



# Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025 ❖ 9:30 am



*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!*

## **Poinsettias for Christmas**

*You are invited to sponsor this year’s Christmas poinsettias for the chancel. Please make your donation by the third Sunday of Advent, December 14, to make sure your name is included in the program. Sign-up to sponsor poinsettias via the worship link on our website <https://stmikescdm.org/altar-flowers/> or by using one of the envelopes in the back of the church. Questions? Contact: Melinda Rader at 949-230-3644.*

## THE PRELUDE

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Reader* Almighty God, foretold by the voice crying out in the wilderness, we give you thanks for the coming of your Son among us. As we await his arrival, grant that we may share in the hope he promises and find kindled in our hearts the fire of his love.

*People* May these candles be to us a sign of the light that shines in the darkness. Give us open hearts and minds, filled with your light, as we prepare to welcome you.

### THE INTROIT HYMN *(Please stand and join in singing.)*

*New English Hymnal #501*

*Advent Prose*

*Rorate Caeli*

Cantor (1st time)

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,\*

All

and let the skies pour down righteousness.

*Solo* <sup>2</sup> *We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,  
and we all do fade as a leaf:  
and our iniquities, like the wind,  
have taken us away:  
thou hast hid thy face from us:  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. [Refrain]*

<sup>3</sup> *Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen:  
that ye may know me and believe me:  
I, even I, am the Lord,  
and beside me there is no Savior:  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. [Refrain]*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*All* whose light searches every heart and whose Word divides truth from pretense:  
cleanse the secret places within us; burn away what is brittle, false, or fruitless;  
and plant in us the living shoot of your hope, that our desires, our judgments,  
and our lives may be made ready for the One who comes in Spirit and in fire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW (St. Michael's "Mission Statement")

*Celebrant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and  
with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is  
like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two  
commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## THE KYRIE

*Mass VII (Missa de Angelis)*

*15th-16th century*

*Each line will be sung by the soloist first then repeated by the people.*



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

*Steve Morris*

*Reader*            A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able and join in singing.*



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<sup>1</sup> O God, give your judgment to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
<sup>2</sup> that he may judge your people in justice,  
and your poor in right judgment.  
<sup>3</sup> May the mountains bring forth peace for the people,  
and the hills justice.

<sup>4</sup> May he defend the poor of the people,  
and save the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.  
<sup>5</sup> He shall endure like the sun and the moon  
through all generations.  
<sup>6</sup> He shall descend like rain on the meadow.

<sup>7</sup> In his days shall justice flourish,  
and great peace till the moon is no more.  
<sup>18</sup> Blest be the LORD, God of Israel,  
who alone works wonders,  
<sup>19</sup> ever blest his glorious name.  
Let his glory fill the earth.

**THE SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13** (*Please be seated.*)

*Ann Morris*

*Reader*            A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

## THE SEQUENCE

*Hymnal 56*

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel*

*Soloist will sing the first verse of the Sequence followed by all singing the refrain.*

*Celebrant*       O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,  
free them from Satan’s tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o’er the grave.

Re - joice!   Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

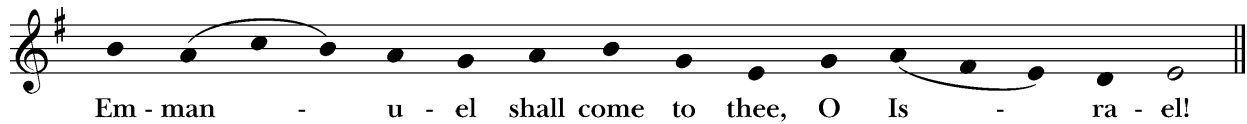
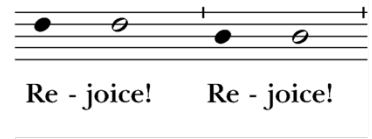
<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming

after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
12His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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



### THE CREED *(Please stand as able.)*

*Celebrant* We believe

*All* in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE INTERCESSIONS *(Please kneel as able or be seated.)*

*Mary Bailey*

*Intercessor* Friends, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Let us come before the Lord praying, “Blessed are you, Lord God; May the earth be filled with your glory.”

Grant your Church, O God of encouragement, to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that we may glorify you with one voice. Make us a people of repentance and bless us with your Holy Spirit and fire.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

*All* May the earth be filled with your glory.

