

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



OCTOBER 11, 2026 • 9:30 AM



“And he was speechless.”

Matthew 22:12



ST. MICHAEL
— AND ALL ANGELS’ —
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Michael & 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!

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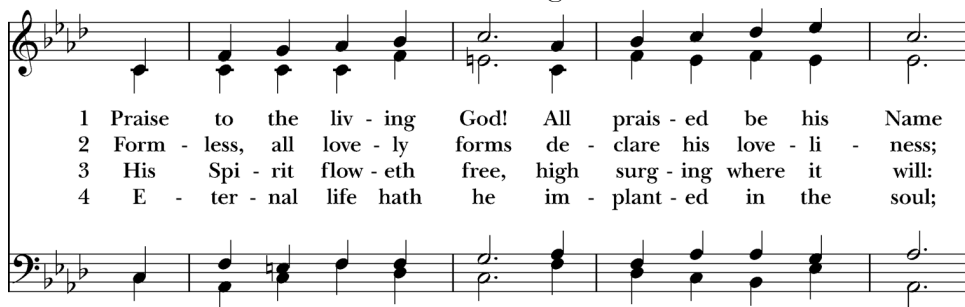
Each Sunday, members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your dedication via our website at <https://stmikescdm.org/altar-flowers/>.

THE INTROIT HYMN *(Please stand as able.)*

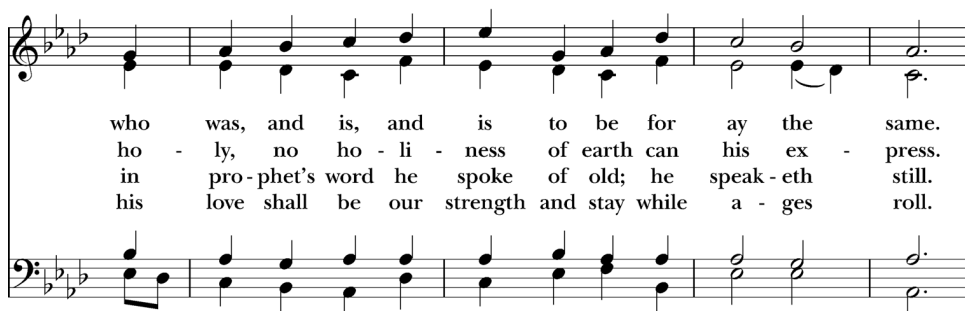
Hymnal 372

Praise to the living God

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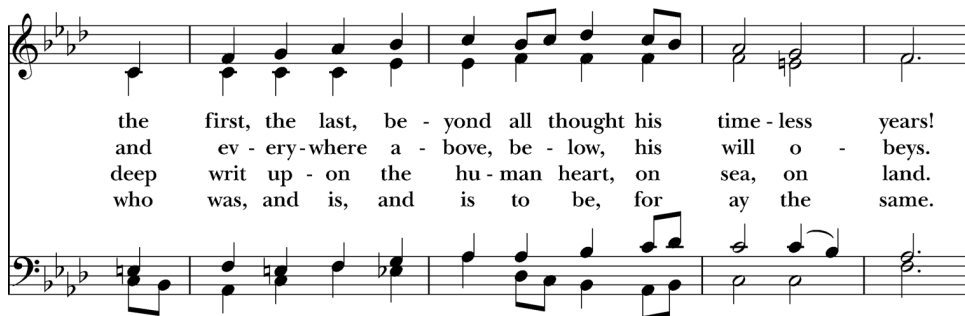
1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

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, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Turn us from the idols we have made, quiet the fears that divide us, and clothe us in the love of Christ; that we may perfectly love you, 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:

