



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



Nativity, Frank Wesley, 20th Century

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 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

Once in Royal David's City

arr. Rodney Abriol

A WORD OF WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MILESTONES

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 87

all stand

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

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with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

ACCLAMATION *remain standing*

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

SONG OF PRAISE 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **Son of God, Child of Mary, born in the stable at Bethlehem: be born again to us this day; that we and all the world may know the wonder of your love. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen.**

Please be seated

THE READING Isaiah 57:7-10 (CEB)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of a messenger who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God rules!"

Listen! Your lookouts lift their voice; they sing out together! Right before their eyes they see the Lord returning to Zion.

Break into song together, you ruins of Jerusalem!

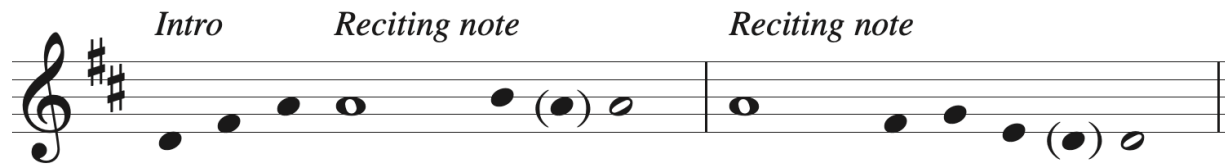
The Lord has comforted his people and has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm in view of all the nations; all the ends of the earth have seen our God's victory.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



- 1 *Sing to the Lord a / new song, **
for God has done / **marvelous things.**
- 2 With God's right hand and / **holy arm ***
has the Lord won for God's / **self the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known this / **victory; ***
God's righteousness has the Lord openly shown in the sight / **of the nations.**
- 4 The Lord remembers God's mercy and faithfulness to the house of / **Israel, ***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the vic-/-**tory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you / **lands; ***
lift up your voice, / **rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the / **harp, ***
with the harp / **and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the / **horn ***
shout with joy before the / **Sovereign, the Lord.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is / **in it, ***
the lands and / **those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers / **clap their hands, ***
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when God / **comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall the Lord / **judge the world ***
and the peo-/-**ples with equity.**

THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-14 (CEB)

All remain standing

Presider The Holy Gospel according to John.

People **Praise and glory to God.**

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, those who

believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God.

The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The reader concludes This is the Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to Christ the Word**

SERMON *please be seated*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Daily Prayers for All Seasons

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: As Christmas fills the earth with the good news of the Word made flesh, let our prayer embrace the needs of all God's children.

Leader: Let us pray for the church's worldwide ministry of compassion, that by works of charity and advocacy we may love and serve all in trouble, in need or facing any adversity. God, in your love,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for international efforts to enact justice and make peace, that all nations may gladly welcome and embrace messengers of good news. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are houseless, those in addiction, for those with mental illness, for those lonely and bereaved, for all who find the winter season difficult or the holidays a burden, that we may be for them the instruments of Christ's light and life. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for families unable to reunite for the holidays, for homes gladdened by children, and for hearts made joyful in friendship, that all may bless God who comforts and sustains us. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all of us, friends and strangers, one community gathered together in prayer and in Spirit, that we may remember one another in the light of Christ. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our all departed, that they may see Christ now in the fullness of his glory. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us remember those on our prayer and lift other needs and concerns to God.

(Pause)

Presider: We pray through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE PEACE

All standing, the Presider then says to the People:

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SOLO

Wexford Carol

Irish traditional arr. Brian Fairbanks

Brian Fairbanks, soloist

Good people all, this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done,
In sending his beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray
To God with love this Christmas Day;
In Bethlehem upon that morn
There was a blessed Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
To whom God's angels did appear,
Which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare and go," the angel said,
"To Bethlehem, be not afraid;
For there you'll find, this happy morn,
A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."

With thankful hearts and joyful minds
the shepherds went the babe to find,
And as God's angel had foretold,
They did our Savior Christ behold.
Within a manger he was laid,
And by his side the virgin maid,
Attending on the Lord of life,
Who came on earth to end all strife.

With Mary holy we should pray
to God with love this Christmas day;
In Bethlehem upon that morn
There was a blessed Messiah born.

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

Christ our Passover

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

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 the Fraction Anthem 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 SOLO

I wonder as I wander

arr. John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

Palmer Haffner, soloist

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.
When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.

