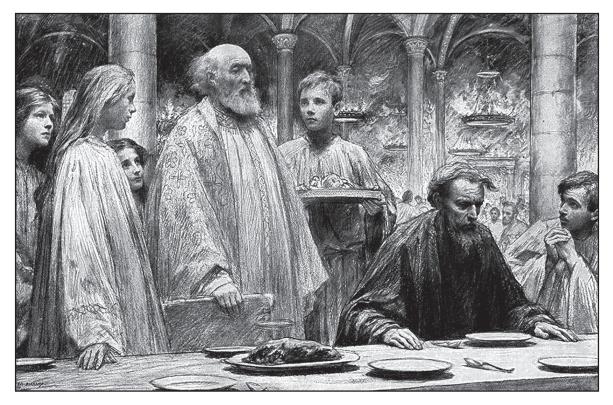


# **ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS** 11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



The Wedding Feast, Eugène Burnand, ca. 1908.

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 15, 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

Prayer at Sunrise

Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

#### A WORD OF WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

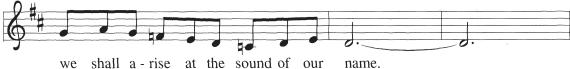
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### HYMN

Gather Us In



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give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Words: Marty Haugen, (b. 1950); Music: Marty Haugen

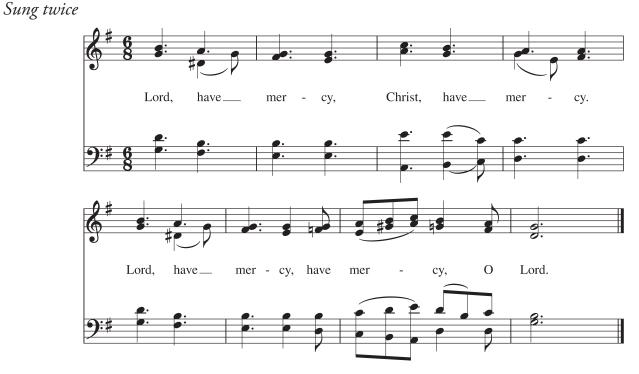
### OPENING ACCLAMATION all stand

*Presider* Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

*People* God is with us; here we find new life.

#### Kyrie

Lord have mercy



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#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Prayers for an Inclusive Church

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray together.

All Living host, call us together, call us to eat and drink with you. Grant that by your body and your blood we may be drawn to each other and to you. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## THE READING Philippians 3.4-14 (CEB)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

Loved ones, I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life.

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

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

### *People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 23 all stand

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



- 1. The Lord is my / shepherd; \* I / shall not be in want.
- 2. The Lord makes me lie down in green / pastures \* and leads me be-/-side still waters.
- 3. The Lord revives my / soul \*

and guides me along right pathways / for God's Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of / **death**, I shall / **fear no evil;** \*

for you are / with me;

your rod and your / staff, they comfort me.

- 5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / running over.
- 6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of / my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord for ever.

## THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22.1-14 (CEB)

All remain standing

*Presider* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

## *People* **Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn't want to come. Again he sent other servants and said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Look, the meal is all prepared. I've butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything's ready. Come to the wedding party!" But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

"The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren't worthy. Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.'

"Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn't wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to his servants, 'Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.'

"Many people are invited, but few people are chosen."

*The reader concludes* This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ the Word

## SERMON

Quiet for reflection

## Response

## A Song of God's Love

1 John 4.7-11

All say together

Beloved, let us love one another, \*
for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, \*
for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, \*
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \*
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, \*
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, \*

and God's love will be perfected in us.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Presider* Merciful God, we lift up the violence and pain in the Middle East. We lift our hearts in prayer, asking you to hear the cries of all people and respond with compassion.

#### *People* Lord, hear our prayer and bring peace to the Middle East.

*Leader* For all nations and leaders involved in the conflicts, we pray for wisdom and discernment: may they pursue paths of peace through justice, and reconciliation in truth, seeking the well-being of all people, especially those affected by violence.

#### *People* Lord, hear our prayer and bring peace to the Middle East.

*Leader* For those taken hostage, who have lost loved ones, who are now under attack, whose homes have been destroyed, who are now without food, water or basic necessities: may you inspire hope and help in the midst of great adversity.

#### *People* Lord, hear our prayer and bring peace to the Middle East.

*Leader* For the peacemakers and humanitarian organizations working tirelessly in the region, and for journalists reporting on these realities: may they know protection, support, and perseverance in their efforts to alleviate suffering and speak the truth.

#### *People* Lord, hear our prayer and bring peace to the Middle East.

*Leader* For a change of hearts and minds among those perpetuating violence, injustice, and oppression, we pray for enlightenment and transformation: may all choose paths of peace, recognizing the sacredness of every human life.

#### *People* Lord, hear our prayer and bring peace to the Middle East.

*Leader* For those of us sitting on the sidelines and watching helplessly: may we have the will and courage to imagine and work for a world of justice for all, being open to new ways of thinking and overcoming the walls that divide.

#### *People* Lord, hear our prayer and bring peace to the Middle East.

- *Leader* We offer prayers this day for all on our prayer list, and for those we name silently or aloud. (Pause for all to offer their prayers.)
- Presider Loving and liberating Creator, send your healing Spirit upon all involved in the current violence and war in the Middle East. Comfort those who mourn or who have been harmed by brutality. Stand with those who are fearful. Protect and provide for the powerless and the vulnerable. Inspire a spirit of forbearance and understanding within all and uphold those who even now work for a just and durable peace. In the name of Christ. Amen.

#### The Confession

A New Zealand Prayer Book

- *Presider* Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.
- All We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.
- Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. Amen.