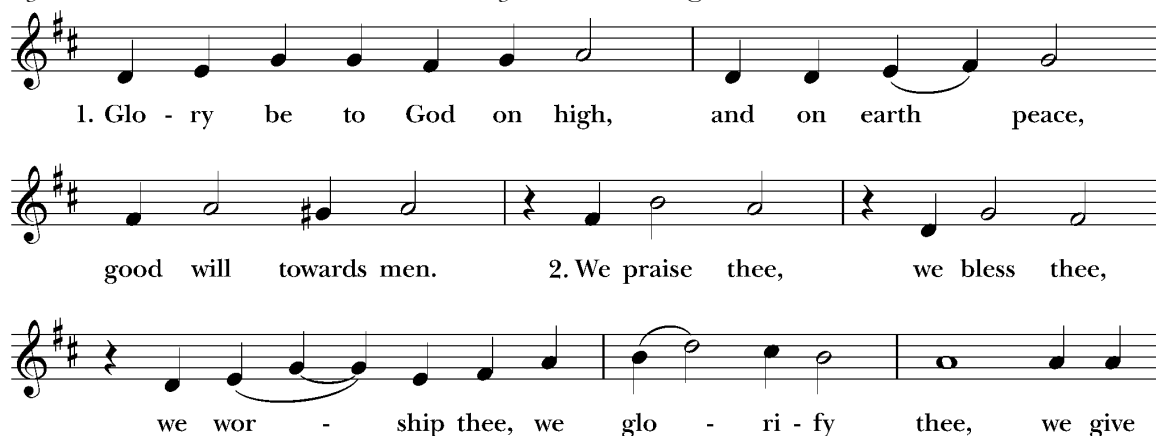
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE GLORIA

Hymnal S-202

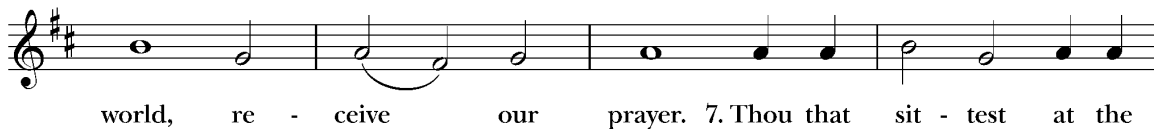
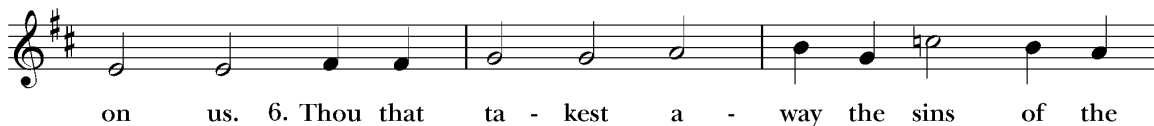
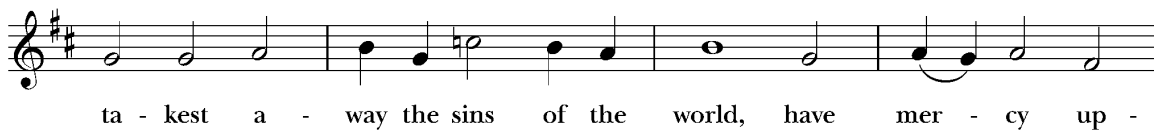
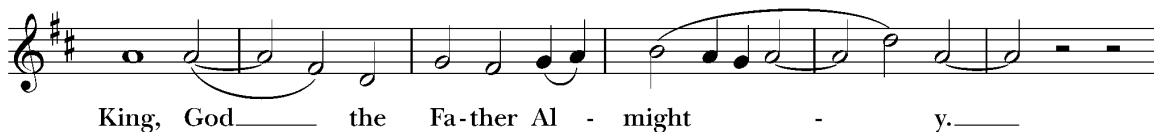
Glory be to God on high

