



SAINT MICHAEL'S

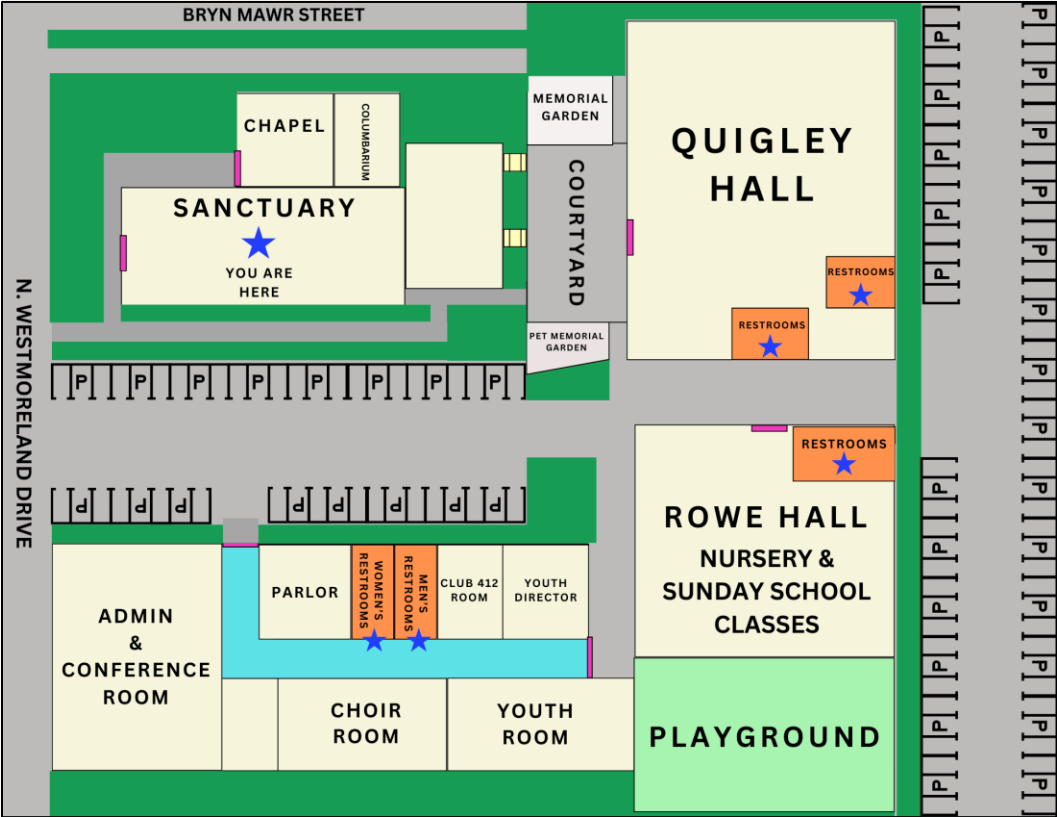
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20
10:15 AM

THE SEASON
AFTER
PENTECOST

Welcome to St. Michael's Church

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome and accept you, and we trust God to take you where God wants you in God's timing. We want to be a safe place for you to experience God's grace, love, and presence with us. **Welcome home.**



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Discovering the meaning
behind Episcopal worship

Week 2 — The Collect for Purity

Last week, worship began by remembering whose we are. Now we prepare our hearts: “Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known...” We don't need to hide or pretend with God. We come exactly as we are, asking God to cleanse our hearts so that we may love God more fully and worship truthfully.



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Rise up, ye saints of God (Festal Song) HYMN 551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each system.

Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. There are several slurs and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) throughout the piece. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.”

Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:1-8 *(to be read responsively, by half-verse)*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say



- 1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
- 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
- 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

NICENE CREED

All Stand

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Let us pray to the God whose generosity is greater than we can imagine, saying: Lord, make us generous in love.

Gracious God, you call your Church into your vineyard, not to earn your love, but to receive it and share it. Free us from measuring who is worthy, who has done enough, or who deserves more. Make your Church a place where grace is freely received and generously given.

Lord, in your mercy,

Make us generous in love.

