

FEAST OF Ss FRANCIS & CLARE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



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*“Every creature is your handiwork;
teach us to cherish what is yours.”*



ST. MICHAEL
— AND ALL ANGELS' —
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St Michael and All Angels'

We are delighted to have you with us today. This bulletin has been designed to help you worship with us. Please note that wherever it says “stand, sit, kneel” (Episcopalian Calisthenics!), these are only suggestions. In general, 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. 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.” We will be very enthusiastic to talk with you—and each other—after the service.

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

Visiting Us for the First Time?

Please speak with an usher and ask for a visitor card. We’d love to know how you found us, make you feel at home, and keep in touch for future events at St Michael’s. You may write a prayer request on the back of the card. And we will never spam you.

Take This Bulletin Home!

The bulletin you’re holding is more than just today’s worship guide—it’s your handy roadmap to what’s happening at St Michael & All Angels' over the next few months. Take one home, put it on the fridge, and let it remind you of all the good things coming up!

Flowers for the Altar

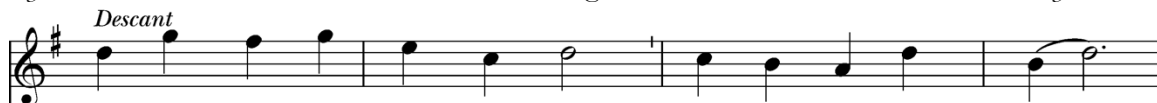
Each Sunday, members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your dedication via our website at <https://stmikescdm.org/altar-flowers/>.

THE INTROIT HYMN (*Stand! Heel! HOWL!*)

Hymnal 405

All Things Be B

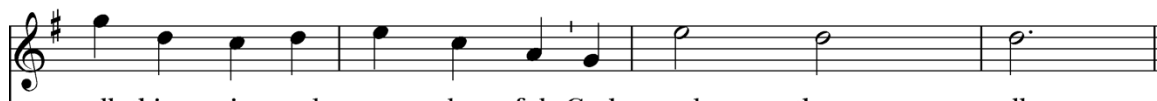
Royal Oak



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to whom all hearts are open and every creature is known: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that, freed from the desire to possess and control, we may delight in your creation, bear the fruit of your love, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through 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 GLORIA

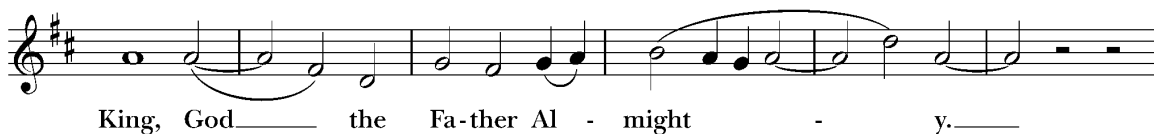
Hymnal S-202

Glory be to God on high

Willan

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly

The Gloria continues on next page.



King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;



5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the



right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou

The Gloria continues on next page.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE SERMON (*SIT! STAY!*)

Thomas Diaz

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-20

Steve Morris

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

THE PSALM: Psalm 19 (UP! HOWL!)

Mode 5



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² The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

³ Day unto day conveys the message,
and night unto night imparts the knowledge.

⁴ No speech, no word, whose voice goes unheeded;

⁵ their sound goes forth through all the earth,

Their message to the utmost bounds of the world.

⁶ There he has placed a tent for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run his course.

⁷ At one end of the heavens is the rising of the sun;
to its furthest end it runs its course.

There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

⁸ The law of the LORD is perfect;

it revives the soul.

The decrees of the LORD are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple.

⁹ The precepts of the LORD are right;

They gladden the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear;
it gives light to the eyes.

¹⁰ The love of the LORD is pure,
abiding forever.

The judgments of the LORD are true;

They are, all of them just.

¹¹ They are more to be desired than gold,
than quantities of gold.

And sweeter are they than honey,
than honey flowing from the comb.

¹² So in them your servant finds instruction;

¹⁴ From presumption restrain your servant;
may it not rule me.

¹⁵ May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favor in your sight, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer!

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 (SIT! STAY!)

Ann Morris

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

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46 (UP!)

Celebrant + The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE CREED

Celebrant We believe

People 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 (DOWN!)