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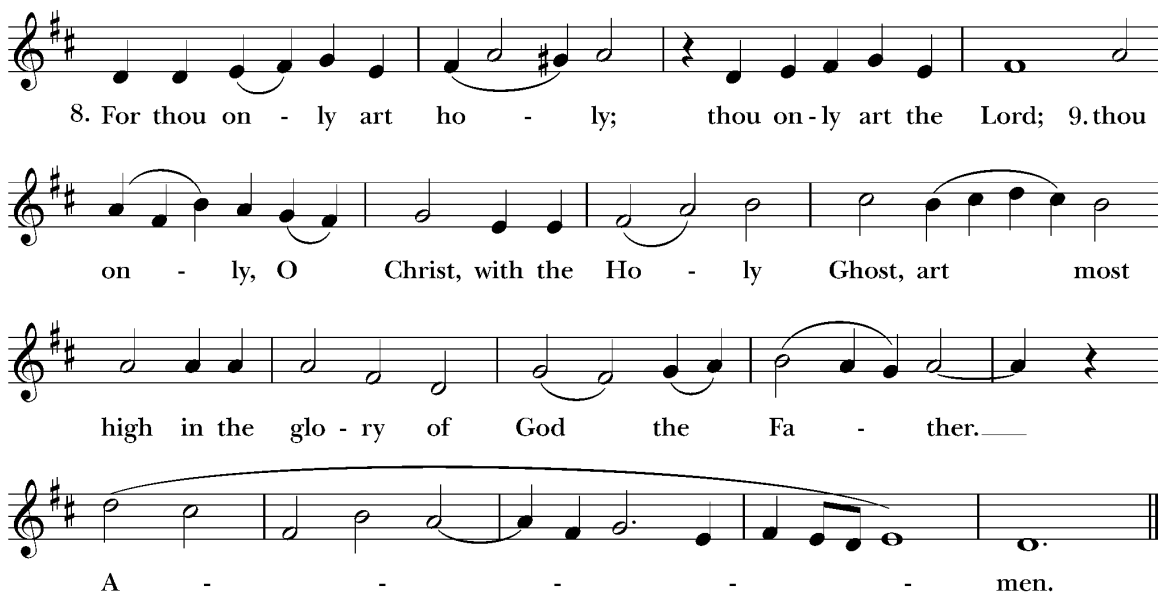


1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE SERMON (*Please be seated.*)

The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 32:1-14

Christina Alexopoulos

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ²Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of

well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”

¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

THE PSALM: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Mode 5



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O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his mercy endures forever.

² Who can tell the LORD’s mighty deeds,
or recount in full his praise?

³ Blessed are they who observe what is just,
who at all times do what is right.

⁴ O LORD, remember me
with the favor you show to your people.
Visit me with your saving power,

⁵ that I may see the riches of your chosen ones,

and may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
boasting in the glory of your heritage.

⁶ Like our ancestors, we have sinned.
We have done wrong; our deeds have been evil.

¹⁹ They fashioned a calf at Horeb,
and worshiped an image of metal;

²⁰ they exchanged their glory
for the image of a bull that eats grass.

²¹ They forgot the God who was their savior,
who had done such great things in Egypt,

²³ For this he said he would destroy them,
but Moses, the man he had chosen,
stood in the breach before him,
to turn back his anger from destruction.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9 *(Please be seated.)*

Gail Haghjoo

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

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14 (*Please stand as able.*)

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

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

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 *(Please kneel as able or be seated.)*

Jackie Dodd

Intervenor The Lord is near. With thanksgiving, let us bring before God the needs of the Church and the world.

For the Church throughout the world: that we may worship the living God in spirit and truth, resist the temptations of wealth and power, and reveal the gentleness of Christ in all we do.

God of mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intervenor For the nations and all who govern: that they may protect the vulnerable, restrain violence, and seek the things that make for peace. Give courage to those who stand in the breach for others, and wisdom to those entrusted with authority.

God of mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intervenor For the earth and all who depend upon its abundance: that we may use its gifts with gratitude and restraint, protect its waters and its creatures, and share its harvest so that none go hungry.

God of mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intervenor For this parish and the communities we serve: that our doors may be open, our welcome sincere, and our faith alive in works of love. Reconcile those divided by resentment, and help us to recognize the gifts of those whose voices go unheard.

God of mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intervenor For those who are anxious, lonely, or overwhelmed; for those living with illness or addiction; for those seeking recovery, and all who accompany them. We remember especially _____ and those upon our parish prayer list. Grant them comfort, faithful companions, and the help they need.

