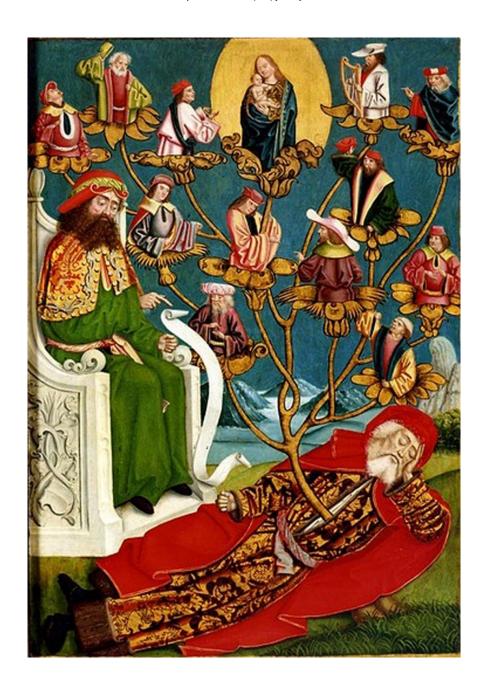
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025 9:00 AM





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.

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. 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 bag 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 page.

St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by Black, Indigenous, 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.

We firmly believe that guns have no place in church. It is our responsibility as followers of Jesus Christ to promote peace and safety in our communities. The presence of firearms on church property is inconsistent with our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being and the vision of God's dream for all creation. St. Michael & All Angels does not permit any person, including clergy, staff, clients, students, volunteers, and visitors, to carry a weapon on the premises of any property or facility owned or operated by the church or the Diocese. This prohibition does not apply to certain exceptions as allowed by law.

(Approved by the Vestry, June 2025)

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Two Chorale Preludes on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" and "In dulci jubilo"

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please stand as able



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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

A COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please pray 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



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A new ruler from Jesse's line will arise, filled with God's Spirit, bringing justice, peace, and healing so profound that even creation itself will be reconciled and live in harmony.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

The Choir or Cantor sings the first verse; All join on the following verses.

Intro Reciting Note Reciting Note Tone 5.3

- 1 Give the Sovereign your justice, / O God, * and your righteousness / to the Sovereign's heir.
- 2 That they may rule your people / righteously * and the / poor with justice.
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / **people**, * and the little / **hills bring righteousness**.
- 4 They shall defend the needy among the / **people**; * and rescue the poor and crush / **the oppressor**.
- 5 And shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure, * from one generation / to another.
- 6 They shall come down like rain upon the / mown field, * like showers that / water the earth.
- 7 In their time shall the righteous / **flourish**; * there shall be abundance of peace till the / **moon shall be no more**.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of / Israel, *

who a-/-lone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be God's glorious Name for / **ever**! * and may all the earth be filled with God's / **glory. Amen**.

Please remain seated

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

God's promises and Christ's mercy unite Jews and Gentiles into one hopeful, praising community, strengthened by Scripture and the Holy Spirit to live in harmony.

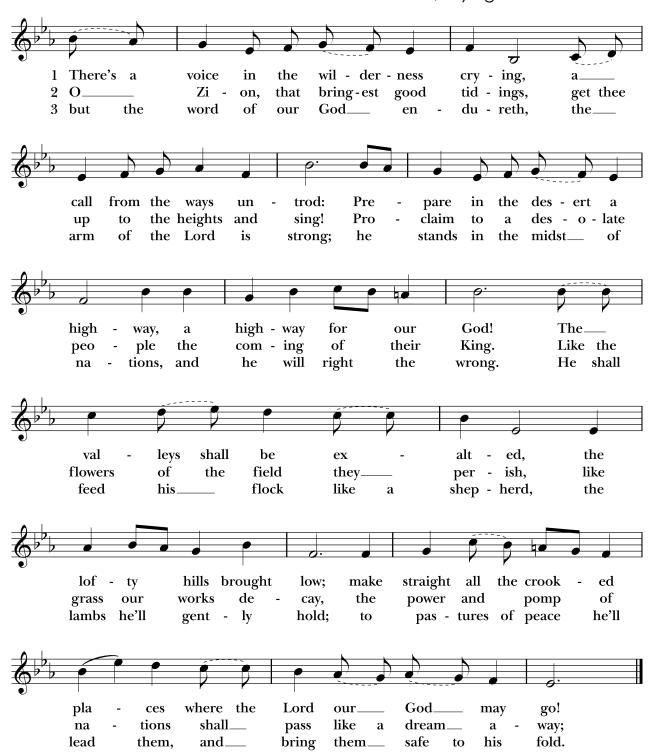
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People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 75

