



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 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.

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, 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.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O come, O come, Emmanuel

setting by Christina Shehi

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

all stand

I want to be ready

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "I want_ to be read - y, I want_ to be read - y.____". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords. The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with "I want_ to be read - y_ To walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John." and ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

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1. John said that Je - ru - sa-lem was four-square,
 2. When Pe - ter was preach-ing at Pen - te - cost,

Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John.

1. I hope, good Lord, I'll meet you there,
 2. O he was filled with the Ho - ly Ghost,

Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John. O *D.C.*

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ACCLAMATION *remain standing*

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

TRISAGION *sung three times*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy on us. mer - cy on us.

Setting: Peter Crisafulli.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **God of hope, when your Son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 WORD OF GOD

Please be seated

THE READING **Isaiah 64.1-9 (CEB)**

If only you would tear open the heavens and come down! Mountains would quake before you like fire igniting brushwood or making water boil.

If you would make your name known to your enemies, the nations would tremble in your presence.

When you accomplished wonders beyond all our expectations; when you came down, mountains quaked before you. From ancient times, no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any god but you who acts on behalf of those who wait for him! You look after those who gladly do right; they will praise you for your ways. But you were angry when we sinned; you hid yourself when we did wrong. We have all become like the unclean; all our righteous deeds are like a menstrual rag. All of us wither like a leaf; our sins, like the wind, carry us away. No one calls on your name; no one bothers to hold on to you, for you have hidden yourself from us, and have handed us over to our sin.

But now, Lord, you are our father. We are the clay, and you are our potter. All of us are the work of your hand. Don't rage so fiercely, Lord; don't hold our sins against us forever, but gaze now on your people, all of us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



1. *Hear, O Shepherd* of Israel, leading Joseph / **like a flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-/-**on the cherubim**.
2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-/-**nasseh**, *
stir up your strength and / **come to help us**.
3. Restore us, O / **God of hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, / **and we shall be saved**.
4. O LORD / **God of hosts**, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers / **of your people?**
5. You have fed them with the / **bread of tears**; *
you have given them / **bowls of tears to drink**.
6. You have made us the derision of our / **neighbors**, *
and our enemies / **laugh us to scorn**.
7. Restore us, O / **God of hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, / **and we shall be saved**.
16. Let your hand be upon the one at your / **right hand**, *
the one you have made so / **strong for yourself**.
17. And so will we never turn a-/-**way from you**; *
give us life, that we may / **call upon your Name**.
18. Restore us, O LORD / **God of hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, / **and we shall be saved**.

THE GOSPEL: **Mark 13.24-37 (CEB)***All remain standing**Presider* The Holy Gospel according to Mark.*People* **Praise and glory to God.**

“In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won’t give its light. The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

“Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he’s near, at the door. I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

“But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. Watch out! Stay alert! You don’t know when the time is coming. It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. Therefore, stay alert! You don’t know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. Don’t let him show up when you weren’t expecting and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!”

The reader concludes This is the Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to Christ the Word**

SERMON *pleasee be seated*

A LITURGICAL AFFIRMATION *all stand*

New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *remain standing*

Presider Let us by prayer and intercession, with thanksgiving, make our requests to God.

Leader Gracious God, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray for the honoring of human dignity, and for the relief of the oppressed.
We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of people.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service.

We pray for bishops, ministers, and for the life of this community.

We give thanks for the gift of your word, the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

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People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We pray for this local community and for all people in their daily life and work. We pray for the young and the elderly, for families, and all who are alone. We give thanks for human skill and creativity and all that reveals your loveliness.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We pray for those who are in need; for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved. We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing. We give thanks for human love and friendship and for all that enriches our daily lives.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We especially pray for those on our prayer list, and for those we name silently or aloud.
(*Silence*)

We commend to God's mercy all who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud.
(*Silence*)

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and love of God.

The Presider says (*Veronese Sacramentary*)

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSIO *remain standing*

Presider Let us, in our hearts and with one another, confess our faults and admit our frailty.
(*Silence*)

All **Before God, with the people of God, we confess in our brokenness to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Lord, what a morning

Trad. Spiritual

My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the sinner mourn, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

HOLY COMMUNION

all stand

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift our hearts to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

The Presider continues:

It is right indeed to give you thanks, holy and loving God, through Jesus Christ, the light you've set for us to follow through the darkness. Your whole created Universe sings to you with the life you freely give, and so we join our voices in timeless hymns of praise, singing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, —
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed — is the one who comes — in the name of the
Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Peter Crisafulli.

