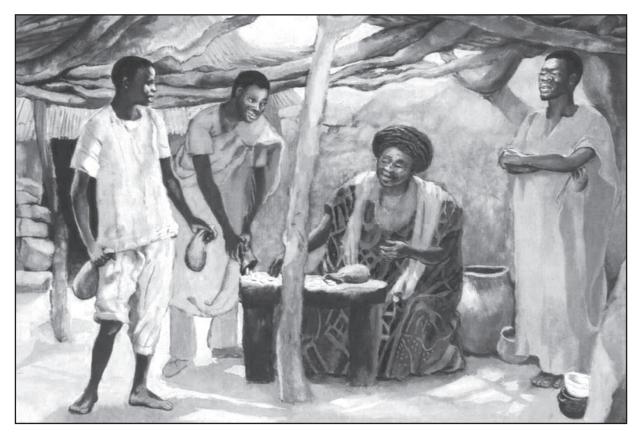


ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



Parable of the Three Servants, or, The Talents, From the Substance, JESUS MAFA, 1973

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 19, 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

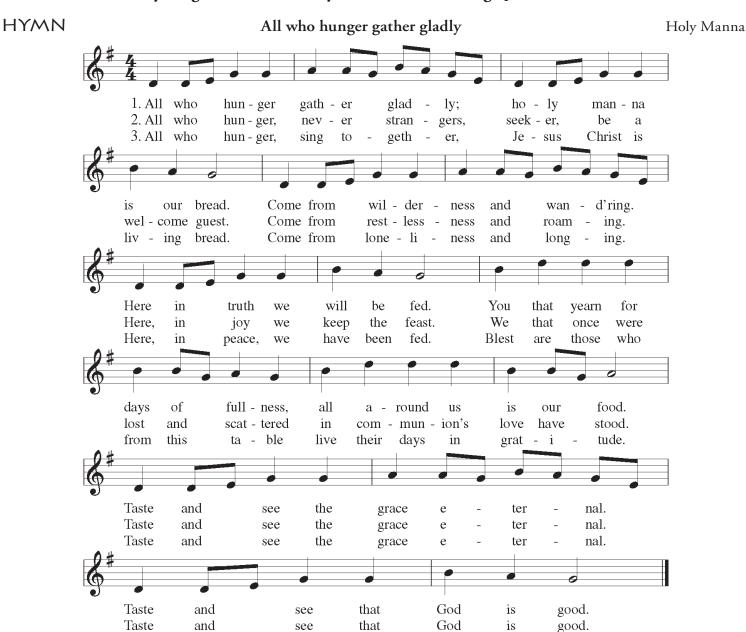
All who hunger, gather gladly

setting by Lynette Maynard

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.



that

God

is

good.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

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Taste

Music: Holy Manna, from The Southern Harmony, 1835; alt. harm., Columbian Harmony, 1825

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

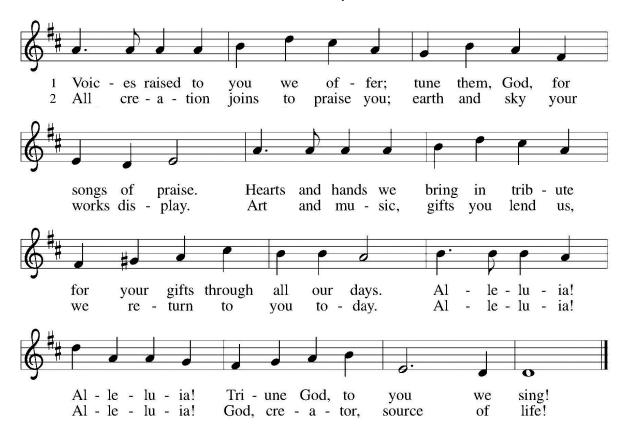
all stand

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

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Voices raised to you



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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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.

> Merciful God, resisting the iron fist which reaps where it did not sow: give us courage to accept your faith in us and compassion to stand with all who are cast aside; through Jesus Christ, who became nothing that we might have everything. 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.