#### The Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

#### *People* And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### Of Hospitality

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

I saw a stranger yestreen; I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place; and in the sacred name of the Triune he blessed myself, he blessed my house, he blessed my cattle and my dear ones. And the lark said in her song, Often, often, often goes Love in the stranger's guise.

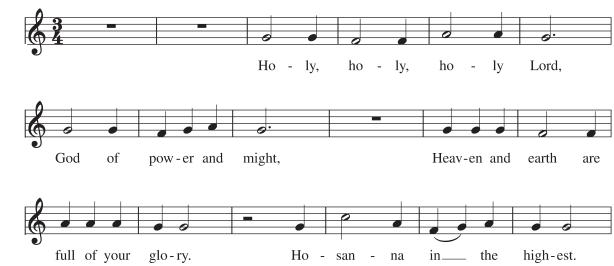
From an old Gaelic rune

The Great Thanksgiving

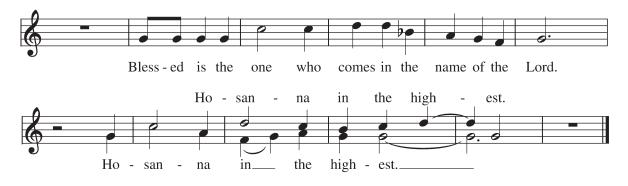
Adapted from Common Worship, England, Prayer

- *Presider* The Lord is here.
- People God's Spirit is with us.
- 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 thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, Holy God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things, and your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:



#### SANCTUS



Music: John Karl Hirten (b. 1956). Copyright © 1995 John Karl Hirten.

#### The Presider continues

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. You embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends; and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of Life.

# *People* When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints, to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

#### *People* Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

#### Be Known to Us



Music: Gary James (b. 1957)

*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.

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM:

Peace

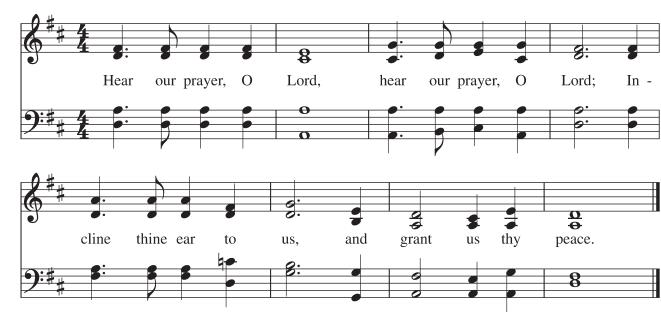
Shaker song arr. Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

Peace unto Zion. Peace, peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father.

When Zion shall be cleansed she shall flourish as a rose. I will walk in her midst and will bless all those with a tenfold blessing. And their sorrows shall cease, for I'll cry upon her walls.

Peace, peace, sweet peace.

Peace to Zion, Enfield, New Hampshire, c. 1851



Hear our prayer, O Lord

Words: George Whelpton (1847-1930). Music: George Whelpton.



Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

#### 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 AFTER COMMUNION

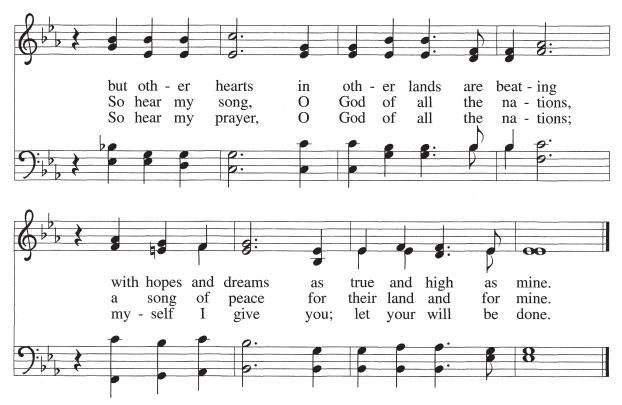
#### Presider Let us pray.

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



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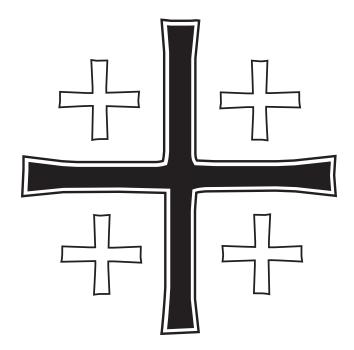
#### The Dismissal

PresiderGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

Song: "Thaxted"

David Blackwell (b. 1961)



Serving Today		Vestry	
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter	Senior Warden	Helen Crandell
Preacher	The Rev. Beto Arciniega	Junior Warden for the Peop	le Sheri O'Brien
Music	St. Michael's Singers	Junior Warden for Facilities	Carl Braginsky
	Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist	Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
Constant	Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director	Treasurer	Dave Reilly
Crucifer	Sheri O'Brien	First Year	Lindsay Gutierrez
Eucharistic ministers	Jana Gregory, Henry Welch		Ann Hargraves
Lector	Steve Flagg		Patrick McLaughlin Susie Silva-Strommer
Prayer Leader	Becky Tooley	C	
Ushers	Paula Raines, John Davis	Second Year	Carl Braginsky Beth llem
Altar Guild	Carolyn Eaton, Sigrid Huston Georg Ann Flagg, Carol Gordon		Sheri O'Brien Thrina Parent
Bread	Gary Davis	Third Year	Helen Crandell
Coffee Host	Patrick McLaughlin Family		Sundance Henry (one-year term) Nícolas Meneses Ruby Welch

The flowers this morning were given in memory of the 1-year anniversary of the passing of Steve Evans, beloved husband of Patti Evans. Patti is in Honolulu, seeing for the first time, Steve's grave, at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Punchbowl Crater. She wanted to honor, in perpetuity, his military service and sacrifice for our country, in the United States Marine Corps, during the Vietnam War. Semper fi.

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