



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 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

Tone Picture: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" Camil van Hulse (1897-1988)

A WORD OF WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

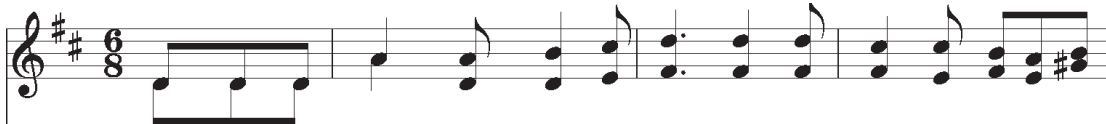
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

all stand

People, look East

Besançon Carol



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). © 1957 Eleanor Farjeon; Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

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 **God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ may come and find a dwelling prepared for himself; through the same 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

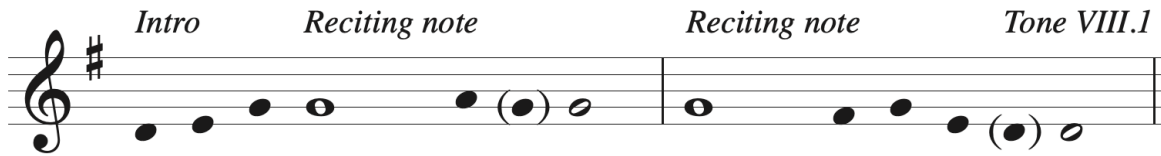
THE READING **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (CEB)**

The Lord God's spirit is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me
to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim release for captives,
and liberation for prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and a day of vindication for our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for Zion's mourners,
to give them a crown in place of ashes,
oil of joy in place of mourning,

a mantle of praise in place of discouragement.
They will be called Oaks of Righteousness,
planted by the Lord to glorify himself.
They will rebuild the ancient ruins;
they will restore formerly deserted places;
they will renew ruined cities,
places deserted in generations past.
I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery and dishonesty.
I will faithfully give them their wage,
and make with them an enduring covenant.
Their offspring will be known among the nations,
and their descendants among the peoples.
All who see them will recognize
that they are a people blessed by the Lord.
I surely rejoice in the Lord;
my heart is joyful because of my God,
because he has clothed me with clothes of victory,
wrapped me in a robe of righteousness
like a bridegroom in a priestly crown,
and like a bride adorned in jewelry.
As the earth puts out its growth,
and as a garden grows its seeds,
so the Lord God will grow righteousness and praise before all the nations.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



Those sent by the Pharisees asked, “Why do you baptize if you aren’t the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?”

John answered, “I baptize with water. Someone greater stands among you, whom you don’t recognize. He comes after me, but I’m not worthy to untie his sandal straps.” This encounter took place across the Jordan in Bethany where John was baptizing.

The reader concludes This is the Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to Christ the Word**

SERMON *please 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*

Deacon 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

"Washington" Magnificat

David Hogan (1949-1996)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me; and Holy is His Name.
And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.
He hath shown strength with His arm;
He hath scatter'd the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath fill'd the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away.
He rememb'ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel;
as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and His seed forever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 1:46-55

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.

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

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:


Rorate caeli

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

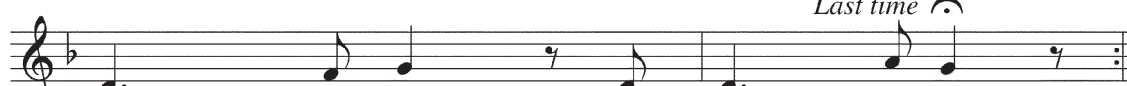
TAIZÉ

The Lord is my light

Theme I



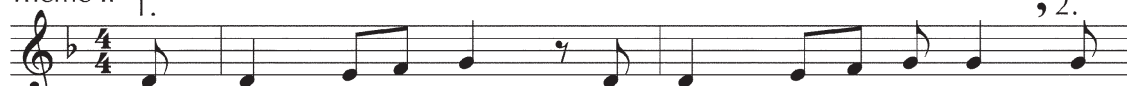
1. The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in




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.

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger

1. I'm just a poor— way-far-ing stran-ger, I'm trav'-ling through this world be -
 2. I know dark clouds will gath-er o'er me, I know my path - way's rough and
 3. I want to sing— sal - va-tions sto-ry, In con-cert with— the blood-washed
 4. I'll soon be free— from ev - ery tri - al, This form will rest— be - neath the

1. low;— There is no sick - ness, toil, nor dan-ger,— In that bright
 2. steep;— But gold-en fields— lie out be - fore me,— Where wea - ry
 3. band;— I want to wear— a crown of glo-ry,— When I get
 4. sod;— I'll drop the cross— of self - de - ni - al,— And en - ter

1. world— to which I go.— I'm go - ing there— to see my
 2. eyes— no more shall weep.— I'm go - ing there— to see my
 3. home— to that good land.— I'm go - ing there— to see my
 4. in— my home with God.— I'm go - ing there— to see my

1. fa - ther, I'm go - ing there no more to roam;

2. mo - ther, She said she'd meet me when I come; I'm just a

3. bro - thers, They passed be - fore me one by one;

4. Sav - ior, Who shed for me His pre - cious blood;

go - ing o - ver Jor - dan, I'm just a go - ing o - ver home.

Words: Traditional; Music: American Folk Song; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

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 **Merciful God, You have fed us in this eucharist and given us a taste of freedom; fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birth of our Savior. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who reigns now and for ever. 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.**

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751); Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816); harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

THE DISMISSAL

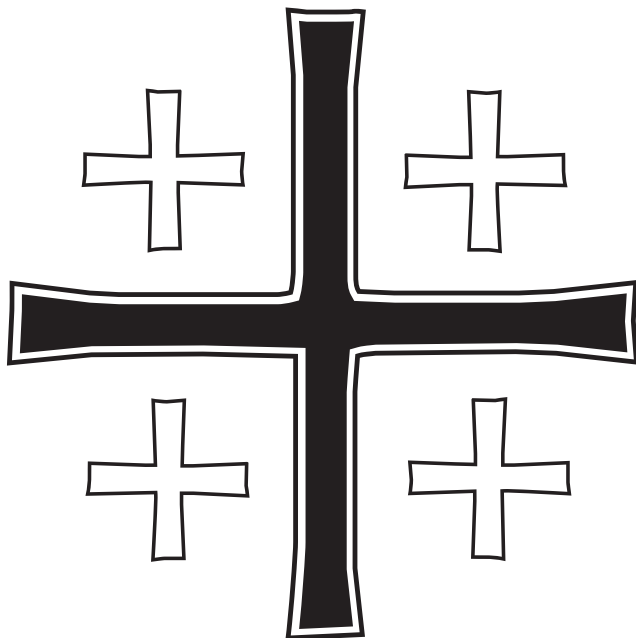
Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Merton"

David Thorne (b. 1950)



SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Deacon	The Rev. Marla McGarry-Lawrence
Music	St. Michael's Singers (sopranos & altos) Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director
Crucifer	Sheri O'Brien
Eucharistic ministers	Jana Gregory
Lector	Sheri O'Brien
Prayer Leader	Virginia Malone
Ushers	John Davis, Barbara Mason
Altar Guild	Carolyn Eaton, Sigrid Huston Georg Ann Flagg, Carol Gordon
Bread	Marie Bagwell
Coffee Host	Patrick McLoughlin family
Eucharistic visitors	Charlene Sabin to Caroline Litzenberger Henry Welch to Doug Neville Tim Sackett to Jan Acord

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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