

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



Nicodemus, Jesus Mafa, 1973

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2023

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

Compassionate Creator,

You have journeyed with your people since ancient times, once with pillars of cloud and fire, and later through prophetic visions and promises of a future. Finally, you sent your Holy Spirit to reveal the truth that leads to abundant life.

Give us wisdom and discernment as we listen to the Christ in one another and as we imagine the spiritual leadership we will need to guide the community of St. Michael & All Angels to the future you have in mind for us.

Through Christ our Savior. Amen

SERVING AT 11:00 AM TODAY

Presiding & Preaching	The Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave
Musicians	Saints & Singers Choir Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director Hannah Brewer, Music Director/Organist
Eucharistic minister	Tim Shields, Jana Gregory
Lectors	Virginia Malone, Andy Phelps
Gospel readers	Ann Hargraves, Peter Sergienko
Ushers	Amy Valentine, Paula Raines
Altar Guild	Sundance Henry Joplin Henry, Barb Mason
Bread	Charlene Sabin
Coffee Host	David Lentz, Dan Bagwell

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JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

Here we see Jesus patiently teaching about the kingdom of God to a perplexed Nicodemus, whose hands are in a gesture of questioning. Nicodemus has, like so many before and since, gotten caught up in the literal and limited understanding of the scriptures. Jesus attempted to explain the nature of reality in different terms that thereby he (and we) might be transformed. The boundaries we place on ourselves can be escaped if only we are brave enough to venture beyond them. Shall we remain in the cover of night with Nicodemus or step into the light that Jesus offers?

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St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by African Americans, indigenous peoples and all people of color. This music enriches our liturgies, and we are grateful for these musicians. Music of oppressed cultures has been appropriated by the dominant culture without an appreciation of the pain and suffering experienced by its creators. We repent and commit to the work of racial justice and ending racism.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Contemplation on "Wondrous Love"

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

HYMN

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my



1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my



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sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

Words: Fanny J. Crosby. Music: Phoebe P. Knapp.

ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Setting: Carl MaultsBy, from *The Saint Mary Mass*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Prayers for an Inclusive Church

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **Holy God, whose wild Spirit's breath defies our frozen idols: take the night time of our fear and make it a welcoming womb for us and all the world; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. Amen.**

*School-age children are invited to the Children's Liturgy of the Word
to hear stories about the Good News of God's love.
Children return to their families at the Peace.*

FIRST READING: **Genesis 12:1-4a** read by Virginia Malone

The story of God's call of Abraham (who was then known as Abram) to leave his own country and become the father of a great nation.

After the reading there is a time of silence.

The reader concludes Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Plainsong Tone II.1

The choir or cantor sings the first verse. All join the following verses.



- 1 *I lift up* my eyes / **to the hills;** *
from where is my / **help to come?**
- 2 My help comes from the / **LORD,**
the maker of hea-/-ven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your / **foot be moved** *
and God who watches over you will not / **fall asleep.**
- 4 Behold, God who keeps watch over / **Israel** *
shall neither slum-/-ber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches / **over you;** *
the LORD is your shade at / **your right hand.**
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by / **day,** *
nor the / **moon by night.**
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all / **evil;** *
it is God who shall / **keep you safe.**
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your / **coming in,** *
from this time forth for / **evermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 read by Andy Phelps

Paul describes Abraham as an individual who through faith found a right relationship with God. He is the father of all who trust in the Lord.

After the reading there is a time of silence.

The reader concludes Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *all standing*

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;
Glo - ry to God; Praise to the
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.
Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

Setting: John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from *Come All You People*

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17 readers include Ann Hargraves and Peter Sergienko

Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees, comes during the night to talk to Jesus.

At the announcement of the Gospel, the People respond **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The reader concludes The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Repeat above*

SERMON *The Good Pharisee*

The Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *all standing*

We believe in the God of Life, who creates and loves people, who acts in history and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who is our brother, who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit; without her we are nothing; filled with her, we are able to become creative, lively and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in our understanding of the faith, through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.

We believe that God has a use for us in this time and place, that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we are called to be instruments of God's peace.

We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying the good of the earth. We believe that people can change, and God keeps calling us to life and a new world of joy and peace.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment.

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Presider Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A WORD OF WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive communion at this table. If you'd like to receive the bread, please extend your hands out. If you need a gluten free wafer, please let us know as you receive. If you'd like to come forward, but prefer a blessing in place of the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest.
If you wish to use intinction please ask for a wafer.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

arr. Brian Fairbanks

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but not I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised God to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider We thank you, desert Mother, for in the valley of dry bones you create hearts of flesh quickened by the Spirit's breath.

We thank you, wise Sister, that you walk in cloud and fire with your lost and faithless people.

We thank you, Son of Heaven, that you empty yourself of might and glory and set your face towards the fickle crowd, the cruel empire, the faithful despisers.

We welcome you as God's own fool whose cross brings to nothing the violence of the world and reveals another wisdom outside the city walls.

