

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



Sun and Moon, Nagy Community Center, Budapest, Hungary

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST IN THE SEASON OF CREATION SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S

We manifest joy through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

We embrace resilience by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

We seek justice by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

We live in love through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

We are rooted as an Episcopal Church, honoring our traditions from the creative perspective of our community, learning how to engage the bilingual and multicultural makeup of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us.

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.

Episcopal worship gathers the hearts and prayers of everyone present and involves call and response between the leader and the assembly. You'll find the responses of the community here, in bold type, marked "People."

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! The very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, though some children prefer to remain in worship with their families. Early in the service, school-age children (generally, grades K-5) will be invited downstairs for their Liturgy of the Word, and they return to the gathered community before communion. Coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you. Please sign the guest book by the door or fill out a pew card, and we'll be in touch with you for further conversation. You may also email us using the addresses listed below.

Thank you for coming together!

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.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

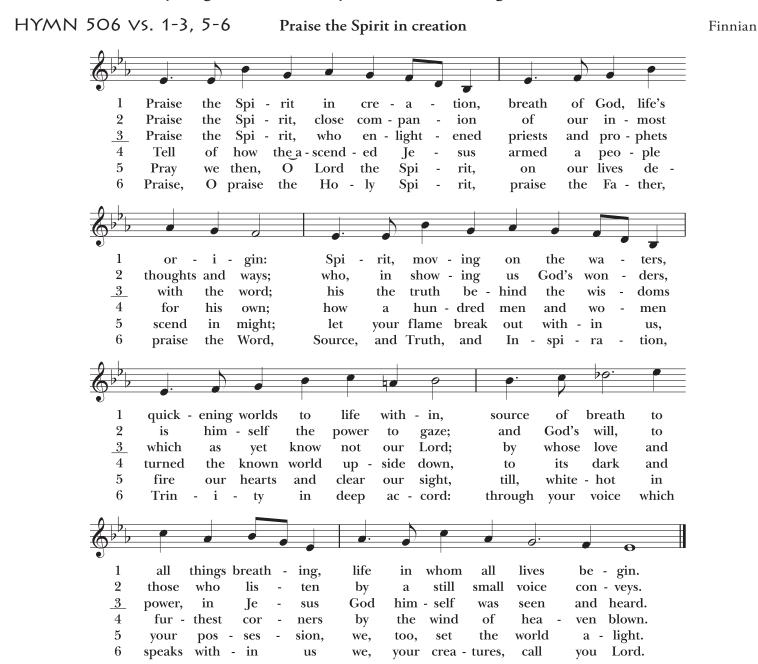
Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (Alone to God in the highest be glory), BWV 662

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.



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OPENING ACCLAMATION

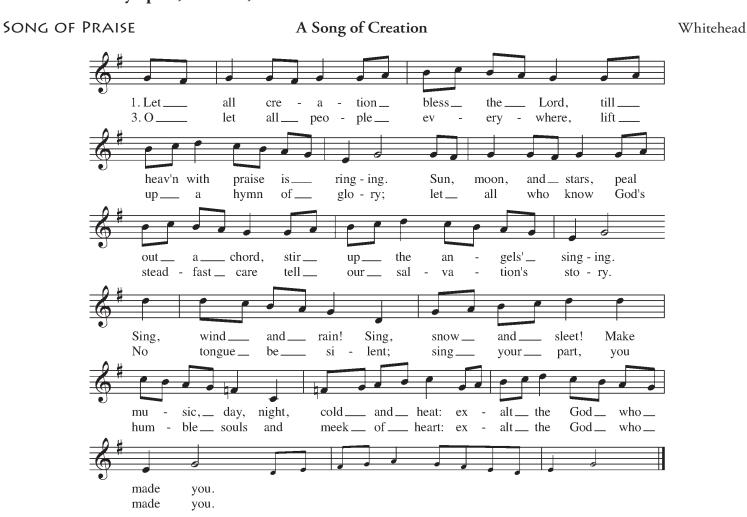
all stand

Presider Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT IN THE SEASON OF CREATION

All Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things, for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Words: metrical paraphrase of Canticle 12, Carl P. Daw, Jr.; Music: Whitehead, William Bradley Roberts

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Prayers for an Inclusive Church

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of the Church, you call a broken people around your table: In times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ who stands at the heart of our gathering. **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.