God of mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who have died, especially _____, and for all who mourn: that the departed may rest in the peace of Christ and rejoice at the feast of his kingdom.

God of mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 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

Celebrant Let us turn to the living God, confessing our sins and trusting in his mercy.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God,

All **we confess that we have turned from you and given our hearts to things that cannot save. We have trusted in possessions, status, and power; we have made excuses when you called, and withheld the mercy we ask for ourselves. Our words have wounded, our anger has hardened, and our neighbors have borne the cost of our indifference. Forgive us and turn our hearts to you. Clothe us in the compassion of Christ, that our faith may bear fruit in justice, our strength be known in gentleness, and our lives become an offering of love; 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 *(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 With thanksgiving, let us offer our gifts and ourselves to the living God, that the hungry may be fed, the stranger welcomed, and the love of Christ made known.

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THE OFFERTORY

Thy perfect love (John Rutter)

The Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand as able.)*

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, the second for the Celebrant and the People, the third for the Celebrant, and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give God thanks and praise."

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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 -

- 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.

Holy and gracious Father, you made us for yourself, and called us to live in freedom and love. You heard the cry of your people in bondage and led them through the sea. In the wilderness you sustained them; when they turned to idols, you did not forget your covenant. Through the prophets you called them back to justice, mercy, and faithfulness.

In the fullness of time you sent your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He shared the tables of sinners, welcomed the forgotten, and proclaimed the coming of your kingdom. Rejected and condemned, he stretched out his arms upon the cross, offering himself in love for the life of the world. You raised him from the dead, breaking the power of sin and death, and opened for us the way of everlasting 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: a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

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 that we may become one body and one spirit in Christ.

Clothe us in his compassion. Deliver us from the idols that claim our hearts, reconcile us to one another, and make us faithful in the work you give us to do. Let the peace of Christ guard our hearts and minds, and his gentleness be known through us.

Remember in your mercy those who have died, and gather us with St Michael and all angels, and all your saints into the joy of your heavenly banquet, where sorrow and death shall be no more.

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

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 worshipping 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

O taste and see (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please kneel or sit as able.)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God,

All **you have welcomed us to your table and fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son. Let the grace we have received take flesh in the lives we lead. Keep us attentive to whatever is true and lovely, steadfast in whatever is just, and generous toward all whom you entrust to our care; that we may go forth in peace to love and serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

THE BENEDICTION *(Please stand as able.)*

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus; may his gentleness shape your words and deeds, and his joy sustain you in every good work; 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 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Mit Freuden zart



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

THE DISMISSAL

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

All Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD
Choirmaster	Lukas Hasler
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Host	Stacie Tibbetts, Jackie Dodd
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Chalice	Gail Haghjoo
Acolyte	Coleman Hobson
Altar Guild	Colette Spence
Flower Guild	Michele Dulson
Ushers	Clyde Dodge, Norm Bianchi
We Serve Coffee Team	Peggy Strong, Clyde Dodge, Michael Strong
Livestream Host	Kim Montgomery

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

Story of Moses. Storyteller: Kristy Kiper & Jan Cannan.

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 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

Tuesday, October 13

- 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 14

- 3:30 pm Coffee & Conversation
- 5:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, October 15

- 8:30 am Men's Fellowship

Friday, October 16

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, October 18

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

Altar Flowers

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Announcements

Living Generously | Matthew 22:1–14

The feast is ready. The tables are set. The invitation has gone out. Yet some people simply don't show up. Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet is complicated and even unsettling in places, but at its heart is the astonishing abundance of God's invitation: there is room at the feast, and the invitation keeps widening. Isaiah strengthens the image by imagining God preparing a feast "for all peoples." Christian generosity is an invitation. Come be part of this! Come help set the table! Come participate in the work God is doing among us! Good stewardship helps people see the feast that is being prepared—and invites them to take their place in making it possible.

TODAY! 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

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Monday	9:00 am to Noon
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Thursday	9:00 am to Noon
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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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