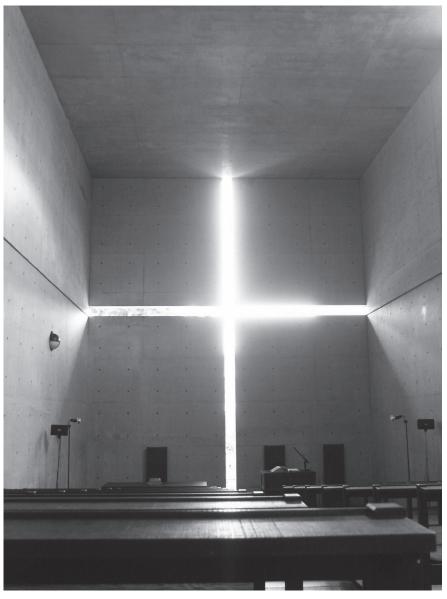


ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



Interior of the Church of the Light, Tadao Andō, 1999

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 10, 2024

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

HYMN

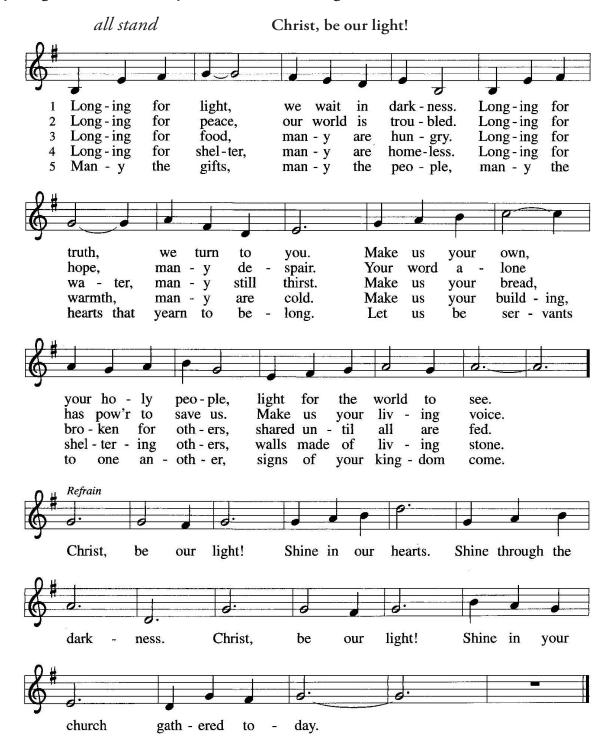
Contemplation on "Wondrous Love"

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

A WORD OF WELCOME

A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND MILESTONES

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.



A PENITENTIAL ORDER

remain standing

Presider Create in us a clean heart, O God.

People And renew a right spirit within us.

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Merciful God, you have made this world and us in your image: through Jesus and the prophets you have called us to your generosity, by the power of the Spirit you reform us in your ways.

With your help we strive to resist the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy your creation, and yet we are still complicit in the misuse and wasting of what we have.

People Forgive us as we forgive each other.

Presider With your help we strive to respect the dignity of every human being, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving you and our neighbor as ourselves, and yet we still fail, causing others to suffer.

People Forgive us as we forgive each other.

Presider With your help we strive to share the good news of your presence with us, in words and in action, and yet we often keep your grace to ourselves.

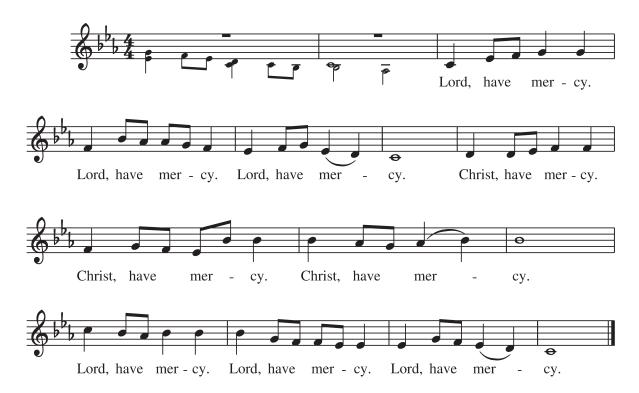
People Forgive us as we forgive each other.

