find most comfortable.

We hope you will not find our silence before the liturgy to be a lack of hospitality. We merely have a custom of keeping the silence before the liturgy as a time of preparation and talking to God. We will be very enthusiastic to talk with you and each other after the service. There’s an old adage which says, “Before liturgy, talk to God. During liturgy, let God talk to you. After liturgy, talk to each other.”

Please remember St Michael’s in your prayers and we hope you will return to worship with us again!

THE PRELUDE

THE INTROIT HYMN *(Please stand and join in singing.)* *New English Hymnal #507 Attende Domine*

Refrain (Cantor 1st time)

Hear us, O Lord, * have mer - cy up - on us:

for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

Cantor

1. To thee, Re - deem - er, on thy throne of glo - ry:

lift we our weep - ing eyes in ho - ly plead - ings:

lis - ten O Je - su, to our sup - pli - ca - tions. *Hear*

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings : listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. *Refrain.*

2 O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father : Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial : cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. *Refrain.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant † Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.
All Whose mercy endures forever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Church of South India

Priest As we prepare to celebrate these most sacred mysteries, let us all pray together:

All O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Hymnal S 91

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (*Seated.*)

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—

²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.

Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.

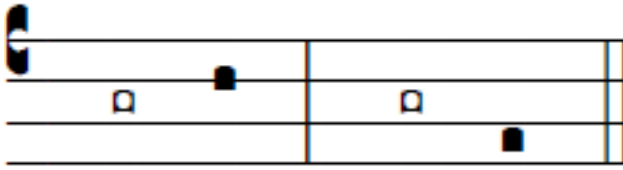
Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

THE PSALM: Psalm 103:8-14



Priest The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All **He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

Priest He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

Priest as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

All **As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

Priest For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 (*Please be seated.*)

Reader A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Celebrant ✙ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

LENTEN INVITATION

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes † may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Priest Let us confess our sins.

All **Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Priest We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Priest We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Priest We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Priest Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Priest Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Priest Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Priest Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Priest Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

All **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Priest Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

All That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Priest By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

All Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

THE ABSOLUTION:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. ✚ He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Everyone is invited to come forward in a line for the imposition of ashes.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE *(Please stand as able.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Jesus said:, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(Please be seated.)*

“O vos omnes” by Henrique Carlos Corrêa

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Please stand as able.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S 114

Holy, holy, holy

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

All **We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are One Body, because we all share in one bread.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S 158

O Lamb of God

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The consecrated wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. If you prefer not to drink it, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer. Gluten-free wafers are available: just ask the priest when you come forward to the altar.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Ubi caritas” by Maurice Duruflé

Please stand as able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Anglican Church of Kenya

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of our ancestors, God of our people, before whose face the human generations pass away: we thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever, and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son, remembered in this holy sacrament of bread and wine. Help us to walk daily in the Communion of Saints, declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

THE BENEDICTION *(Please stand as able.)*

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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Announcements:

Lenten Soup Suppers: Sharing Faith

Wednesdays in Lent at 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9

How has your faith impacted your life? Each of us has our own personal faith story. Sharing our stories of God's presence in our lives fosters deeper relationships with both God and each other.

During Lent, we will gather to share our faith and a simple soup supper each Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm. We'll break into small groups for guided discussions. Sharing Faith suppers offer a safe and welcoming environment to engage with one another, express our faith, and build relationships. All are welcome!

Parish Lenten Resolution

This year, as a Lenten "Memento mori," we have asked everyone to take the time prayerfully to fill out and return funeral wishes and plans for the parish file. For those who have not yet taken home a form, more forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to consult the rector for any advice.

2025 Music Events at St. Michael's

Save the dates and watch this space for future announcements.

We look forward to seeing you there!

- Saturday, April 5 at 5:00 pm – Lenten Concert (“Stabat Mater” by G.B. Pergolesi, and “Concerto in F Major” by Joseph Haydn)
- April 17-19 – Holy Week (Organ, Choir, Soloists)
- April 20 – Easter Sunday (Coronation Mass by W.A. Mozart)
- June 23 – Organ Concert with Trumpet and Voice
- June 29 – Church Choir Concert (Works by John Rutter and others)
- September 28 – Saint Michael’s Patronal Feast (Organ Solo Mass by Joseph Haydn)
- November 9 – All Souls’ Service (Requiem by Gabriel Fauré)

December 24 – Christmas Service (Choir, Organ, Trumpet)

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Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

Visit our website for more about our Adult Christian Education programs and Small Discussion Groups.

St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

11:00 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/sundaysat11>

Meeting ID: 822 5120 9687 / Passcode: Jonah24!

Contact: Kim Montgomery

Tuesday Night at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes>

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: Beth Bianchi

Inklings! Book Group

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library

Currently reading *The Magician's Nephew*

by C.S. Lewis.

Contact: Beth Bianchi

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fridays at 10:00 am

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray!

Contact: Julie Jenkins at 949-244-7103

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am in the Davis Library

Currently reading *The Big Picture:*

On the Origins of Life, Meaning,

and the Universe Itself by Sean M. Carroll.

Contact: Kim Montgomery