Lynn Headley

Intercessor With Saints Francis and Clare, and in the company of all God's creatures, let us pray for the peace of the world.

For the Church: that we may seek above all things to know Christ, and follow him in humility, courage, and joy; that where religion has wounded, we may bring healing, and where faith has become fearful, we may make room for hope.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All **Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

Intercessor For the nations and all who govern: that where there is hatred, they may seek reconciliation; where there is injury, justice; and where there is war, a peace that shelters the weak.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All **Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

Intervessor For the earth entrusted to our care: for creatures of forest, field, and ocean; for habitats threatened and species disappearing; and for all whose work protects and sustains life. Teach us to cherish what is yours.
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All **Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

Intervessor For the animals who share our homes and lives; for those who work beside us and those who live beyond our care; for creatures suffering cruelty, hunger, or neglect; and for veterinarians, shelter workers, and all who offer them protection. Make us gentle and faithful companions.
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All **Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

Intervessor For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____, and for those whose sorrow is unseen: that we may seek to understand before asking to be understood, and to console before asking to be consoled. We remember especially those upon our parish prayer list.
Silence is kept.
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All **Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

Intervessor For those who have died, especially_____, and for all who mourn. We remember also the animals whose companionship has blessed our lives, entrusting them to the love that made them.
You are invited to name aloud beloved animals who have died.
In our sorrow, give us grateful hearts; in the shadow of death, the light of Christ.
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All **Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

Intervessor For what else shall we pray?
Intentions may be offered.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (*BEG!*)

Celebrant God has entrusted us with gifts beyond our making and lives beyond our own.
Let us confess the ways we have failed in love.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God,

All **we confess that we have loved your gifts and forgotten you, their giver. We have grasped what we were called to share, neglected what we were called to tend, and wounded those we were called to love. We have sought our own advantage and turned away from the costly way of Christ. Forgive our cruelty and indifference. Make us gentle with your creatures, truthful with one another, and fruitful in good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 (*UP!*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

SHAKE!

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE (*UP!*)

Celebrant Let us offer to God the fruits of the earth and the work of our hands, with hearts made generous by love; for all that we have, and all that we are, come from God.

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THE OFFERTORY (*GIVE IT!*)

Teach me, O Lord (Thomas Attwood)

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The Eucharistic Prayer *(UP!)*

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only begotten.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-114

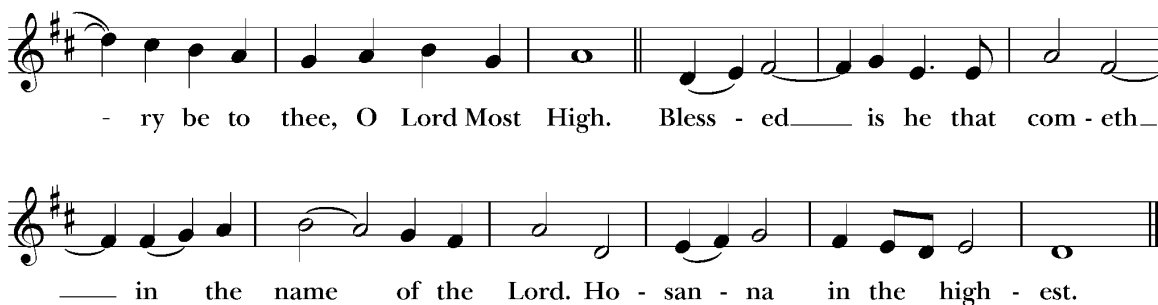
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts

Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

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Holy and gracious Father, you are the source of life. You call the earth to fruitfulness and fill it with creatures beyond our understanding. Not one is forgotten before you.

You formed us in your image, entrusted creation to our care, and gave us your commandments that we might live in freedom and love.

Yet we have grasped your gifts and turned from your ways. Still you remained faithful. You sent your beloved Son to reconcile us to yourself.

He came among us as a servant. Rejected and put to death, he became the cornerstone of a new creation. You raised him from the dead that we might share his risen life.

For on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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.**

United with him, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine and, with them, our lives.

Send down your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may become one body and one spirit in Christ.

Make us instruments of your peace, gentle with your creatures and generous with your gifts.

With Saints Michael and all angels, Francis and Clare, and all your saints, bring us into your kingdom, where all creation shall rejoice in you.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Father almighty, world without end. 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-158

O Lamb of God

Willan

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

The Agnus Dei continues on next page.

