



# ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 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.

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!

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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.

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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

*Variations on "Comfort, comfort ye my people"*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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 76

*all stand*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

ACCLAMATION *remain standing*

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*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.

New Zealand Prayer Book

*People* **Praise and honour to you, living God, for John the Baptist, and for all those voices crying in the wilderness who prepare your way. May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

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*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.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated*

THE READING **Isaiah 40.1-11 (CEB)**

Comfort, comfort my people!  
says your God.

Speak compassionately to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her that her compulsory service has ended,  
that her penalty has been paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins!

A voice is crying out:

"Clear the Lord's way in the desert!  
Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!

Every valley will be raised up,  
and every mountain and hill will be flattened.

Uneven ground will become level,  
and rough terrain a valley plain.

The Lord's glory will appear,  
and all humanity will see it together;  
the Lord's mouth has commanded it."

A voice was saying:  
"Call out!"

And another said,  
"What should I call out?"

All flesh is grass;  
all its loyalty is like the flowers of the field.

The grass dries up  
and the flower withers  
when the Lord's breath blows on it.  
Surely the people are grass.

The grass dries up;  
the flower withers,  
but our God's word will exist forever.

Go up on a high mountain,  
messenger Zion!

Raise your voice and shout,  
messenger Jerusalem!

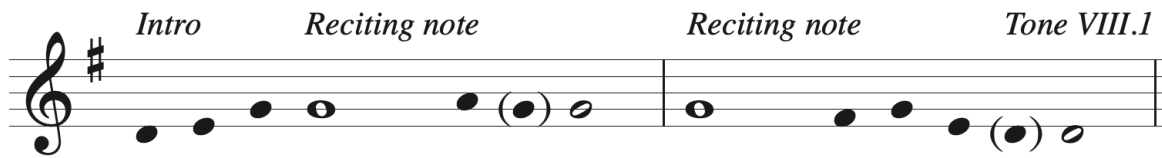
Raise it; don't be afraid;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

Here is the Lord God,  
coming with strength,  
with a triumphant arm,  
bringing his reward with him  
and his payment before him.

Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock;  
he will gather lambs in his arms  
and lift them onto his lap.  
He will gently guide the nursing ewes.

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

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**



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

*People* **Praise to Christ the Word**

SERMON *pleasee be seated*

*Quiet for reflection*

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.**

*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 all who suffer pain and loss; for those without housing, who are food insecure, and who experience addiction or mental illness.  
We pray for victims of violence, war, and natural disaster, and for all in harm's way.  
We give thanks for the peacemakers and advocates who work to make the world whole.

*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.**

CONFESSION *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

*And the glory of the Lord, from Messiah*

George Frideric Handel  
(1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

*Isaiah 40:5*

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 offer thanks to God.

*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.

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*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.*

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# THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

COMMUNION MOTET:

*Advent Message*

Martin How (1931-2022)

Come Lord Jesus, Amen come Lord Jesus.  
O come quickly, come Lord Jesus.


The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
Make straight in the desert,  
A highway for our God.

Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus come,  
Yea come quickly, come Lord come. Amen.


TAIZÉ


## The Lord is my light

Theme I




1. The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in




God I trust, in God I trust. *Last time* 


2.

Theme II



1. The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in



God I trust, in God I trust. *Last time* 

2.

Words and Music: Taizé Community.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

1.-4. *Final ending* **Fine**

1. Make straight in the  
 2. Fill ev - 'ry  
 3. Go up to a  
 4. Say to all

*D.S.*

1. des - ert a high - way for our God.  
 2. val - ley, bring all moun - tains low.  
 3. moun - tain and shout with a loud voice.  
 4. peo - ple, here is your God.

Text: Isaiah 40:3-4, 9; Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

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.**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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.**

## HYMN HYMN 65

### Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran



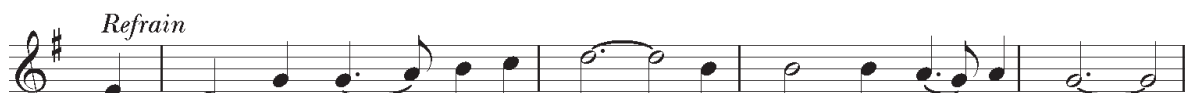
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Swenska Psalmboken*, 1697; harm. *Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan*, 1939, alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

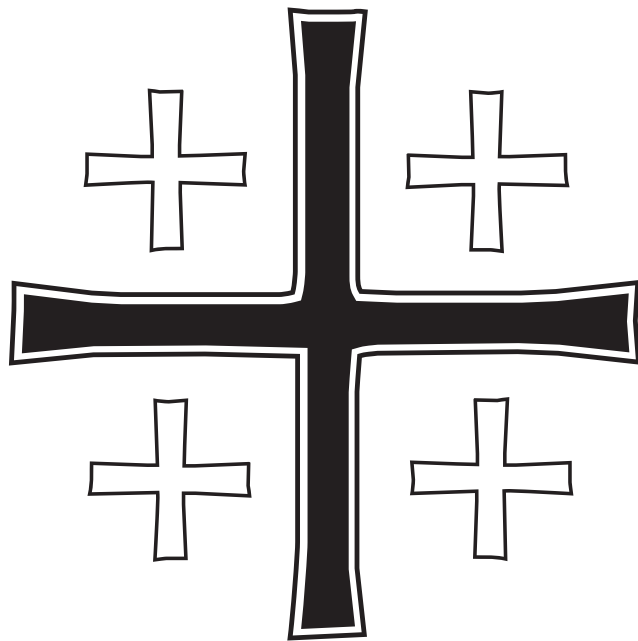
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Winchester New"*

Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)





## SERVING TODAY

<b>Presider</b>	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Patrick Tomter
<b>Music</b>	St. Michael's Singers Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director
<b>Crucifer</b>	Lucy Shields
<b>Eucharistic ministers</b>	Tim Shields, Lynda Moses
<b>Lector</b>	Jan Clark
<b>Prayer Leader</b>	Tim Shields
<b>Ushers</b>	Margaret Weir, John Davis
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jennie Street, Julie Grandfield Kirk Lambert, Lindsay Ramsey
<b>Bread</b>	Christina Ballaris
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Tonie Esteban, Christine Wilkes
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Susie Silva-Strommer

## VESTRY

<b>Senior Warden</b>	Helen Crandell
<b>Junior Warden for the People</b>	Sheri O'Brien
<b>Junior Warden for Facilities</b>	Carl Braginsky
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	Becky Tooley
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dave Reilly
<b>First Year</b>	Lindsay Gutierrez, Ann Hargraves Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
<b>Second Year</b>	Carl Braginsky, Beth Ilem Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
<b>Third Year</b>	Helen Crandell Sundance Henry (one-year term) Nicolas Meneses, Ruby Welch
<b>Diocesan Convention Delegates</b>	Cheryl Braginsky Gillian Butler, Barbara Mason Karen Oglesby, Lynda Moses (Alternate)

*The Flowers today are given In loving memory of my father Stuart Brown,  
and in thanksgiving for my granddaughter Emily, on December 12, both of their birthdays,  
by Sheri O'Brien.*

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