

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

9:00 AM



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SAN MIGUEL Y TODOS LOS ÁNGELES

IGLESIA EPISCOPAL

# 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 grounded in the Episcopal Church tradition, expressed from the creative perspective of our community. We are learning how to live into the bilingual and multicultural diversity 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! While the very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, children may 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. Also, coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you! Please fill out a welcome card from the pew, place it in the offering plate when it comes by, and we'll be in touch to get to know you. You may also email us using the addresses listed on the back cover.

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.

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

*Please stand as able*

### HYMN 76

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## THE GREETING

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* You come to your people and set them free.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Please say together*

**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.**

## KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy*

Deutsche Messe

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for two voices, likely soprano and alto, in a key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Lord, have mercy, have mercy.' written below the notes. The music consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.' for both parts.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

## THE 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.

*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.*

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

*Lector* A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

*The voice sings a hymn of joy and restoration, where the prophet calls Zion to rejoice because God has removed their judgments and will dwell among them, renewing them in love, gathering the outcast, and transforming their shame into praise and renown throughout the earth.*

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please remain seated*

**THE CANTICLE**

*The First Song of Isaiah*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Simplified Anglican chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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Surely, it is God who / **saves me**; \*

I will trust in the Lord and not be a-/-**fraid**.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-/-**fense**, \*

and God will be my / **Savior**.

Therefore you shall draw water with re-/-**joicing** \*

from the springs of sal-/-**vation**.

And on that day you shall / **say**, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's / **Name**;

Make the Lord's deeds known among the / **peoples**; \*

see that they remember that God's Name is ex-/-**alted**.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done / **great things**, \*

and this is known in all the / **world**.

†Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your / **joy**, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of / **Israel**.

*Please remain seated*

**THE SECOND READING**

Philippians 4:4-7

*Lector* A reading from First Thessalonians.

*The apostle encourages believers to rejoice in the Lord and to be guided by God's peace.*

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

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

Please stand as able

SEQUENCE HYMN 679

Surely it is God who saves me

Thomas Merton



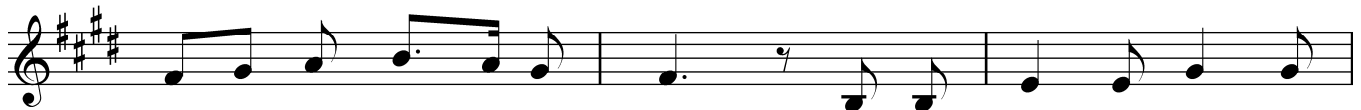
1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



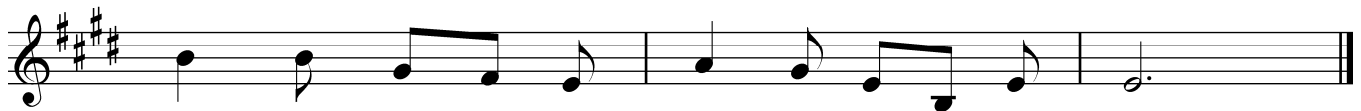
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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*Please remain standing as able*

## **THE GOSPEL**

Luke 3:7-18

*The Deacon or Priest says*

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

*People*     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*John the Baptist calls for repentance, and proclaims the coming of the mightier one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. .*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **THE SERMON**

*Please observe a moment of quiet reflection*

*Please stand as able*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Please say together*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



*Please remain standing as able*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Deacon or Priest says*

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may work to renew all life and share the abundance of the earth in service to one another, and to your honor and glory. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for all on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts or with our voices.

*Pause for the offering of additional prayers.*

In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Pause for the offering of additional prayers.*

In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says*

O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all in need of help; for you are gracious, lover of souls, and to you we give thanks, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

## **THE CONFESSION**

*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**

*The Presider says*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Please greet each other with a sign of peace*

*Please be seated*

## **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.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Presider says the Offertory Bidding*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Anonymous  
(16th century)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Philippians 4:4-7*

*Please stand as able*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 2

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Deutsche Messe

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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. AMEN.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Presider says*

And now, 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**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

# FRACTION ANTHEM

Deutsche Messe

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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## THE INVITATION

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to share in Holy Communion.*

*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.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### COMMUNION MOTET

*Sicut cervus*

G. P. da Palestrina  
(1525/6-1594)

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

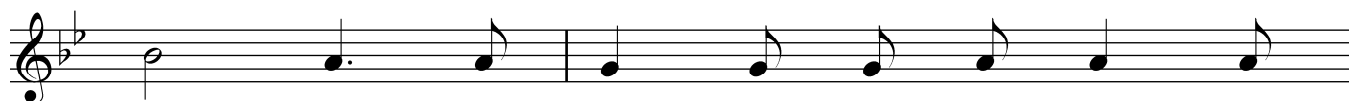
*As a deer longs for springs of water,  
so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

*Psalm 42:1*

### 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!

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*Please stand as able*

### **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 of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **THE BLESSING**

*The presider blesses the people, saying*

Go into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God, holy and eternal Trinity, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please remain standing

**HYMN 59**

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Merton

*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- spect- 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**

*The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, saying*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*    Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Organist	Hannah Brewer
Choir	St. Michael's Singers
Choir Director	Brian Fairbanks
Crucifer	Lucy Shields
Acolyte	Benjamin Lighthart-Faletta
First Lector	Cash Henry
Second Lector	Andy Phelps
Prayer Leader	Becky Tooley
Eucharistic Ministers	Tim Shields, Jim Robbins
Livestream Tech	
Ushers	Kristina Kallen, Matt Kallen
Bread Baker	Charlene Sabin
Altar Guild	
Coffee Hosts	
Eucharistic Visitors	

## VESTRY

Senior Warden	Thrina Parent
Junior Warden-Facilities	Carl Braginsky
Junior Warden-People	Sheri O'Brien
Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
Treasurer	Dave Reilly
First Year	Joe de Luna, Elizabeth Rouffy Kevin Warren, Ann Wetherell
Second Year	Lindsay Gutiérrez, Ann Hargraves Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
Third Year	Carl Braginsky, Beth Ilem Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
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