



# ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

9:00 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!

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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

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

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).

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, 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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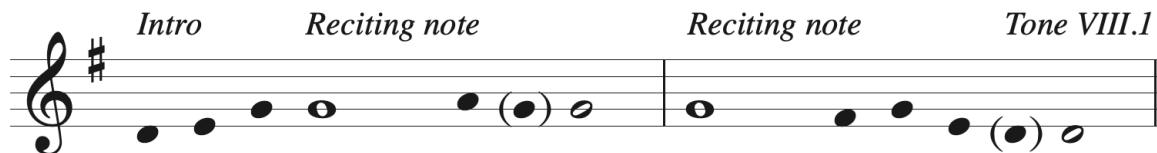
*Please be seated*

THE FIRST READING **Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11**

The principle of justice is to guide the nation of Israel, and they are to understand that it is none other than God who is an advocate for the poor, the oppressed, the downtrodden, and the brokenhearted.

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

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



1. *When the LORD* restored the fortunes of / **Zion,** \*  
then were / **we like those who dream.**
2. Then was our mouth filled with / **laughter,** \*  
and our / **tongue with shouts of joy.**
3. Then they said among the / **nations,** \*  
“The LORD has / **done great things for them.**”
4. The LORD has done great / **things for us,** \*  
and / **we are glad indeed.**
5. Restore our fortunes, O / **LORD,** \*  
like the watercourses / **of the Negev.**
6. Those who sowed with / **tears** \*  
will / **reap with songs of joy.**
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying / **the seed,** \*  
will come again with joy, / **shouldering their sheaves.**

#### THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

As he concludes his letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul exhorts the new converts to live joyfully and prayerfully in readiness for the Lord’s coming.

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

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



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God — en - du - reth, the —



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The —  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they — per - ish, like  
 feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!  
 na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;  
 lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt.; Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

**GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

The fourth evangelist firmly characterizes the mission of John the Baptist: he is the forerunner and witness to the Christ.

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

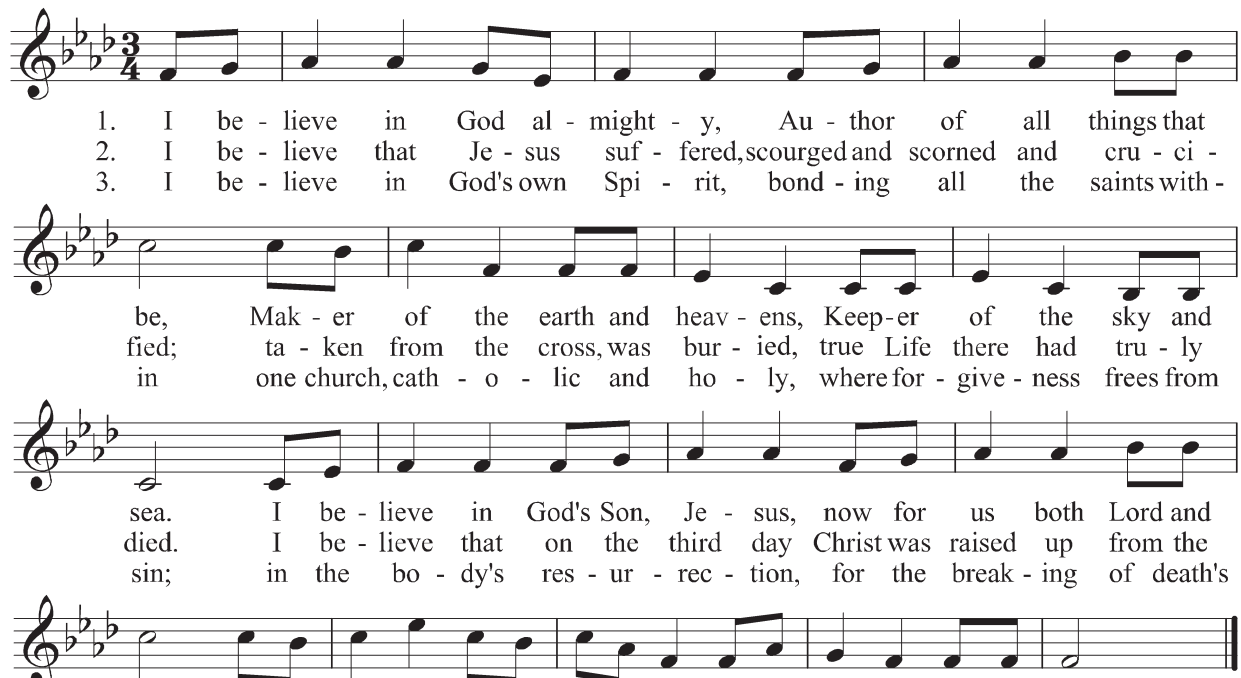
*Gospeler concludes* The Gospel of the Lord.