*Intercessor* Grant this nation, O God of justice, the will to defend the needy and the poor. May we sincerely hope for that day when hurt and destruction are no more.  
Blessed are you, Lord God;

*All* **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

*Intercessor* Grant your creation, O God of faithfulness, the hope of renewal. May we who are stewards of this earth, also live at peace with all you have created.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

*All* **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

*Intercessor* Grant this city, O God of understanding, prosperity. May all the people know and do justice. We ask that you teach us and our leaders the best ways to meet the needs of all our neighbors.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

*All* **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

*Intercessor* Grant all the needy, O God of steadfast love, your mercy. Prove yourself to be a God of righteousness and faithfulness. To all their pain and suffering bring your healing and peace. And with your winnowing fork clear from their lives all the forces of oppression. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

*All* **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

*Intercessor* Grant to those who have died, O God of hope, eternal life in you, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Bring the departed into your glorious dwelling where all their hope will be fulfilled in your Christ.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

*All* **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

*Intercessor* For what else shall we pray?

*Congregation is invited to say intentions aloud or in silence.*

*Celebrant* Let us all pray together,

*All* **Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God:

Most merciful God,

*All* **we confess that we have not prepared a straight path for your coming. We have clung to familiar shadows, trusted our own wisdom, and resisted the fire that purifies. Have mercy on us. Level our pride, heal our judgments, and turn our hearts again to your promised kingdom, that we may bear the fruits of repentance to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**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* A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and out of what seemed dead, God brings forth new life. Let us offer to the Lord the first-fruits of hope, that his peaceable kingdom may flourish in our day.

**THE OFFERTORY MUSIC** *(Please be seated.)*

*Magnificat (Daniel Purcell)*

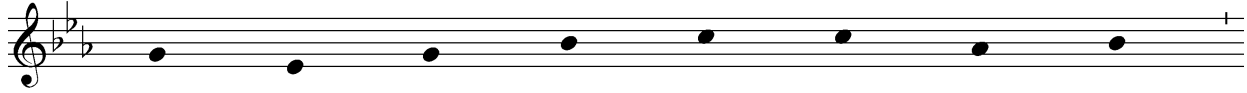
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THE PRESENTATION VERSE *(Please stand as able.)*

*Hymnal 60 (vs. 4 only)*

*Creator of the stars of night*

*Conditor alme siderum*



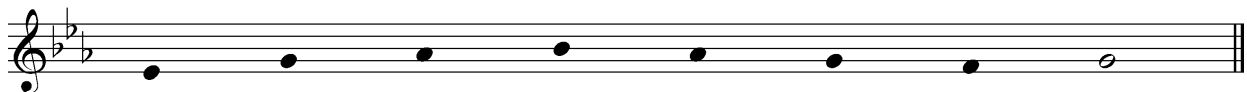
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 \* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



# THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-116

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts*

*Missa de Angelis*



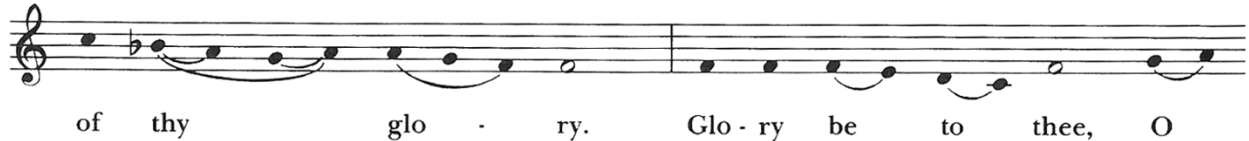
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,



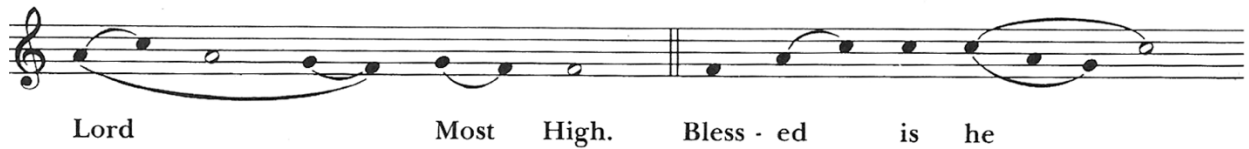
Lord God



of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full



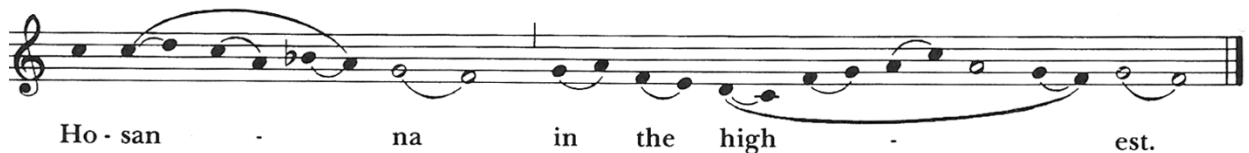
of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O



Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he



that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All*     **We remember his death,  
          We proclaim his resurrection,  
          We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Michael and All Angels, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*     And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
                  Our Father,

*All*             **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.