THE READING Romans 13:8-14 (CEB) read by Virginia Malone

A reading from Romans.

Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. The commandments, Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: You must love your neighbor as yourself. Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149:1-7, 9 Plainchant, Tone V.3

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



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing praise to God in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their **Maker**; * let the children of Zion be joyful **in their Sovereign**.
- 3 Let them praise God's Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to God with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his **people** * and adorns the **poor with victory**.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in **triumph**; * let them be **joyful on their beds**.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the **nations** * and punishment **on the peoples**;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment **decreed**; * this is glory for all God's faithful people. **Hallelujah**!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20 (CEB)

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses. But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."

The reader concludes This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ the Word

SERMON The Rev. R. Scott Painter

Quiet for reflection

RESPONSE A Song of the Wilderness Isaiah 35:1-7,10

All say together

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, * the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, * and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, * the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, * and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! *
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."

Then shall eyes be opened, * and ears be unstopped.

Then shall limbs leap like a deer, * and tongues sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness * and streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool * and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The ransomed of God shall return with singing, * with everlasting joy upon their heads.

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, * and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Leader Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Leader In the beginning,

People God was.

Here and now,

God is.

In the future,

God will be.

Leader Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth,

People and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, **and we pray for their well-being.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Divine Physician, where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures, **heal our communities.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially those on our prayer list and those we now name.

All may give voice to prayers for those on their hearts.

God, Giver of life, Hear our prayer.

Leader Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially those we now name.

All may give voice to prayers for those departed.

God, Giver of life, Hear our prayer.

People and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Presider Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

(Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness.) from The Church of England

Presider Let us confess our wrongs to God in the company of one other.

All For our unwillingness to feel the suffering of others, and our readiness to live comfortably with injustice.

Forgive us, O God.

For our self-righteousness that denies guilt, and our self-interest that strangles compassion. Forgive us, O God.

For our abuse of this planet and our exploitation of its resources.

Forgive us, O God.

For our failings in community and our reticence to become involved.

Forgive us, O God.

For the times we were too eager to be better than others, when we were too rushed to care, when we were too tired to bother, when we were too preoccupied to listen, when we were too quick to act out of motives other than love.

Forgive us, O God.

Presider May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Esto les digo

Kinley Lange (b. 1950)

Kaeli Porter, soloist

Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen, se ponen en acuerdo aquí en, en la tierra para pedir, pedir algo en oración, mi padre que está en el cielo, se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre,

allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

Esto les digo, estoy allí en medio de ellos.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also.

Matthew 18:19-20

The Great Thanksgiving

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP, PRAYER 2

Presider The Lord 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.

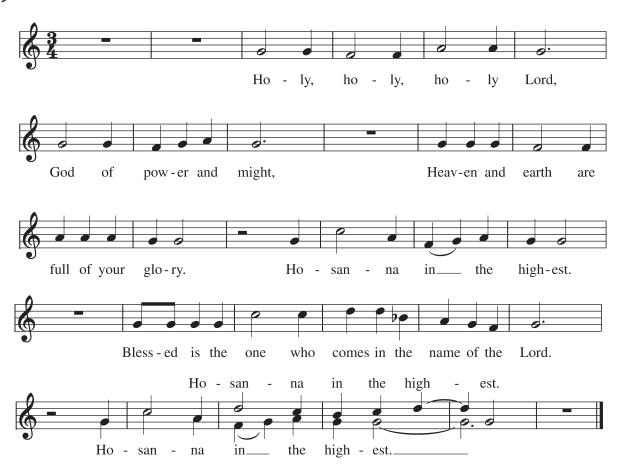
Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before