God of justice, guide the leaders of our nation and the nations of the world. Give them wisdom to seek the common good, courage to defend the vulnerable, and compassion for those whose voices are easily ignored. Where there is violence, bring peace; where there is division, make possible the work of reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy,

Make us generous in love.

Generous God, deliver us from the temptation to compare our lives with the lives of others. When envy whispers, "*Why them and not me?*" teach us gratitude. When resentment asks, "*What do they deserve?*" remind us how much we ourselves have received by grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Make us generous in love.

Compassionate God, draw near to all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; to those who are lonely, grieving, frightened, or exhausted; and to those whose needs are known only to you. We pray especially for those we name before you now, silently or aloud.

{List} Surround them with your healing presence and make us attentive to those who need our care.

Lord, in your mercy,

Make us generous in love.

God of resurrection, we remember those who have died and now rest from their labors.
{PAUSE} Receive them into the fullness of your presence, where striving is ended and all things are made new.

Lord, in your mercy,

Make us generous in love.

And now, gracious God, we give thanks for the blessings of this life—for work that gives purpose, for people who love us, for opportunities to serve, and above all, for the grace we could never earn. For your kingdom is not built upon what we deserve, but upon the astonishing generosity of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Make us generous in love.

Priest: Generous and loving God, everything we have is gift, and every one of us stands before you by grace. Free us from envy, resentment, and comparison, and make us people who rejoice whenever your goodness finds another human heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(you may sit)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

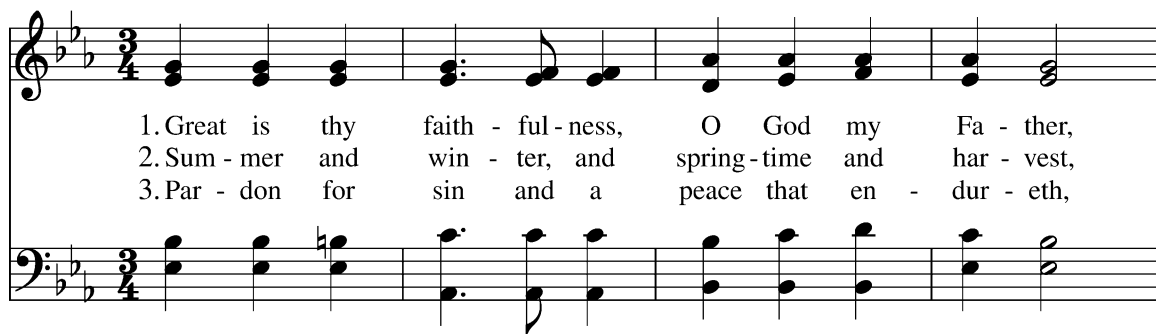
HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

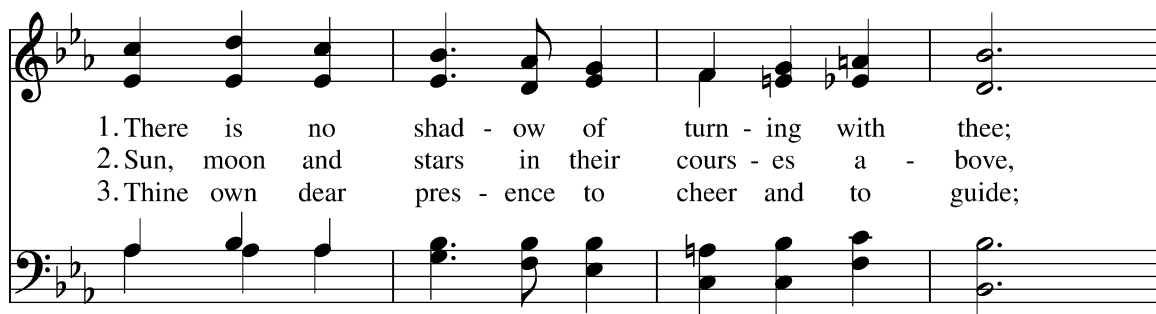
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

