

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026
11:00 AM



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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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.

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, 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 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

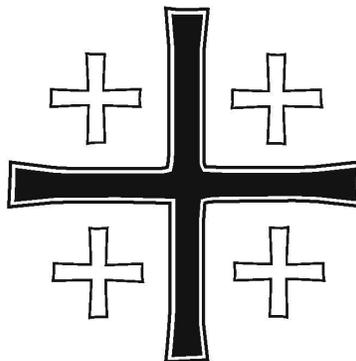
Chorale Prelude on "Durch Adams Fall"

Gottfried August Homilius
(1714-1785)

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.



Please stand as able

THE GREAT LITANY

Setting by Dent Davidson

The Litany is chanted in procession

Presider or Cantor *People*

Holy God, Creator of hea - ven and earth, *Have mer - cy on us.*

Presider or Cantor *People*

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, *Have mer - cy on us.*

Presider or Cantor *People*

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, *Have mer - cy on us.*

Presider or Cantor *People*

Holy, blessed and glorious Tri - ni - ty, One God, *Have mer - cy on us.*

Cantor From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

All

Sa - vior de - liv - er us.

Cantor From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

All **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

All **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

All **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

All **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

All **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

All **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

All **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

All **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

All



Hear us, O Christ. —

Cantor Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world; and to make disciples of all the nations.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Give a mind of wisdom and a heart of love to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, that in all good things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.
 All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Bless and keep all your people.
 All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed. Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.
 All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our prayer list, and those we lift in our hearts; and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.
 All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Guard and protect all children who are in danger.
 All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.
 All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers; and turn their hearts.
 All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially those we lift in our hearts; and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.
 All **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Sung three times



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:
 People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says

Holy God, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 READING

Romans 5:12-19 (Common English Bible)

Lector A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Just as through one human being sin came into the world, and death came through sin, so death has come to everyone, since everyone has sinned. Although sin was in the world, since there was no Law, it wasn't taken into account until the Law came. But death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who didn't sin in the same way Adam did—Adam was a type of the one who was coming.

But the free gift of Christ isn't like Adam's failure. If many people died through what one person did wrong, God's grace is multiplied even more for many people with the gift—of the one person Jesus Christ—that comes through grace. The gift isn't like the consequences of one person's sin. The judgment that came from one person's sin led to punishment, but the free gift that came out of many failures led to the verdict of acquittal. If death ruled because of one person's failure, those who receive the multiplied grace and the gift of righteousness will even more certainly rule in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

So now the righteous requirements necessary for life are met for everyone through the righteous act of one person, just as judgment fell on everyone through the failure of one person. Many people were made righteous through the obedience of one person, just as many people were made sinners through the disobedience of one person.

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

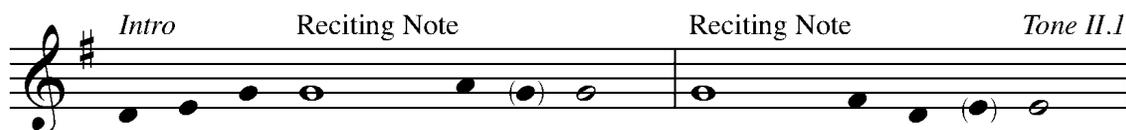
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

PSALM 32

Plainchant, Tone II.1

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



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/-**given**, *
and whose sin / **is put away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im-/-**putes no guilt**, *
and in whose spirit there / **is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered / **away**, *
because of my groaning / **all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me / **day and night**; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / **of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my / **sin to you**, *
and did not / **conceal my guilt.**
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the / **Lord.**" *
Then you forgave me the guilt / **of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of / **trouble**; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall / **not reach them.**
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from / **trouble**; *
you surround me with shouts of / **deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you / **should go**; *
I will guide you / **with my eye.**
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-/-**standing**; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not / **stay near you.**"
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the / **wicked**; *
but mercy embraces those who trust / **in the Lord.**
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / **Lord**; *
shout for joy, all who / **are true of heart.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

The Deacon or Priest says

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

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

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God."

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone."

Jesus replied, "Again it's written, Don't test the Lord your God."

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him." The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

THE SERMON

Please stand as able

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Creed Confronting Power from *Liturgies from Below*

Please say together

I believe in God, who, though Almighty, chooses grace.

Mirroring God, I reflect grace to all.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who emptied himself of title and position,

demonstrating that true love serves others.

In like manner, I serve others to demonstrate love.

Jesus suffered injustice, was tortured, killed, and buried.

On the third day, he rose again from the dead for our sake;

I see injustice and choose to stand with the oppressed,

the suffering, and the discarded.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who fills God's people, giving us joy and hope.

May I be filled so that I can overflow

for those who need joy and hope.

I believe in the church, which unites with other followers of Christ,

demonstrating grace, service, shared suffering, and presence. 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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Presider says the Offertory Sentence

God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston
(1905-1987)

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.
2. His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.
3. For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
4. I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

from the Church in South India

Presider God 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 our Creator.

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

The Presider continues

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving, O God, holy Parent. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son Jesus you came to us while we yet wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us to leave what is comfortable to be disciples, friends and partners.

With outstretched arms on the cross, Jesus bore our sins; and by his resurrection we are saved. Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we often create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people to continue your mission to make everything new. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and sing your glory:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Giles

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of po - wer and might.

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the one who comes — in the name — of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.' The score is written for a piano accompaniment, featuring a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.' written below it. The bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers the first four measures, and the second system covers the next four measures. The lyrics are spread across the first two systems: 'Ho - san - na' in the first system and 'in the high - - - est.' in the second system. The music is characterized by a steady, rhythmic accompaniment in the bass and a more melodic line in the treble.