There's a voice in the wilderness, crying

Ascension



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THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

The Deacon or Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the Baptist calls people to repent as God's reign draws near, warning that the One coming after him will bring a purifying fire.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

THE SERMON

Please stand as able

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or Priest says

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. Isaiah 9:2

Leader You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the

hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy may we await with

anticipation the coming of Christ the Morning Star.

Christ, be our light

 $A \parallel$ Shine in our hearts.

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who delivered your people from the misery of slavery to the land of promise, set us free from chains of division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who shower comfort and hope to those who are low, lost, and deemed least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife and welcome those we now remember.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

For what else shall we pray?

The Presider says

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

All Have mercy upon us, loving God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider says

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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet each other with a sign of peace

A WORD OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND OTHER 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 Sentence

I appeal to you therefore, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

(Romans 12:1)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keep your lamps!

Spiritual

arr. André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary, children don't get weary, children don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer B, Expansive Language

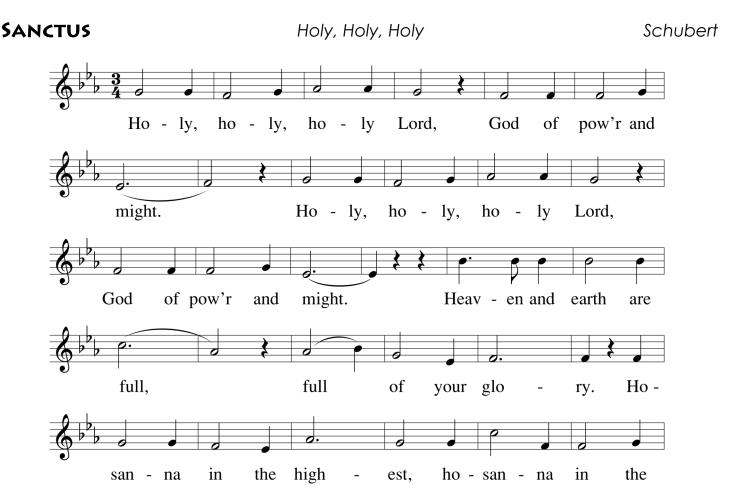
Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to God.

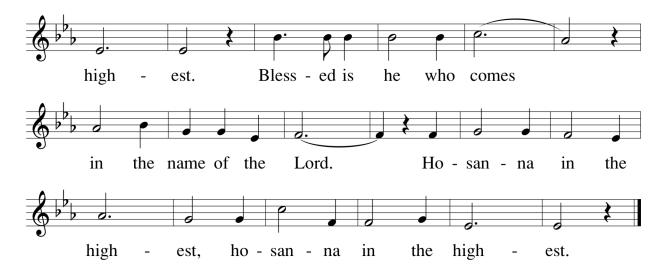
Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





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The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory; And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

THE GREAT AMEN

Robinson



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Presider says

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

ΑII

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

Agnus Dei



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THE INVITATION

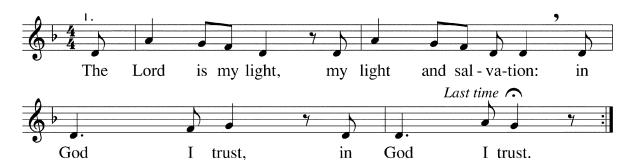
The Presider says

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you. And feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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. (from lona)

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. You may request a gluten-free wafer from the priest. 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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Please stand as able

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The Presider says

In the name of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with N.

ΑII

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

The Book of Alternative Services, Canada

Presider Let us pray.

All Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help

us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name

of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The presider blesses the people.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of the Triune God be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

THE DISMISSAL

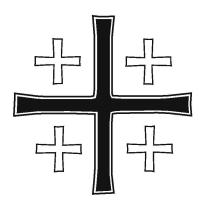
The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Declamation on "Psalm 42 / Genevan" Craig Phillips (b. 1961

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	Kelly Zander, Meg Ruby

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