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 invited to bring their pets to the Communion circle for a blessing and a treat.

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 ANTHEM

Wash me thoroughly (David Halls)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*DOWN!*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God,

All you have fed us with the **Body and Blood** of your Son and drawn us into the life of your new creation. Send us out with grateful hearts, gentle hands, and courage to love; that, following Christ with Francis and Clare, we may cherish your creatures and bear the fruits of your peace; through **Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*SIT! STAY!*)

THE BENEDICTION (*UP!*)

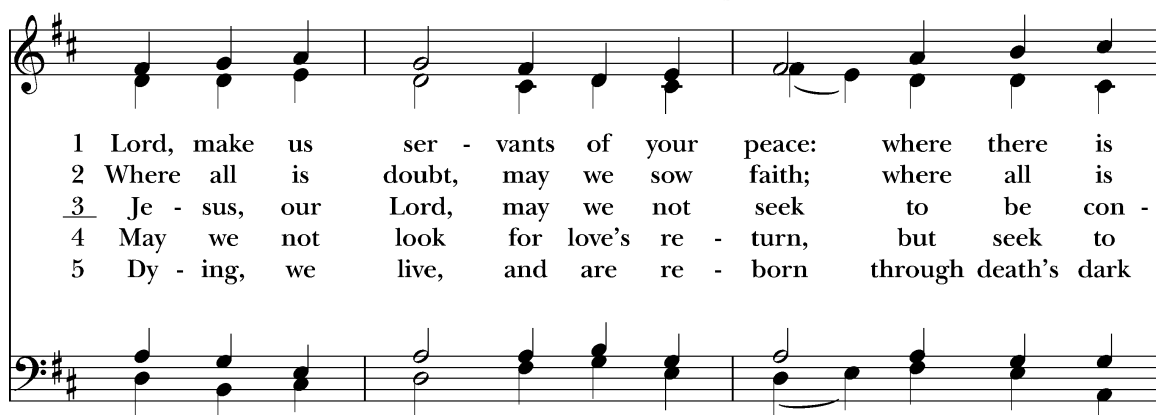
May God, the maker of all things, awaken you to wonder; may Christ, the rejected cornerstone, ground you in love; may the Holy Spirit make your life fruitful in gentleness and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

THE DISMISSAL (*GO FETCH!*)

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

All Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant	The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD
Preacher	Thomas Diaz
Choirmaster	Lukas Hasler
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Host	Tom Weller
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Chalice	Steve Morris, Lynn Headley
Acolyte	Tom Weller
Altar Guild	Cathy Dunlap
Flower Guild	Melinda Rader
Ushers	Don Sheetz, Colette Spence
We Serve Coffee Team	Beth Bianchi, Annette Johnson
Livestream Host	Ali Haghjoo

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

Story of Esther / St. Francis. Storyteller: Elizabeth Henry & Marjie Blevins.

Contact: Marjie Blevins (blevinsmarjie@gmail.com)

Parish Prayer List

Ann, Barbara, Bonny, Carrie, Corinne, Dennis and Susan, Gregg, Griffin, Joni, Josephine, Lynn, Lynne, Margie, Marlo, Nick, Peggy, Richard, Ruth, Theo, 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.

This Week at St Michael's

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
11:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
9:15 am Coffee & Conversation
10:00 am Lectionary Study
6:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

Wednesday, October 7

3:30 pm Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, October 8

8:30 am Men's Fellowship

Friday, October 9

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
10:45 am Adult Christian Education
Commission Meeting
11:00 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am From the Far Country to the Feast:
A Follow-Up Conversation with
Dr. Bob Weathers

Weekly Finance Update

Sunday, September 27

Weekly Pledge Income	\$2,536
Weekly Other Income	\$3,648
Weekly Budgeted Exp	\$13,921
Net Income(Loss)	(\$7,737)

Attendance

	Sunday Worship	Children and Youth
September 6	60	2
September 13	55	2
September 20	60	2
September 27	118	2

Altar Flowers

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Announcements

Living Generously | Matthew 21:33–46

The parable of the wicked tenants reminds us that God builds the foundation of holy community from the very people and resources the world rejects. By anchoring our common life in Christ, the cornerstone, we create a safe and loving space where everyone is welcome. As faithful stewards, we're called to move beyond words and actively cultivate the "fruits of the kingdom" through our daily actions. One practical way to live this out is by offering time and undivided attention to someone who is going through a life event: make a focused phone call, send a supportive message, or plan a visit to listen to their story. This simple act of presence honors them as a valued part of your community—taking what time the busy world casts aside and turning it into a cornerstone of care.