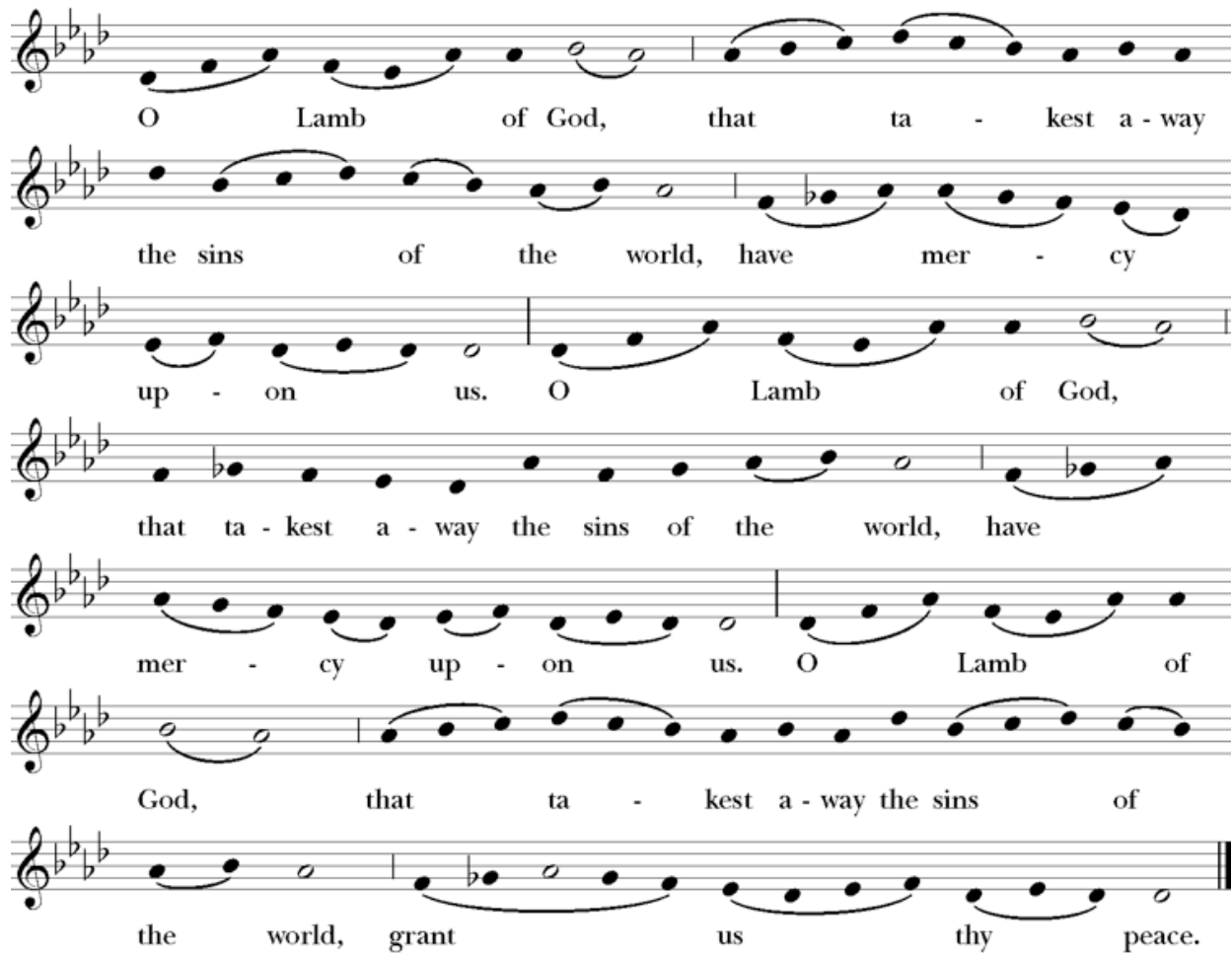
*People*         **Though we are many, we are One Body, because we all share in one bread.**

*Celebrant*     The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-159

Charles Winfred Douglas



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.