The Presider says

By the power of the infinite mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ all your sins are forgiven, and by the power of God's Holy Spirit you are strengthened to be God's people of mercy in the world.

People Amen.

KYRIE



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray together. Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, 2002 alt.

People

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy. When we resist your holy call and walk in disobedience, soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, so that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us, and raising us up into your eternal presence. 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 Ephesians 2:1-10 (CEB)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

At one time you were like a dead person because of the things you did wrong and your offenses against God. You used to live like people of this world. You followed the rule of a destructive spiritual power. This is the spirit of disobedience to God's will that is now at work in persons whose lives are characterized by disobedience. At one time you were like those persons. All of you used to do whatever felt good and whatever you thought you wanted so that you were children headed for punishment just like everyone else.

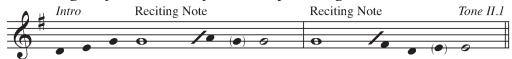
However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus. God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus.

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The choir or cantor will sing the first verse. All join in the following verses.



- 1. *Give thanks to* the Lord, / **who is good**, * whose mercy endures / **for ever**.
- 2. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed / proclaim * that God redeemed them from the hand / of the foe.
- 3. God gathered them out of the / lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and / from the south.
- 17. Some were fools and took to re-/-bellious ways; * they were afflicted because / of their sins.
- 18. They abhorred all manner / of food * and drew near / to death's door.
- 19. Then they cried to the Lord in their / trouble, * and God delivered them / from their distress.
- 20. God sent forth the word and / healed them * and saved them / from the grave.
- 21. Let them give thanks for the mercy of / God * and the wonders the Lord does for / God's children.
- 22. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks-/-giving * and recount the deeds of God / with shouts of joy.

THE GOSPEL John 3:14-21 (CEB)

All remain standing

The Deacon or Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

"This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

The reader concludes The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

Quiet for reflection

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH all stand

Daily Prayers for all Seasons

We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant, so we commit ourselves to serve others.

We believe that God is love, so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit, so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.

We believe that God is the light of life, so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.

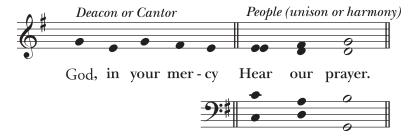
We believe that the Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of abundant life in the world God loves.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE remain standing

The Deacon or Priest says

Let us pray to the God who is always with us, in whom we live and move and have our being, and in whom we place our trust and hope.

Leader Ever-present God, you see and speak to each of us. You grieve over our pain and failings and rejoice in our goodness and joy. You guide us to an abundant and generous life. Help us listen and be transformed by your love and counsel.



Leader Ever-compassionate God, open our eyes to see the pain, fear or desperation of those in our community who are ill, lonely, addicted, bullied, exploited, oppressed, hungry or homeless. Open our hands and hearts to share the compassion and love of Jesus. Let us name all who need our prayers, silently or aloud.

Cantor God, in your mercy All Hear our prayer.

Leader Ever-creating God, give us reverence for the earth, your own glorious creation; and grant us hearts to care for its resources rightly, as you have trusted us to do.

Cantor God, in your mercy All Hear our prayer.

Leader Ever-loving God, we pray for peace, and for the will of governments, politicians and ordinary people to resolve their differences without resorting to violence. We pray especially for those who have suffered injury, loss of homes, life and livelihood as a result of the wars in the Middle East, Ukraine and other places in the world. Comfort those who grieve the loss or harm of friends, family and freedom. We remember all who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud. (A moment of silence is kept for those offering their prayers)

Cantor God, in your mercy All Hear our prayer.

Leader Ever-comforting God, during uncertain and frightening times, calm our fears and restore our trust,

as you continue to guide and strengthen us, individually and in our ministries at St. Michael's, in

your transformative work in the world.

Cantor God, in your mercy All Hear our prayer.