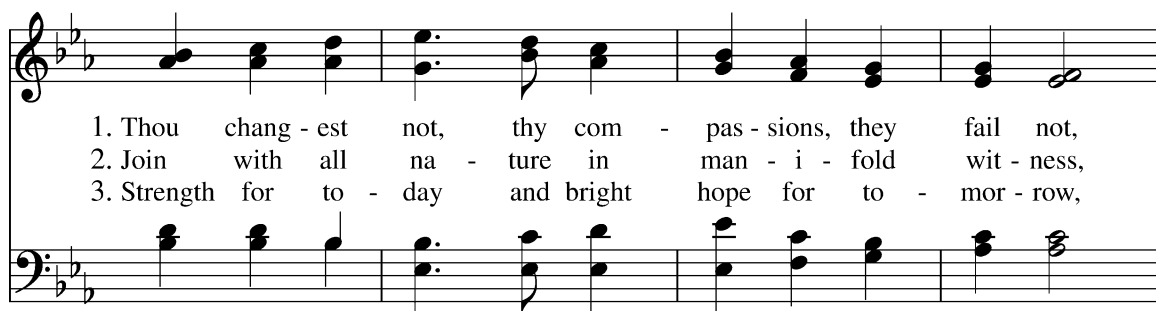
Great is thy faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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(you may stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant proceeds

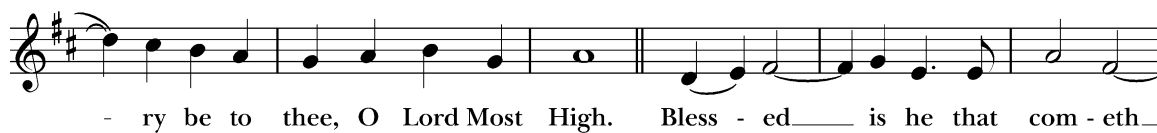
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

SANCTUS

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(you may kneel)

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(you may kneel)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Ben - di - ce, Se-ñor, nues-tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en
God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en
hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

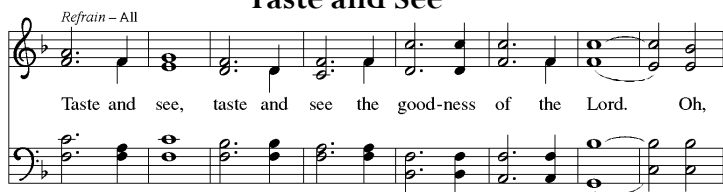
pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.
fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

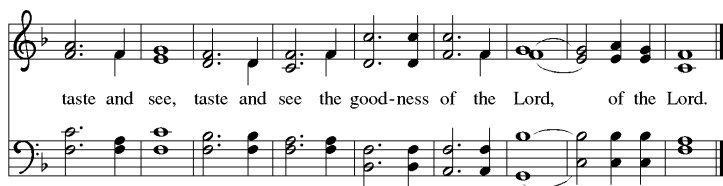
COMMUNION

Taste and See

Refrain - All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall



al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

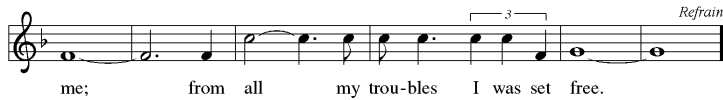


Lord; for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth-er let us

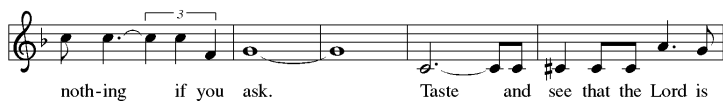


all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered



me; from all my trou-bles I was set free. *Refrain*

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for



noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is



good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

LEV SENDING PRAYER

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent out, the following words are said:

The Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.
(you may kneel)

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Do, Lord, Remember Me



1 Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
2 When I'm in trou-ble, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,
3 When I am dy-ing, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,
4 I've got a home in glory land, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,



do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
when I'm in trou-ble, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,
when I am dy-ing, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,
I've got a home in glory land, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,



do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
when I'm in trou-ble, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
when I am dy-ing, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
I've got a home in glory land, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;



sing-ing do, Lord, re-mem-ber me.