*Everyone is welcome to receive Christ's Body and Blood in our Church. If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms and a short blessing will be said. You are also welcome to intinct the bread into the chalice if you prefer not to drink directly from the chalice. (Though, to be honest, it is fortified with extra alcohol to kill germs. If you don't drink it the priest must, and then the announcements can get a bit entertaining after Mass.)*

*Gluten-free wafers are also available upon request.*

*Congregants worshiping on YouTube or Zoom may say the following:*

### THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

### THE COMMUNION MUSIC

*But who may abide the day of his coming? (G.F. Händel)*

*Please kneel or sit as able.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,

*All* for feeding us with the bread of hope and the cup of steadfast joy. Strengthen us with your Spirit, that we who have tasted the life of the world to come may go forth bearing the fruits of peace, justice, and mercy, through Jesus Christ, the Lord who is near. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

THE BENEDICTION *(Please stand as able.)*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; may Christ, the Root of Jesse, steady your feet and sharpen your vision; and may the Holy Spirit burn in you with courage, clarity, and compassion as you prepare the way of the Lord. 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 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

# Announcements:

## **Introducing PUSH: Pray Until Something Happens**

St. Michael's is launching a new parish-wide prayer initiative called PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens) — an opportunity for our whole community to come together in focused, intentional prayer.

On Sunday, October 26, The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen introduced the initiative by sharing C. S. Lewis's essay, "Petitionary Prayer: A Problem Without an Answer." In it, Lewis wrestles with the mystery and purpose of prayer — how and why we bring our deepest hopes before God, even when answers aren't clear.

We invite everyone to read and reflect on the essay over the next couple of weeks and to consider: What one or two issues related to our parish should we all PUSH for together in prayer?

Please send your reflections and suggestions to [church@stmikescdm.org](mailto:church@stmikescdm.org).

You can read the C.S. Lewis essay here:

[https://www.basicincome.com/bp/files/Petitionary\\_Prayer\\_by\\_C.S.\\_Lewis.pdf](https://www.basicincome.com/bp/files/Petitionary_Prayer_by_C.S._Lewis.pdf)

## **Alternative Gift Fair – Sunday, December 7**

Join us after the 9:30 a.m. worship service for St. Michael's annual Alternative Gift Fair! Enjoy live music, refreshments, and festive shopping as we welcome a variety of vendors offering gift baskets, jewelry, hostess gifts, Zatoun Olive Oil & Spices, and more. Several local non-profits will also be represented. All proceeds support St. Michael's Mission Commission as well as the participating charities. Admission is free, and all are welcome! If you'd like to bring cookies to share, please contact Elizabeth Henry or Gail Haghjoo. For more information, reach out to Kati Mowat-Nicholson at [kmowat22@gmail.com](mailto:kmowat22@gmail.com)

## **A Confronting Political Violence in America, Live from Washington National Cathedral, Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 4:00 pm in Michael's Room**

Join us for a rare and timely live streamed conversation with Utah Governor Spencer Cox and Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro. These two leaders from opposite political parties will reflect on the responsibilities of leadership in moments of crisis and the work of building civic life rooted in dignity, safety, and hope. Following the conversation with Governors Cox and Shapiro, Cathedral Dean Randy Hollerith will moderate a panel of experts on democracy, faith and society. Every person is a beloved child of God, regardless of political beliefs.

## **Advent Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm**

**Music for the Advent Season by Bach, Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams, and others**

Join us at St. Michael and All Angels on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm for a beautiful afternoon of choral music celebrating the hope and anticipation of Advent. Featuring the St. Michael's Choir and guest musicians, this concert offers a peaceful and inspiring way to prepare your heart for Christmas. There will be a small reception following the concert. All are welcome!

## **Adopt-a-Family for Christmas**

It's that time of year again when our parish comes together to make the holidays brighter for a local family in need. This year, thanks to Mary Bailey's outreach to MOMS OC, we've been paired with a family of six—a mother, father, and four children (ages 13, 11, 4, and 6 months). The parents have requested **Walmart gift cards**, and the children would love **Target gift cards**. We'll be collecting donations through **Sunday, December 14**, so we can deliver the gift cards by the end of the month.



You can give online through our Breeze donation form:  
<https://bit.ly/adoptsmaa> (or scan the QR code at right)

You may also drop **gift cards, cash, or checks** in the donation box on the back railing during Sunday services. All proceeds will go toward purchasing gift cards for our adopted family.