time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into

being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS



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The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for

you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

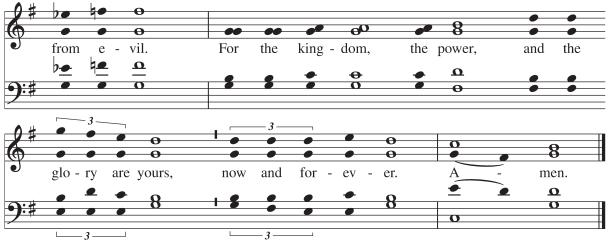
In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As Christ has taught us, we pray,



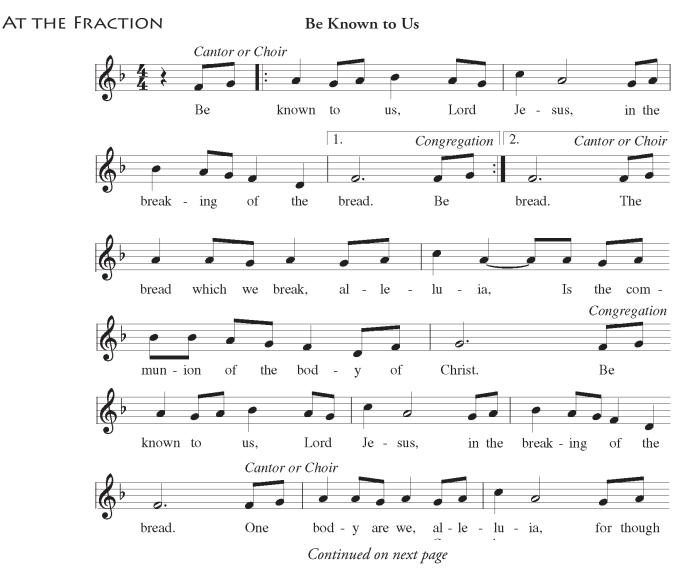


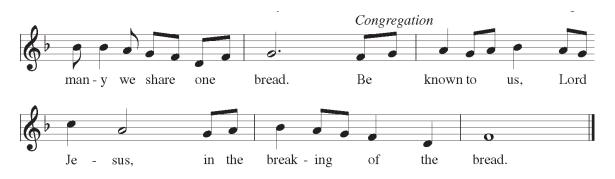
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

All We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.





Music: Gary James (b. 1957)

from the Iona Community

Presider Come to this table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been for a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. After singing "Be Known to Us" please be seated until invited by the ushers to move forward to stand or kneel at the altar.

To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches.

To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other.

To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth. If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

AT THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM:

Love is little

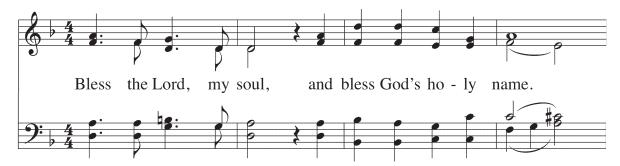
arr. Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

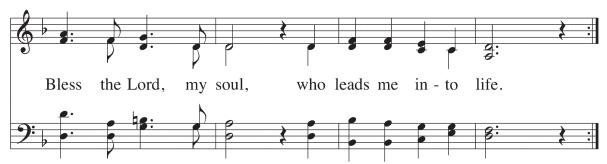
Palmer Haffner, soloist

Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

TAIZÉ

Bless the Lord, my soul





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HYMN 694

God be in my head

Lytlington



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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.

The Prayer after Communion

Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.

People Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who in love has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

BLESSING

HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky





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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

For the fruit of all creation

arr. Jane Holstein (b. 1958)

SERVING TODAY

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Helen Crandell

Nícolas Meneses Ruby Welch

Sundance Henry (one-year term)

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