

# ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

# 11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



Kansas Summer Wheat, James Watkins, 2010

THE LAST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17, 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 When Jesus wept arr. Lynette Maynard

#### A WORD OF WELCOME

HYMN

#### 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.



Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

#### 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. Forgive us as we forgive each other.

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. Forgive us as we forgive each other.

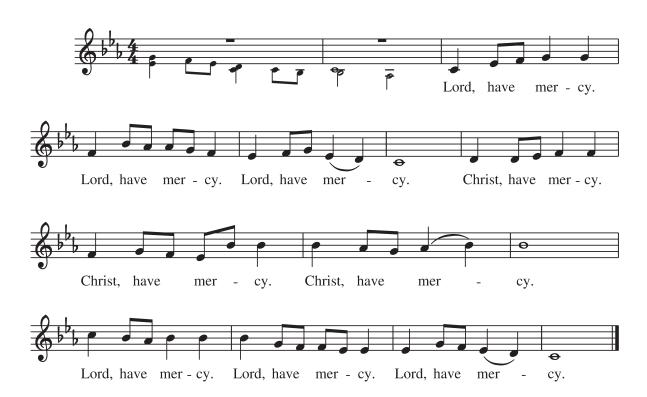
With your help we strive to share the good news of your presence with us, in words and in action, and yet we often keep your grace to ourselves. Forgive us as we forgive each other.

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

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 Hebrews 5:5-10 (CEB)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

You are my Son. Today I have become your Father, as he also says in another place,

You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:9-16

please stand

Plainsong Tone II.1

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



- 9 How shall the young / cleanse their way? \*
  By keeping / to your words.
- 10 With my whole heart I / seek you; \* let me not stray from your / commandments.
- I treasure your promise / in my heart, \* that I may not sin / against you.

- 12 Blessed are you, O / LORD; \* instruct me in / your statutes.
- 13 With my lips will / I recite \* all the judgments / of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of / your decrees \* than in all manner / of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your com-/-mandments \* and give attention / to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your / statutes; \*
  I will not / forget your word.

## THE GOSPEL John 12:20-33 (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.

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

"Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The reader concludes The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

SERMON please be seated

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.

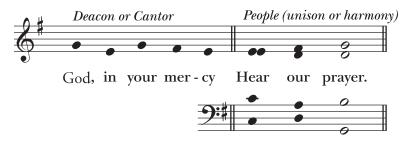
We believe that the Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of abundant life in the world God loves.

## 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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Soon ah will be done

Trad. Spiritual arr. William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

Soon ah will be don' a-wid de troubles ob de worl',

Goin' home t' live wid God.

I wan' t' meet my mother,

I'm goin t' live wid God.

Soon ah will be don' a-wid de troubles ob de worl',

Goin' home t' live wid God.

No more weepin' an' a wailin;

I'm goin' t' live wid God.

Soon ah will be don' a-wid de troubles ob de worl',

Goin' home t' live wid God.

I wan' t' meet my Jesus, I'm goin' t' live wid God. (In de mornin' Lord!)

## 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.

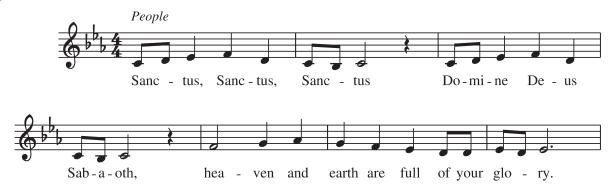
Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### The Presider continues

Glorious God, you created the heavens as the place for your glory to dwell and the earth as the theater for your glory to come among us. You called your people to be a kingdom of priests and your church to be a priestly kingdom. In Melchizedek you show us our vocation to be a righteous people, and in Jesus you show us true righteousness and true majesty. You lift up your Son Jesus in cross and resurrection to draw all people to yourself. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

#### SANCTUS





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Presider Righteous God, when the hour came for your Son to be glorified, he sat down with his disciples and recalled the story of your liberating purpose for all people. We gather as disciples to tell of your liberation in the death and resurrection of your Son. Come among us now, that others may see you in us, and we may behold your glory, as these gifts of bread and wine become for us the body and blood of your Son 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.

## Presider and People

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

#### The Presider continues

Heavenly God, you have glorified your name. Glorify it again today, that those who stand before you with prayers and supplications made with cries and tears may find in you the solace for their aching, the joy of their desiring, and the heart of their yearning. As you lifted up your Son through suffering to resurrected glory, lift up the downcast of the world to find peace and rest at your side and in your heart. Bring all who would see you, face to face with your Son, in the power of your Holy Spirt, until all injustice is transformed by your mercy, all deceit healed by your truth, and all oppression dismantled by your grace, until your kingdom is known on earth, now and forever, one 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.



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Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### The Invitation

From the Iona Community

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:**

## God be in my head

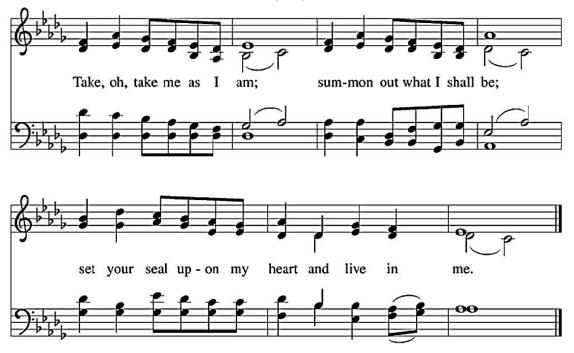
John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

Old English prayer

#### TAIZÉ

#### Take, oh, take me as I am



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 Music: John L. Bell

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## There is a longing in our hearts





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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.

#### 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



Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1987) Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872) The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fanfare on "Olivet"

David Blackwell (b. 1961)

## SERVING TODAY

#### VESTRY

Presider The Rev. SuEllen Pommier
Preacher The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Music St. Michael's Singers
Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist

Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director

**Crucifer** Lucy Shields

**Eucharistic ministers** Tim Shields, Cheryl Braginsky

**Lector** Steve Flagg

Prayer Leader Tim Shields

**Ushers** Barbara Mason, John Davis

Altar Guild Carolyn Eaton, Sigrid Huston

Georg Ann Flag, Carol Gordon, Sally Harrison

**Bread** Emily Smith

Coffee Hosts Susie Silva-Strommer

**Eucharistic Visitor** Henry Welch to Doug Neville

Senior Warden Thrina Parent

**Junior Warden for the People** Sheri O'Brien

Junior Warden for Facilities Carl Braginsky

Parish Clerk Becky Tooley

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Kevin Warren, Ann Wetherell

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Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer

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