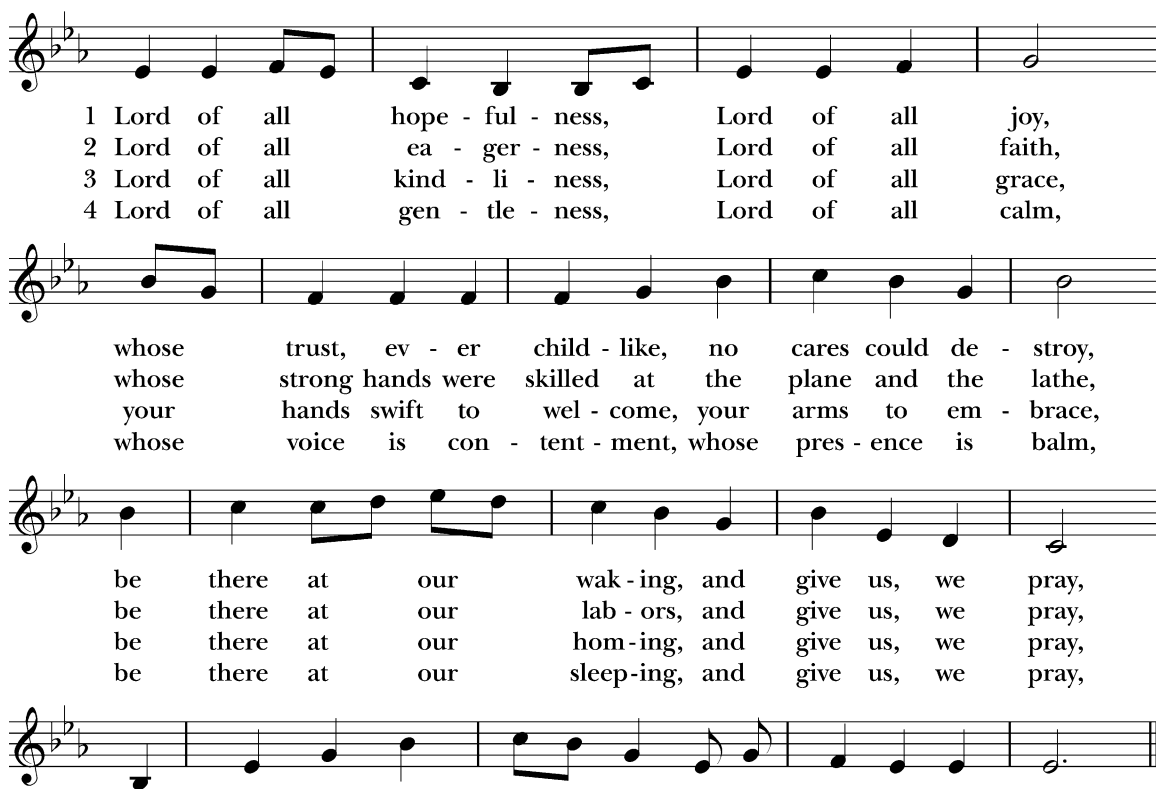
BLESSING

The priest blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness

HYMN 482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God, with thanksgiving and in celebration of the five September birthdays in the Provencher family. Given by Jim and Cindy Provencher.

Would you like to sponsor Altar Flowers?

You can choose any date in memory, or a celebration of a special person, occasion, or thanksgiving.

Ways to sponsor:

Email ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com or Katrena at designomight1@gmail.com

- Fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate, and someone will call you.
- Pay online @ <https://stmichaelschurch.com> on the menu, click give, then on the drop-down menu select flower guild. The current average cost of Sunday flowers is \$70 to \$100. However, any amount is fine.

"In joy and sadness, flowers are our constant friends." -Unknown.

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The poster features a light blue and green watercolor background with floral illustrations. It includes icons for a calendar, a group of people, a heart, and a hand holding a heart. A QR code is located on the right side, and the Realm Connect logo is in the top right corner.