All

THE READING 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from First Thessalonians.

We don't need to write to you about the timing and dates, brothers and sisters. You know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. When they are saying, "There is peace and security," at that time sudden destruction will attack them, like labor pains start with a pregnant woman, and they definitely won't escape. But you aren't in darkness, brothers and sisters, so the day won't catch you by surprise like a thief. All of you are children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to night or darkness. So then, let's not sleep like the others, but let's stay awake and stay sober. People who sleep sleep at night, and people who get drunk get drunk at night. Since we belong to the day, let's stay sober, wearing faithfulness and love as a piece of armor that protects our body and the hope of salvation as a helmet. God didn't intend for us to suffer his wrath but rather to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with him. So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8, 12 all stand

Plainsong Tone VIII.1

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



- 1. *Lord, you* have been our / **refuge** * from one generation / **to another**.
- 2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the /earth were born, * from age / to age you are God.
- 3. You turn us back to the / dust and say, * "Go / back, O child of earth."
- 4. For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when / it is past * and like a / watch in the night.
- 5. You sweep us away like a / dream; * we fade away sud-/-denly like the grass.
- 6. In the morning it is green and / flourishes; * in the evening it is dried / up and withered.
- 7. For we consume away in your dis-/-pleasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful / indignation.
- 8. Our iniquities you have set be-/-fore you, * and our secret sins in the light / of your countenance.
- 12. So teach us to number our / days * that we may apply our / hearts to wisdom.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

All remain standing

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People Praise and glory to God.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey.

"After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

"The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

"Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.'

"His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.'

"People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

The reader concludes This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ the Word

SERMON

Quiet for reflection

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 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.

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**.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How can I keep from singing?

arr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though distant song that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it's living! What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it's giving! No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble when they hear the bells of freedom ringing. When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell, in dungeon dark, our thoughts to them are winging. When friends hold courage in their heart, how can I keep from singing?

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Adapted from Common Worship, England, Prayer G

Presider The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

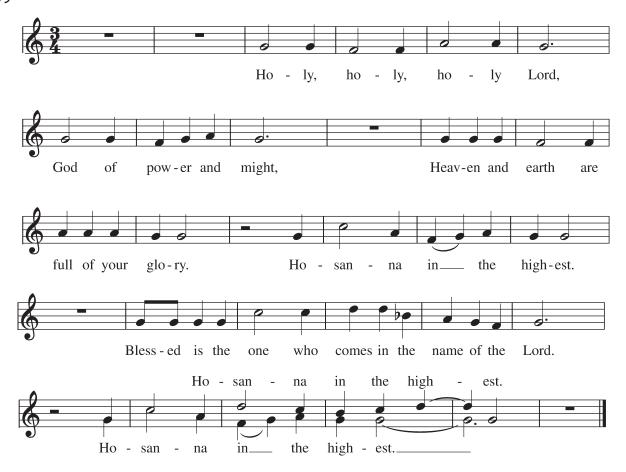
People We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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.

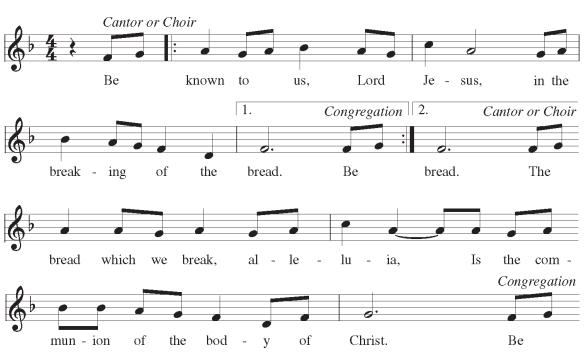
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