Presider In your love you made this world, you made us in your image, and you gave us hearts that yearn to seek after you; but time and time again we choose instead to seek after our own gain. You have called slaves, refugees, immigrants, the poor, and prisoners your own people and we have shunned them. You speak through the prophets to call us to your way of truth and justice and we ignore them. When you told Mary not to be afraid, she took it to heart, and so she carried you among us, pregnant with hope for a new world. Jesus, your own flesh and blood, gave the whole fullness of his life for all people. Even as we rejected his peace, he stretched out his arms to us in love and reconciliation.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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 sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit: feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As Christ teaches us, we 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

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

AT THE FRACTION

Lamb of God

Crisafulli

Sung twice

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: Peter Crisafulli.

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 "Lamb of God" 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

TAIZÉ

The Lord is my light

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
God I trust, in God I trust.

Last time

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the Taizé song 'The Lord is my light'. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in'. The second staff contains 'God I trust, in God I trust.' and ends with a fermata over the final note.

Words and Music: Taizé Community.

HYMN

Swing low, sweet chariot

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Fine

Swing — low, sweet char - i - ot, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home.

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see —
2. If you get — there be - fore — I do, —
3. The bright - est day that — ev - er I saw —
4. I'm some - times up and — some - times down, —

1. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. A band — of an - gels
2. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all — my friends I'm
3. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my
4. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. But still — my soul feels

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the hymn 'Swing low, sweet chariot'. It features three systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The second system is similar but includes a 'Fine' marking. The third system consists of a single treble staff with four numbered verses of lyrics. The bass staff for this system is empty.

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D.C.

1. com-ing af - ter me,— Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 2. com - ing too,— Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 3. sins a - way,— Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 4. heaven - ly bound,— Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,

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GOING FORTH

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.**

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

Presider Let us pray.

All **May God's grace be upon these shawls, created with prayers for comfort, healing and well-being. May each mantle be a safe haven, a sacred place. May those embraced by these shawls feel upheld by unseen hands, be strengthened on their way and encircled with God's love in all things. Amen.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

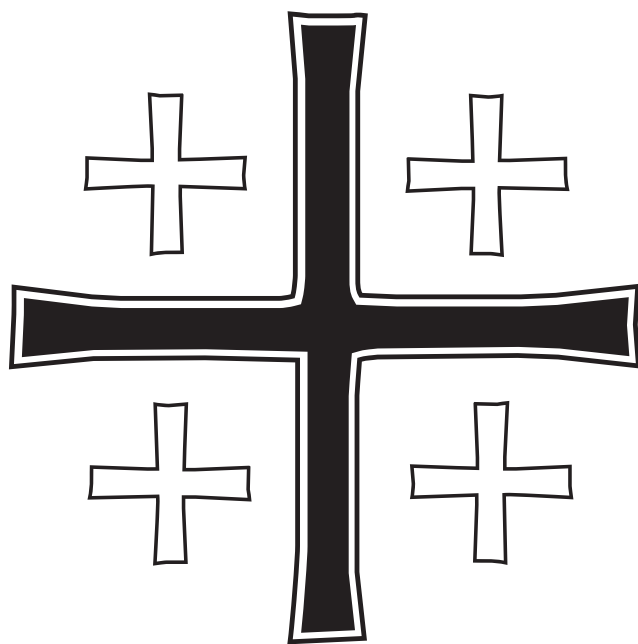
Presider Let us pray.

All **God for whom we watch and wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to greet Christ when he comes. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and shed light before your path; and the blessing of the holy and Triune God, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN IS FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.



Signs of endings all around us

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Words: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944). Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

All earth is hopeful

setting by Lynette Maynard

SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Music	Saints & Singers Choir Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director
Crucifer	Sheri O'Brien
Eucharistic ministers	Lynda Moses
Lector	Virginia Malone
Prayer Leader	Sheri O'Brien
Ushers	Sheryl Fullerton, John Davis
Altar Guild	Sundance Henry, Debra Portugal Barb Mason, Kelly Zander
Bread	Charlene Sabin
Coffee Host	Ann Hargraves, Sheri O'Brien
Eucharistic visitors	Charlene Sabin to Caroline Litzenberger

VESTRY

Senior Warden	Helen Crandell
Junior Warden for the People	Sheri O'Brien
Junior Warden for Facilities	Carl Braginsky
Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
Treasurer	Dave Reilly
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Second Year	Carl Braginsky, Beth Ilem Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
Third Year	Helen Crandell Sundance Henry (one-year term) Nicolas Meneses, Ruby Welch
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