

# ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

9:00 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)

HYMN 67

*all stand*

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

OPENING ACCLAMATION *remain standing*

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

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

TRISAGION

*Holy God*

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

Setting: Jeffrey Smith, *Mass in E*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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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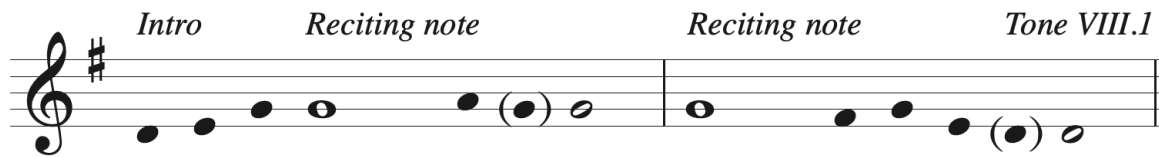
*Please be seated*

THE FIRST READING **Isaiah 40:1-11**

A message of comfort and new hope to God's people.

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

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



1. *You have been* gracious to your / **land**, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good for-/-**tune of Jacob**.
2. You have forgiven the iniquity of your / **people** \*  
and blot-/-**ted out all their sins**.
8. I will listen to what the Lord God is / **saying**, \*  
for the Lord is speaking peace to God's faithful people  
and to those who turn their / **hearts to the Lord**.
9. Truly, God's salvation is very near to those who / **fear the Lord**, \*  
that God's glory may /  **dwell in our land**.
10. Mercy and truth have met to-/-**gether**; \*  
righteousness and peace have / **kissed each other**.
11. Truth shall spring up from the / **earth**, \*  
and righteousness shall look / **down from heaven**.
12. The Lord will indeed grant pro-/-**sperity**, \*  
and our land will / **yield its increase**.
13. Righteousness shall go before the / **Lord**, \*  
and peace shall be a / **pathway for God's feet**.

THE SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

The divine perspective on time can be very different from that of human beings.

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

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

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.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8**

Mark begins with the ministry of John the Baptist.

*At the announcement of the Gospel, the People respond* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Gospeler concludes* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** *please be seated*

*Quiet for reflection*

SUNG FORM OF THE CREED *all stand*

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that  
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -  
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bond - ing all the saints with -  
be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and  
fied; ta - ken from the cross, was bur - ied, true Life there had tru - ly  
in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from  
sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and  
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the  
sin; in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's  
Christ, of the Spi - rit and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx.

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.**

## THE CONFESSION *remain standing*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE PEACE

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

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

## A WORD OF WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

*Please be seated*

## 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.**

## 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*



*Presider* God 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 God our Creator.

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

*The Presider continues:*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow'r and might, heav'n 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, ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Jeffrey Smith, *Mass in E*

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A Period of Silence is kept*

### FRACTION ANTHEM

### Lamb of God

*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: Jeffrey Smith, *Mass in E*

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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 ANTHEM: *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* 

Theme II



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



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

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.

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *all standing*

*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* **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.**

## PROCESSION HYMN 65

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

*Bereden väg för Herran*



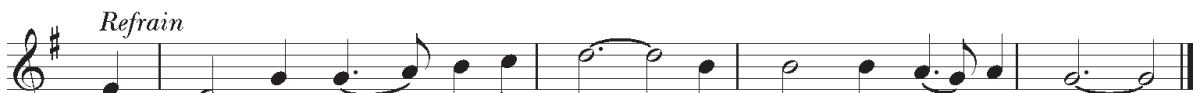
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



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.



*Refrain*  
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

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

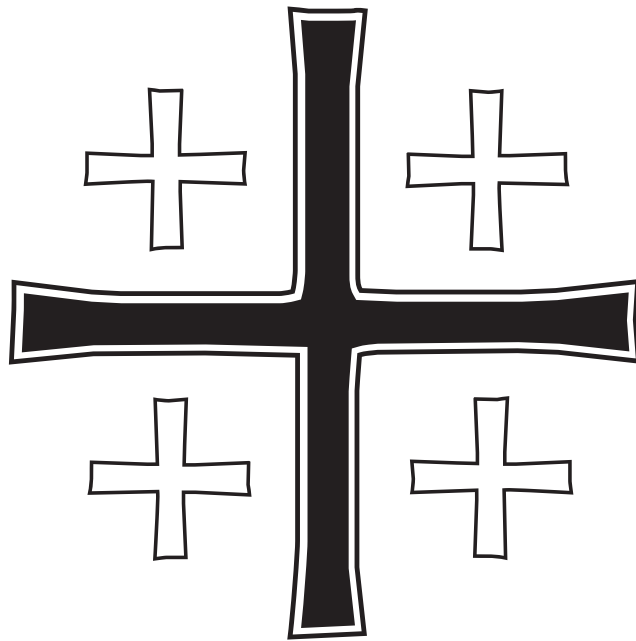
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## 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>	Benji Lighthart-Faletta
<b>Acolytes</b>	George and Charlie LeBaron
<b>Eucharistic ministers</b>	Gary Davis, Marie Bagwell
<b>Prayer Leader</b>	Karen Oglesby
<b>Lectors</b>	Kristina Kallen, Sherri Afryl
<b>Ushers</b>	Elizabeth Rouffy, Joe Afryl
<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>Eucharistic visitor</b>	Sue Harper to June Gravengaard
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Beth Ilem

## 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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