*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*

*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.**

## 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

*Of the Father's love begotten*

13th Century Plainsong  
arr. Edwin T. Childs (b. 1945))

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;  
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven, adore him, angel hosts, his praises sing,  
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving: and unwearied praises be:  
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore!

*Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century, tr. John M. Neale, 1854*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*all stand*

BCP Prayer A (Expansive Language)

*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 VOLUNTARY:

*Rorate caeli*

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

TAIZÉ

The Lord is my light

Theme I

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

God I trust, in God I trust.

Theme II

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

God I trust, in God I trust.

Words and Music: Taizé Community.

HYMN 69

What is the crying at Jordan?

St. Mark's, Berkeley

1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who

2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -

3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to

4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in

hears, O God, the — pro - phe - cy? Dark is the

pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in

see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -

joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -

sea - son, dark our hearts and shut — to mys - ter - y.

dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.

mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.

self in - to our lives; O let — sal - va - tion dawn!

Words: Carol Christopher Drake (b. 1933), alt. Copyright © 1971, Carol C. Stone. Music: *St. Mark's, Berkeley*, Irish melody from *Danta De: Hymns to God, Ancient and Modern*; harm. Norman Mealy (1923-1987).

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* **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 one, holy and Triune God, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.  
Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

## THE DISMISSAL

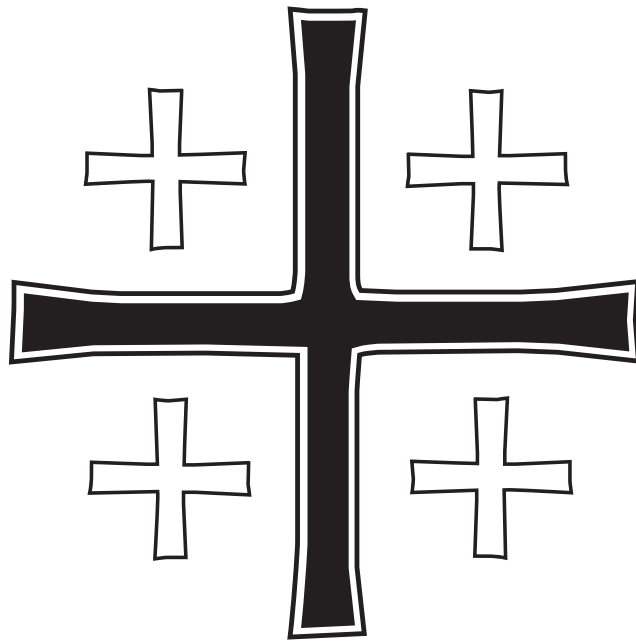
*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "Merton"*

David Thorne (b. 1950)



## SERVING TODAY

<b>Presider &amp; Preacher</b>	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Marla McGarry-Lawrence
<b>Music</b>	St. Michael's Singers (tenors & basses) Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director
<b>Crucifer</b>	Gayle Morris
<b>Acolytes</b>	
<b>Eucharistic ministers</b>	Jim Robbins, Gary Davis
<b>Prayer Leader</b>	Dave Reilly
<b>Lectors</b>	Leslie Kowash, Elizabeth Rouffy
<b>Ushers</b>	Karen Oglesby, Dan Bagwell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carolyn Eaton, Sigrid Huston Georg Ann Flagg, Carol Gordon
<b>Bread</b>	Marie Bagwell
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Patrick McLoughlin family
<b>Eucharistic visitor</b>	Gayle Morris to Mary Louise Lamb

## 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)

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