Therefore, with all who follow your way with the traders and tax collectors, the soldiers and prostitutes, and all who caught a glimpse of glory in the humanity you shared, we worship God's own holiness revealed in sweat and tears:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Carl MaultsBy, from *The Saint Mary Mass*

The Presider continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AT THE FRACTION

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take a-way the
 sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God you take a-way the
 sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Carl MaultsBy, from *The Saint Mary Mass*

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

AT THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION CHANT

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; In -
 cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

Text: George Whelpton (1847-1930); Music: George Whelpton



1. As we gath - er at your
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to
 3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us



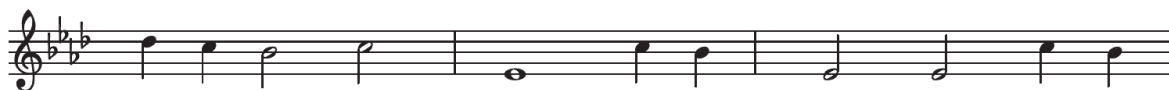
Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
 wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us
 sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -



know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
 forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
 um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
 least. There no more will en - vy blind us, nor will



claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
 give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
 pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and



ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 im - age in the world you died to save.
 an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944)
 Music: Raquel, Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992)

All stand

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider In the name of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with N.

All **You carry the prayers of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the crucified Christ shatter our brittle fear, draw all people to his glory and make us servants living for the world; and the blessing of God . . .

All Amen.

HYMN 449

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deo gracias



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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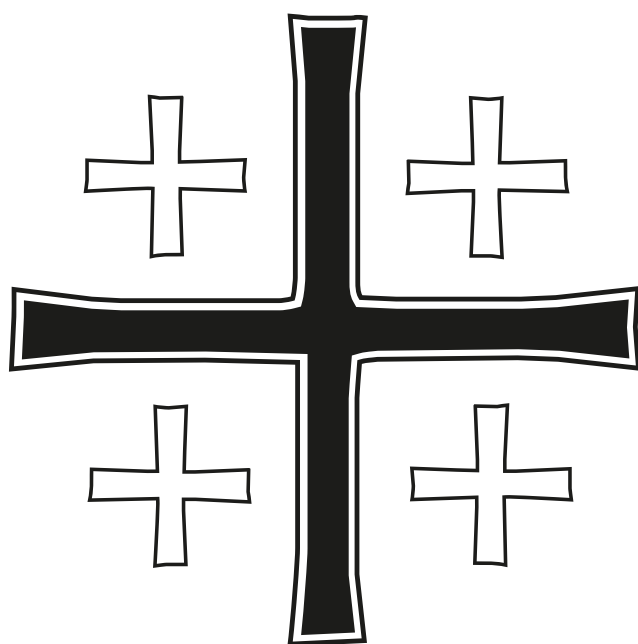
DISMISSAL

Response **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Love, How Deep

setting by Kristina Langlois



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten evening prayer & soup dinner

Our special Lenten musical offering this year will be a prayer service held each Wednesday in March in the Chancel area. This service will temporarily take the place of lay-led Evening Prayer, which will reconvene in April. We will start each Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall with a simple soup-and-bread supper at 5:30 pm on March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 6:15 pm in the church.

This simple supper and sung prayer service will be a way to gather and reflect on a more intimate scale than on Sunday mornings. We will learn to sing the service together, with time for meditation, a quiet prelude from Hannah and some Lenten readings. We need volunteers to bring soup and provide hospitality for those suppers; if you can help, please reach out to Hannah at hannahcbrewer@gmail.com or Gloria at glorioa@stmaa.org, or call the office at 503/284-7141.

The Messenger newsletter

Our winter Messenger was mailed out on Thursday, March 2, but it was intended to go out the week before, on February 24. We all know what *that* day was like, with snowy and icy streets, so it was delayed a week. Therefore, some of the information is not as timely as it was intended to be! It is also in black and white, as we try to rein in our color-copy expense. However, it is attached in the eblast in full color, and there are also color versions in the Gallery.

Memorial service this afternoon

A memorial service for Dorothy Fisher—parishioner, mother and mother-in-law to Kristina and Matt Kallen and grandmother to Benjamin, Juliet and Nicholas—will take place this afternoon at 4:00 pm in the Nave. It will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Parish life opportunities

The Women's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, March 11, at 9:00 am. Sam's Billiards, at NE 41st and Hancock, is the location, and no RSVP is needed. Come join the fun!

Open Table is also currently underway. This is a group of folks who meet for dinner at popular restaurants around town. Their next night out is Tuesday, March 14, at Farm House Kitchen Thai Restaurant at 6:00 pm. Please contact Paula Raines at psrmelody@comcast.net if you are interested in attending this gathering.

Welcoming our new rector

As we wait in hope and joyful expectation for the arrival of St. Michael's new rector, let's put our time to good use and create a "Welcome to St. Michael's and to Portland!" notebook to introduce ourselves to our new brother in Christ.

Everyone across the generations is encouraged to participate! We've put together a simple form with a spot for a picture of your household and a few questions to fill out about what you like and value about St. Michael's. This short questionnaire can be found in the eblast and in hard copy at the Welcome Table in the Gallery.

The information you provide will not be published; it is being compiled solely to help the new rector and his family get to know all of us as they transition into a brand-new community. Please return completed questionnaires by Monday, March 27. Email Leslie Sackett, leslies@stmaa.org, or drop off hard copies through the mail slot at the church office.

Parking during tax season

Liebert & Liebert Accountants and Broadway Medical Clinic generously let us park in their lots during off hours. The accountants' parking hours do differ during tax season. As you face that building (4300 NE Broadway), the right-side parking area is leased by Broadway Medical Clinic. So that parking is under the same rules as the clinic's lot. You can park on that side after 5:00 pm on weekdays, after 12:00 pm on Saturday and all day Sunday.

The parking area to the **left** of the accountants' building is under the rules of Liebert & Liebert. Until April 15, we can only use that side on Sundays – not in the evenings and not on Saturdays. And please don't ever park in the four or so spots at the front of the building. Thank you for following these guidelines!



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