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The Presider continues

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

The same way after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And now together we proclaim:

All **We remember your death on the cross,
we celebrate your resurrection,
and we await your coming.**

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Creator, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A men.

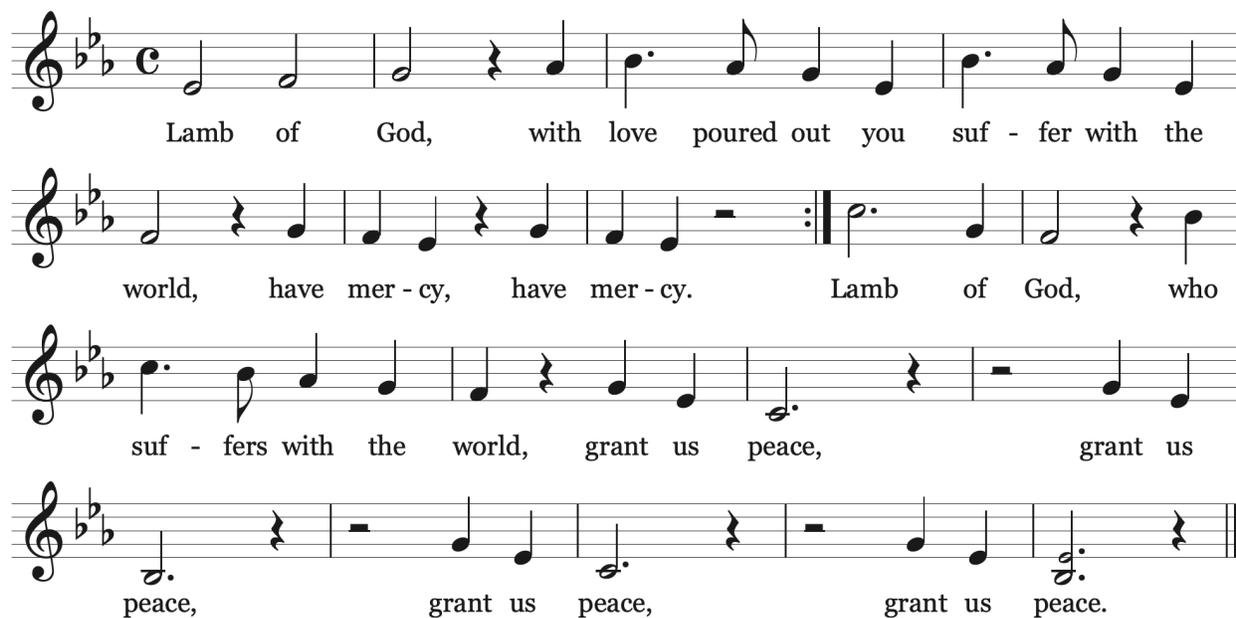
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Gary Rand



Lamb of God, with love poured out you suf - fer with the world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, who suf - fers with the world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music and Lyrics by Gary Rand. (adapted from the traditional Agnus Dei)
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THE INVITATION

The Presider says

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. 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Love is little

Shaker song arr. Kevin Siegfried

David Foley, soloist

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow.
Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

SONG

Come by here Lord

Traditional Spiritual



1 Come by here__ Lord, come by here., come by here__ Lord,
2 Some-one needs you Lord, come by here., some-one needs you Lord,
3 Send a bless-ing Lord, come by here., send a bless-ing Lord,



come by here., Come by here__ Lord,
come by here., Some-one needs you Lord,
come by here., Send a bless-ing Lord,
come by here.,



O Lord, come by here.___
O Lord, come by here.___
O Lord, come by here.___

Words: Traditional
Music: Traditional Spiritual; arr. Richard Smallwood
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SONG

I Love the Lord

Richard Smallwood

1. I love the Lord, _____ He heard my
 2. I love the Lord, _____ He heard my

1. cry _____ and pit - ied ev - 'ry groan. _____
 2. cry _____ and pit - ied ev - 'ry groan. _____

1. _____ Long as I live _____ and trou - bles rise, _____
 2. _____ O let my heart _____ no more des - pair _____

1. _____ I'll has - ten to _____ His throne.
 2. _____ while I have breath _____ to pray.

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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.

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 **Eternal and merciful God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Adapted from Words by Phillips Brooks

The Presider blesses the people.

Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger for the living of life. Do not pray for tasks equal to your gifts; pray for the gifts to meet the tasks in front of you. Then the doing of your work will not be the miracle, but you will be the miracle; and every day we will marvel at the grace of God that has come into the world through you. And the blessing of God who creates, redeems and sustains all life be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____

Music: African-American spiritual, arr. Carl Harris, Jr. (b. 1935).

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 *Two Variations on "Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt"*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
 (1562-1621)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

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Choir Director	Brian Fairbanks
Choir	St. Michael's Singers
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Thurifer	Lisa Key
Lector	Steve Flagg
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Ushers	Jack Harper, Craig Kolins
Livestream	Sundance Henry
Bread Baker	Dave Reilly
Altar Guild	Stephanie English, Richard Hartman, Josh English, Jeanne Pace

VESTRY

Senior Warden	Ann Wetherell
Junior Warden-Facilities	Kevin Warren
Junior Warden-People	Elizabeth Rouffy
Parish Clerk	Barb Mason
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Third Year	Joe de Luna, Elizabeth Rouffy Kevin Warren, Ann Wetherell
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