Presider Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see, ears to

hear, hearts to understand, and wills to courageously do what you call us to do. 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 Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt (For God so loved the world)

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, dass er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab, auf dass alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

– John 3:16

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

all stand

Eucharistic Prayers (Sam Wells and Abigail Kocher)

Presider The Lord 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.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give our thanks to you, Holy One on high, for you shaped all living beings and every wonder of creation to bear fruit that glorifies you. In the soil of covenant you planted a life with your chosen people and nourished a family to bless all the earth. When through human faithlessness that life was grieved and barren, you sent your Son to be the soil of our redemption.

Through his resurrection you brought us out of the deadness of sin into the fullness of your fruit-bearing, fruit-sharing life. And so we rejoice with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn:



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Presider

God who summons everyone who thirsts to come, may all who drink from this cup thirst for the wine of your kingdom. As we remember through this fruit of the vine your Son's saving passion, send your Holy Spirit to lead us into life. By your same Spirit, bless this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The Presider continues

God of all flourishing, through the fast of Lent nourish in your church a life that is whole. Give patience to all who abide through long seasons of barrenness and long for new life. Tend and care for any who hunger for mercy and thirst for the day when there is one shared flourishing for all, one feasting with you in glory, when with the saints, apostles, and martyrs, your creation shall be, at last, wholly fruitful in you, one holy God, world without end. **AMEN**

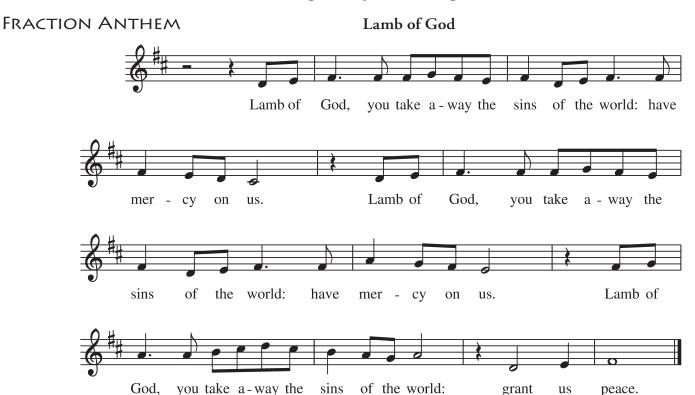
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



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Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 MOTET:

Ave verum corpus

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine; Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine, Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae, Miserere nobis. Amen.

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary, You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for humankind; From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.

TAIZÉ

Remember me Re - mem - ber me, Re - mem - ber me, O Lord, re - mem - ber me.

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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.

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

PRESIDER

Let us pray.

All

May God's grace be upon these shawls, created with prayers for comfort, healing and well-being. May each mantle be a safe haven, a sacred place. May those embraced by these shawls feel upheld by unseen hands, be strengthened on their way and encircled with God's love in all things. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Anglican Church of Canada

Presider Let us pray.

All

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendor of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people



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THE DISMISSAL

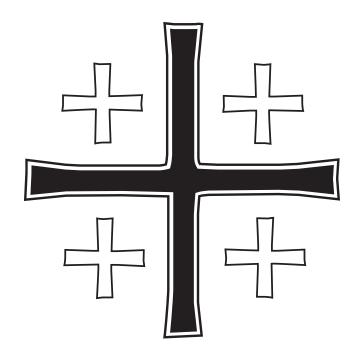
Deacon or priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Introduction and Fugue

Adela Douglas-Pennant (1858-1955)



SERVING TODAY

VESTRY

Presider The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Assisting Priest & Preacher The Rev. Sara Fischer
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Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist

Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director

Crucifer Sheri O'Brien

Eucharistic ministers Jana Gregory, Lynda Moses

Lector Jeanne Pace

Prayer Leader Kenya Cruz

Ushers Alice Hardesty, John Davis

Altar Guild Jennie Street, Julie Grandfield Kirk Lambert, Lindsay Ramsey

Bread Brian Fairbanks

Coffee Hosts Sally Harrison, Lynn Baker

Senior Warden Thrina Parent

Shari O'Prion

Junior Warden for the People Sheri O'Brien

Junior Warden for Facilities Carl Braginsky

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