## **2026 Music Events at St. Michael's**

- **Sunday, Jan 18 at 4:00 pm** – Organ Concert with Lukas Hasler and Alois Mühlbacher, Countertenor (Vienna State Opera) featuring works by Mahler, Bruckner, Vierne
- **Sunday, Feb 8 at 9:30 am** (Annual Meeting Sunday) – "Pastoral Mass" by Colin Mawby (1936-2019) for Choir, Orchestra and Organ
- **Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 pm** – Concert "Requiem" by W.A. Mozart for Soloists, Choir and Orchestra
- **Holy Week, April 2-4** – Works for Choir and Organ
- **Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 am** (Easter Sunday) – "Mass in D" by Otto Nicolai (1810-1849) for Soloists, Choir, and Orchestra

## Online Giving:

One-time gift or pledge, please scan one of these QR codes to make a secure, private donation.



St. Michael's website



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## This Week at St. Michael's

### Sunday, December 7

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 10:45 am Alternative Gift Fair
- 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, December 9

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 9:15 am Coffee & Conversation
- 10:00 am Lectionary Study
- 3:30 pm Confronting Political Violence  
in America
- 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

### Wednesday, December 10

- 5:00 pm Vestry Meeting

### Thursday, December 11

- 8:30 am Men's Fellowship

### Friday, December 12

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Saturday, December 13

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, December 14

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 10:45 am Adult Christian Ed Meeting
- 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Sunday Conversations
- 4:00 pm Lessons and Carols

## Weekly Finance Update

### Sunday, November 30

Weekly Pledge Income	\$2,403
Weekly Other Income	\$4,846
Weekly Budgeted Exp	\$11,765
Net Income(Loss)	(\$4,516)

## Attendance

	Sunday Worship	Children and Youth
November 9	106	3
November 16	61	2
November 23	70	2
November 30	61	4

## Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your dedication via our website at <https://stmikescdm.org/altar-flowers/>.

# Today's Worship Team

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD
Choirmaster	Lukas Hasler
Assistant Choirmaster	Matthew Cook
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Host	Stacie Tibbetts
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Chalice	Steve Morris, Ann Morris
Acolyte	Stacie Tibbetts
Altar Guild	Stacie Tibbetts
Flower Guild	TBA
Ushers	Don Sheetz, Colette Spence
We Serve Coffee Team	Louise Stover, Corinne Stover, Beth Bianchi
Livestream Host	Kim Montgomery

## Godly Play (ages 3-11) — 9:30 am in the Yellow Room

Advent 3. Teachers: Elizabeth & Marjie.

Contact: Marjie Blevins (blevinsmarjie@gmail.com)

## Parish Prayer List

Alan and Bonny	Ann	Barbara	Carrie
Dennis and Susan	Gregg	Joni	Josephine
Lynn	Lynne	Margie	Marlo
Peggy	Richard	Tom	

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Beth Bianchi, Stacie Tibbetts, or The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen.

## Worship with us:

**Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist: Tuesdays at 8:30 am (in person only)**

**Lectionary Study with Fr. Shane: Tuesdays at 10:00 am (in person and Zoom)**

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023> Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!

## Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

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Corona del Mar, CA 92625  
(949) 644-0463  
<https://www.stmikescdm.org>



### Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 am to Noon  
Tuesday 9:00 am to Noon  
Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon  
Thursday 9:00 am to Noon  
Friday Closed

### Parish Directory:

<https://smaa.breezechms.com>

### Our Clergy and Staff

#### The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD

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### The Vestry

**Mark Peterson**, Senior Warden and

Building Project/Real Estate

**Jill Draffin**, Junior Warden and

Building Project/Real Estate

**Pat Albers**, Finance

**Susan Brown**, Communications

**Cathy Dunlap**, Stewardship

**Steve Gribben**, Clerk of the Vestry and Building  
Project/Real Estate

**Ali Haghjoo**, Mission/Outreach and Education

**Jim Headley**, Growth and Membership

**Elizabeth Henry**, Hospitality and Education

**Jamie Mead**, Building Project/Real Estate

**Tom Nicholson**, Building Project/Real Estate

**Brian Robinson**, Buildings and Grounds

**Stacie Tibbetts**, Treasurer

## 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*

Dec. 7: No session.

Dec. 14: The Ministry of Jesus – episode 22 of *The History & Archaeology of the Bible: Jesus and John the Baptist* by Prof. Isbouts.

Contact: Kim Montgomery

### Tuesday Night at Mike's

*Tuesdays at 6:00 pm on Zoom*

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

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

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 Michael's Room*

Currently reading *The Gnostic Gospels* by Elaine Pagels.

Contact: Kim Montgomery

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### Sunday Worship Livestream

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@smaacdm/>

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023>

Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

Passcode: cdm080100!

### Donate Online

Visit <https://stmikescdm.org/giving/> or use your mobile device to give via Zelle:

