

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



PALM SUNDAY - LITURGY OF THE PALMS

MARCH 24, 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.

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.

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 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

A WORD OF WELCOME

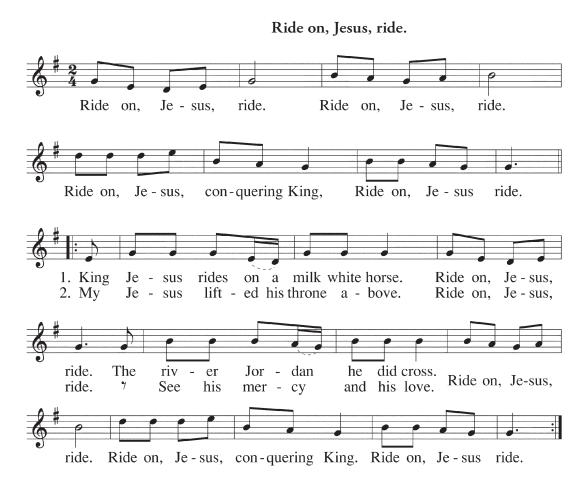
SONG

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

When circumstances permit, the congregation gathers in the courtyard, so that all may go into the church in procession. The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.



African-American Spiritual.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider Let us pray together.

All

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

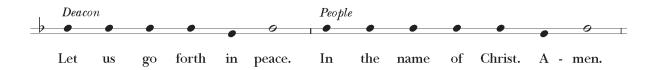
Presider It is right to praise you. Almighty God, for the acts of love l

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!

People Hosanna in the highest!

THE PROCESSION



During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung,

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.

SONG

Hosanna in excelsis



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Text: Jennette Threlfall, 1873

Tune: Gesangbuch, Wittenberg, 1784; image source, Hymnary.org

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray together.

O God of eternal glory, whose servant, Jesus Christ, bore our sins, encouraged the weary and raised up the fallen: keep before our eyes his passion and resurrection, so that our lives may be signs of his humility and victory. We ask this in the name of Christ, our liberator. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant who speaks for the Lord and suffers persecution, but still trusts in God's help and vindication.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:19-29 Plainsong Tone II.1

The choir or cantor sings the first verse. All join the following verses.



- 19. *Open for* me the gates of **righteousness**; *
 - I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20. "This is the gate of the **Lord**; * they who are righteous **may enter**."
- 21. I will give thanks to you, for you **answered me** * and have become my **salvation**.
- 22. The same stone which the builders re-jected * has become the **chief cornerstone**.
- 23. This is the Lord's **doing**, * and it is marve-**lous in our eyes**.
- 24. On this day the Lord has **acted**; * we will rejoice and **be glad in it**.
- 25. Hosanna, Lord, ho-sanna! *

Lord, send us now success.

- 26. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the **Lord**; * we bless you from the house **of the Lord**.
- 27. God is the Lord; God has shined up-**on us**; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of **the altar**.
- 28. "You are my God, and I will **thank you**; * you are my God, and I will **exalt you**."
- 29. Give thanks to the Lord, for **God is good**; * God's mercy endures **for ever**.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

Jesus approaches the holy city of Jerusalem, and his disciples sing praises to God in anticipation of the coming of a new Kingdom of David.

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

The reader concludes The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY The Rev. SuEllen Pommier

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.

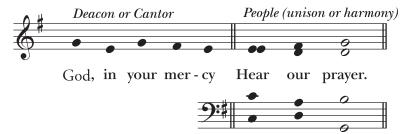
We believe that the Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of abundant life in the world God loves.

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

All stand. The Presider then says to the People:

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sanna Sannanina

Traditional South African

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 our joy and destiny to praise you, Holy God, for in wonderous love you cast stars in space, and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails. With lovingkindness you called your people in Abraham, and in covenant with Moses you bound up your life in theirs. Throughout exile you stayed close to them, and in Jesus you came among them bearing the fullness of grace and truth. Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death, yet in resurrection you exalted him, and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people.

And so we rejoice with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, singing the song of your unending praise.



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Presider

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One. Your Son came on a donkey in your name. As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts and confront our waywardness this day. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be our Son's crucified and risen body in this world. Send your Spirit upon this meal that it may be living bread, and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they may be 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

Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church; on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member; on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love. As you highly exalted your Son who had become a servant to all, highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness or grieve those they have cherished or bend the knee to one who does not honor them. Fill the earth with your justice and peace, until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their desiring, God most glorious, world without end. **AMEN**

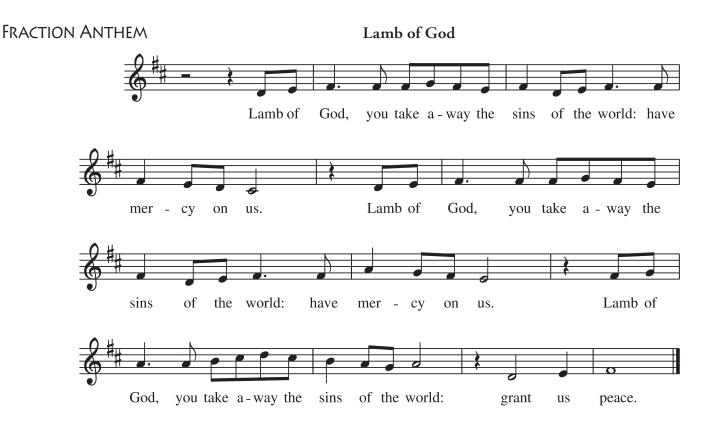
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE INVITATION

From the Iona Community

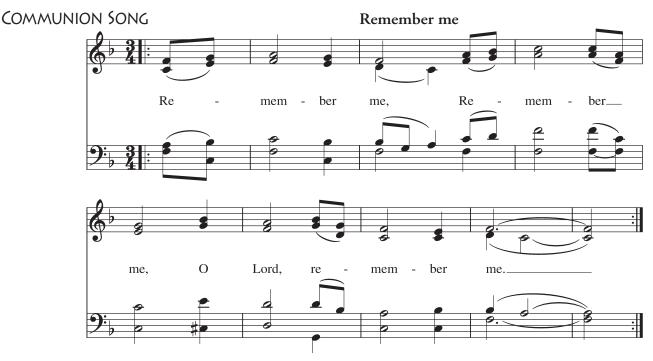
Presider Come to this table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been for a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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.



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Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt. Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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

Presider Let us pray.

All

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people



When Jesus left his Father's throne

Kingsfold



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: Kingsfold, English folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Dismissal

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Ellacombe"

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)



SERVING TODAY

VESTRY

The Rev. R. Scott Painter Senior Warden Thrina Parent Presider Assisting Priest & Preacher The Rev. SuEllen Pommier Junior Warden for the People Sheri O'Brien Saints and Singers Choir Carl Braginsky Music **Junior Warden for Facilities** Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist **Becky Tooley** Parish Clerk Brian Fairbanks. Choir Director Dave Reilly Treasurer Sheri O'Brien Crucifer Joe de Luna, Elizabeth Rouffy First Year Jana Gregory, Lynda Moses **Eucharistic** ministers Kevin Warren. Ann Wetherell Virginia Malone Lectors Lindsay Gutierrez, Ann Hargraves Second Year **Dave Reilly** Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer Prayer Leader John Davis, Dave Reilly Third Year Carl Braginsky, Beth llem Ushers Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent Stephanie English, Richard Hartman Altar Guild

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