

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 28, 2025
7:30 AM



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

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)

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.



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Words to our liturgy are found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), with page numbers noted to the right.

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Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.		
THE FIRST LESSON	Please be seated	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
PSALM 147:13-21	Please stand as able	BCP 805
THE SECOND LESSON	Please be seated	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
THE GOSPEL	Please stand as able	John 1:1-18
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