But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.
If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,

A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

1 In the bleak mid-winter, frost-y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor—earth sus-tain;
 3 An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there,
 4 What—can I give him, poor—as I am?

earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign;
 cher-u-bim and se-ra-phim throng-ed the air;
 If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal-len, snow on snow, snow—on—snow,
 in the bleak mid-winter a sta-ble-place suf-ficed
 but his mo-ther on-ly, in her maid-en bliss,
 if I were a wise-man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid-winter, long a-go.
 the Lord—God in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.
 wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

GOING FORTH

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **Holy God, the child born for us is the Savior of the world. May the one who made us to be your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

May Christ, by whose Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of God, holy and undivided Trinity, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 99

Go tell it on the mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967)

Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "In dulci jubilo," BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2023

In thanksgiving for our family, by Joe & Sherri Afryl

In gratitude for all the years of happy family Christmases, by Carl & Cheryl Braginsky

In memory of all those killed in Gaza, Ukraine, Russia and Israel, and in thanksgiving for my health recovery, by Jan Clark

In memory of Victor & Mary Curtin, and Elizabeth "Liddy" Curtin, by Bill Curtin

In thanksgiving for the 38th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, by Scott Dolph

In memory of Steve Evans, Fred & Elizabeth Evans, and Shig & May Horio, by Patti Evans

In thanksgiving for the life and sheer goodness of Janet Kneeland, by Lynda Garner & Amy Valentine

In memory of the Belgian merchant seamen who perished in WWII, by Jean-Rene Goslain

In thanksgiving for Emily, Maya, Jacob & Kate, by Jack & Sue Harper

In thanksgiving for my family and the wonderful people I have met in Portland, by Sally Harrison

In memory of my parents, Bill & Lavina Hoeffler, and my beloved sister, Janice Hoeffler McMullen, by Bev Hoeffler

In loving memory of Nell Adele Rehm, by Terrie Ingram and the Rehm family

In memory of Gladys & Lee Jacoby, by Lee & Pam Jacoby

In memory of Joann Muntzel, and in thanksgiving for Soryn Lee, Joanne's great-granddaughter, by Jan Jenkins

In memory of Dorothy Fisher, by the Kallen family

In memory of Carol Lovelock, Penny's sister, and my sister, Carol Hoffmeyer, by Bob Kreinberg

In thanksgiving for new beginnings and new adventures, by Gary Lawrence & Marla McGarry-Lawrence

In thanksgiving for Brian Litzenberger, by Caroline Litzenberger

In memory of Don Johnson, and in thanksgiving for St. Michael's friends, family, Adam & Hannah Jo, by Hjalmer Lofstrom

In memory of Mickey Harnage, by Virginia Malone

In memory of Mary & James Boswell, by Virginia Malone

In thanksgiving for St. Michael's parishioners, by Joan Meyerhoff and Bruce Collins

In thanksgiving for family and friends, by Stuart & Gayle Morris

In thanksgiving for the friendship of Kitt Patten and Karen Schrader, by Jean Morrison

In thanksgiving for the mission and ministry of St. Michael's, by the Rev. R. Scott Painter

In thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rev. Dennis j. Sagun Parker, by Michael S. Parker Sagun

In memory of Sue's mother Nell Rehm, and in thanksgiving for our granddaughter Revna, by JT & Sue Quanbeck

In memory of Kelly Schleigh, by Roberta Recken

In memory of Shelby Reilly and Tommy Green, by Marili Green Reilly & Dave Reilly

In thanksgiving for our family in good health, by Marion & Jim Robbins

In thanksgiving for family and community, by Ed & Virginia Rouffy

In thanksgiving for all of the children in our lives – young and grown, by Stephen & Elizabeth Rouffy

In thanksgiving for Cheryl Howard, by Ed Rowe

In loving memory of Alice Updike Scannell, by John Scannell

in memory of Ken & Margie Spiers, by Bob Spiers

In memory of David Scruggs, by the St. Michael's staff

In memory of my wife Pat, my mother Florence and my son-in-law E. Dale Rushton, by Gerry Wilson

SERVING TODAY

Presider	The Rev. Beto Arciniega
Preacher	The Rev. Scott Dolph
Soloists	Brian Fairbanks & Palmer Haffner
Crucifer	Lynda Moses
Eucharistic ministers	Henry Welch, Gary Davis
Prayer Leader	
Lector	Jana Gregory
Ushers	Amy Valentine
Altar Guild	Stephanie English, Richard Hartman Josh English, Jeanne Pace
Bread	Charlene Sabin, Dave Reilly

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
First Year	Lindsay Gutierrez, Ann Hargraves Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
Second Year	Carl Braginsky, Beth Ilem Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
Third Year	Helen Crandell Sundance Henry (one-year term) Nicolas Meneses, Ruby Welch
Diocesan Convention Delegates	Cheryl Braginsky Gillian Butler, Barbara Mason Karen Oglesby, Lynda Moses (Alternate)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

DECEMBER 31

10:00 am

Alternative Readings & Eucharist

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