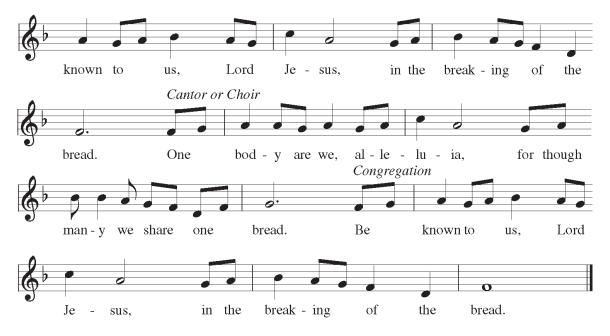
Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

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)

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM:

O Sacred Feast

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

TAIZÉ

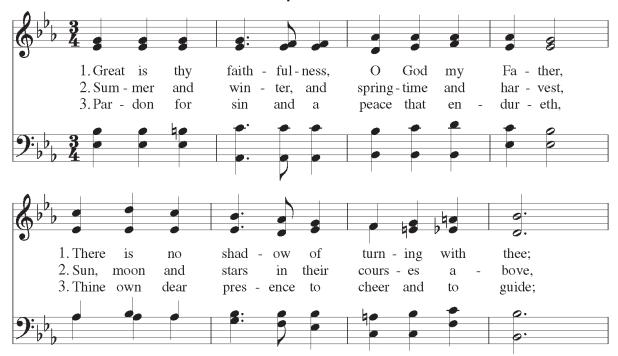
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful



WORDS AND MUSIC: TAIZÉ COMMUNITY.

HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness





Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960); Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

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

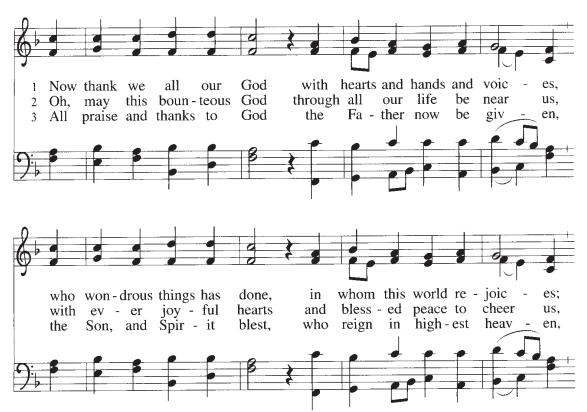
Presider Let us pray.

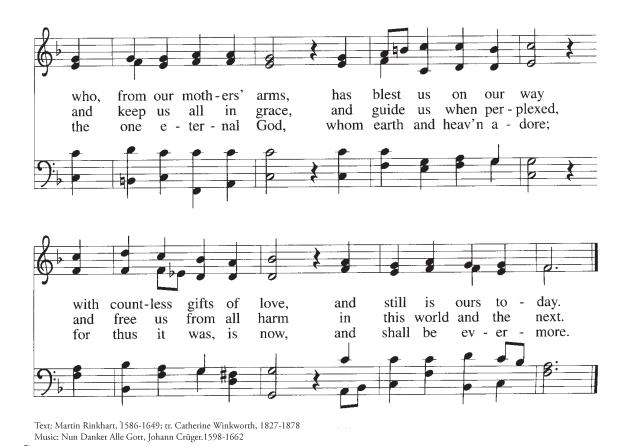
All

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

HYMN 397 Now thank we all our God Nun danket alle Gott





THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ritornello on "Nun danket"

David Schelat (b. 1955)

SERVING TODAY

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Brian Fairbanks. Choir Director

Crucifer Sheri O'Brien

Acolyte Ben Bleckmann

Fucharistic ministers Tim Shields, Cheryl Braginsky

Steve Flagg Lector

Prayer Leader Tim Shields

Sheryl Fullerton, John Davis Ushers

Carolyn Eaton, Sigrid Huston Altar Guild

Georg Ann Flagg, Carol Gordon, Sallie Harrison

Marie Bagwell Bread

Coffee Host Helen Crandell, Lynn Baker

Eucharistic visitors Henry Welch to Doug Neville

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