From the Far Country to the Feast:

A Follow-Up Conversation with Dr. Bob Weathers

Following the enthusiastic response to his July session, Dr. Bob Weathers returns on **Sunday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m.** for a second conversation about addiction, stress, and recovery. Drawing on his book *From the Far Country to the Feast*, Bob will explore the story of the Prodigal Son and its themes of struggle, return, and welcome. The session will build on July's discussion of what it means to move from feeling "comfortably numb" toward feeling fully alive. Please join us for what promises to be another thoughtful and open conversation.

Sunday Conversations Forum: Understanding the Ballot Propositions

Sunday, October 18, at 11:00 a.m. in the Davis Library, following the service

The Episcopal Church's Vote Faithfully initiative encourages us to participate in elections as an act of Christian stewardship and love for our neighbors. Learning about the issues on the ballot is one way to put that call into practice. Join us for a nonpartisan presentation on the ballot propositions, including arguments for and against each measure. Gail Haghjoo, a member of the League of Women Voters of Orange Coast, will present the League's Pros & Cons program and answer questions. California counties begin mailing vote-by-mail ballots by October 5. October 19 is the deadline to register online for the November 3 election.

Sunday, November 8: A Service of Remembrance and Hope for All Souls' Sunday

On All Souls' Sunday, the St Michael's Choir, orchestra, and organ will present *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen. Composed in 1997, *Lux Aeterna* is one of Lauridsen's best-known works and has become a cornerstone of the modern choral repertoire. Lauridsen selected texts from the Latin liturgy that focus on the themes of light, rest, and eternal peace. Written in memory of his mother, the work draws inspiration from the Gregorian chant tradition while combining it with Lauridsen's distinctive contemporary harmonic language.

Godly Play: Going Bongos for Jesus!

St Michael's is getting a brand-new beat! Thanks to Dr. Robert Weathers, our children will learn to play the bongos on **the last Sunday of every month**. It's a joyful, creative way to make music, have fun, and explore faith together—and, as St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us, eutrapelia, or wholesome play and recreation, is an important part of a healthy spiritual life. For more information, contact the church office!

October Little Red Wagon: Helping Priceless Pets

This October, our Little Red Wagon will collect donations for Priceless Pets, a no-kill animal shelter in Costa Mesa. Your generosity helps provide food and essential supplies for animals in their care. If you're able, please consider bringing an item from their current wish list:

Food & Feeding Supplies: Iams dry cat food, Iams dry kitten food, Fancy Feast canned kitten food, Royal Canin Mother & Babycat wet food, Kitten bottles and nipples, Costco dry puppy food, Costco dry adult dog food

Cleaning & Household Supplies: Laundry detergent, Liquid bleach for laundry, Paper towels, Toilet paper, Liquid hand soap, Dawn dish soap

Thank you for helping us care for our furry friends and support the important work of Priceless Pets!

Coming Events

Mark your calendars for these coming events at St. Michael's:

- **All Saints Sunday** - November 1 at 9:30 am
- **All Souls' Sunday** - November 8 at 9:30 am
- **Veterans Remembrance Sunday** - November 15 at 9:30 am
- **Advent Choral Evensong** - December 13 at 4:00 pm

For all our worship services, small groups meetings, outreach opportunities, and events:

- Visit our church calendar at <https://stmikescdm.org/calendar/>
- Subscribe to our weekly email newsletter at <https://stmikescdm.org/subscribe>
- Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/smaacdm>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/smaacdm/>)

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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

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Elizabeth Henry, *Hospitality and Godly Play*

Jamie Mead, *Building Project / Real Estate*

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Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

Tuesday Night at Mike's

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm on Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83452513125>

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

Thursdays at 8:30 am in Michael's Room

Currently reading *Days of Awe and Wonder:*

How to Be a Christian in the Twenty-first Century

by Marcus J. Borg.

Contact: Kim Montgomery

Sunday Worship Livestream

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

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

Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

Passcode: cdm080100!

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