Upcoming events

SEP-OCT 2026

SAT
SEP 26

Celebration of Life for Wayne Forrest Mosher

11 AM

Church, reception to follow in Quigley Hall

SUN
SEP 27

St. Michael's Day – Super "Sundae" Celebration

Immediately following the 10:15 AM service

Quigley Hall

MON
SEP 28

Monday Morning Bible Study

(Mondays, September 28 – November 16 (skipping October 12))

9:30 AM

Conference Room

SAT
OCT 3

Blessing of the Pets

10 AM

Courtyard

SUN
OCT 4

Lenten Guide Participants Meeting

Immediately following the 10:15 AM service

Conference Room

For more info on upcoming events, check out our
E-Messenger at stmichaelschurch.com or scan the QR code.



Scan the QR code
below for our online
event's calendar





LAY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) play a vital role in our church community by helping share the sacred gifts of communion during worship. By stepping forward to serve, LEMs ensure our liturgies run smoothly and that everyone present can fully participate in the Eucharistic feast.

WHY SERVE AS AN LEM?



A DEEPER FAITH

Serving at the table deepens your connection to Christ and enriches your spiritual journey.



A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Your service helps create a welcoming, reverent, and inclusive experience for all who gather around Christ's table.



A MEANINGFUL IMPACT

You directly nourish and support fellow parishioners through your ministry.





Serving as an LEM is a beautiful way to live out your baptismal call, deepen your own faith, and directly nourish your fellow parishioners.



For more information, please contact Fr. Greg at greg@stmichaelschurch.com to take the next step.



Invite a friend to the

Gospel Brunch

Sunday, October 18 | 9:00 AM



There's a seat for everyone
at the table.

Join us for a joyful morning of
great music, an encouraging
message, and great food.

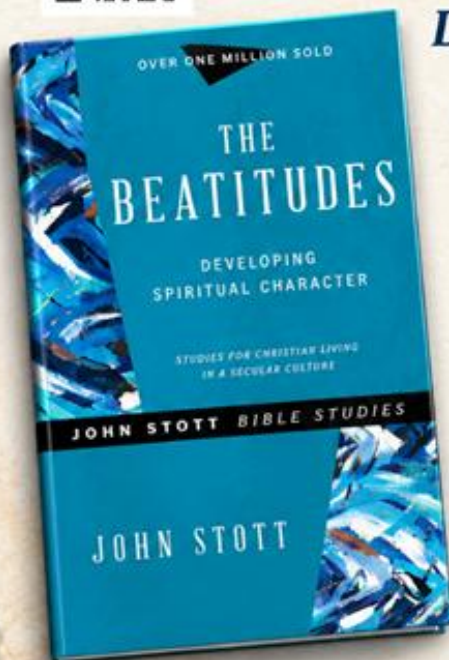
Invite a friend and
Register today!



ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Come as you are.
Leave encouraged.

Monday Morning Bible Study



*The Beatitudes:
Developing Spiritual Character*
by John Stott



**September 28 –
November 16**



9:30 AM



Conference Room

Join us as we dive into the first 12 verses of the gospel of Matthew – the Beatitudes – and experience the blessings that Jesus offers to all believers.

We will be guided through John Stott's "The Beatitudes: Developing Spiritual Character," which can be found on Amazon for \$9. Come prepared on September 28th to discuss the first chapter, pages 7-12. We will meet each Monday, except October 12th.

Following this study, in January 2027 we will move further into Matthew 5-7, the study of Jesus' most well-known teachings, the Sermon on the Mount.

Contact Patty Tew at (407) 341-3218 or ptew711@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!



Listening with the *Heart*



God is always present.

The invitation is to become more aware.



DATES

October 8th –
November 12th

(Thursdays for 6 weeks)



TIME

6:30 – 7:30 pm



MEETINGS WILL BE HELD OVER ZOOM

THE RHYTHM OF OUR TIME TOGETHER



Welcome &
Candle Lighting



Opening Prayer



Scripture or
Passage Reading



Guided Examen



Creative Doorway and
Invitation to Share



Closing Blessing

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE EXAMEN



Prayerful practice of noticing.



Way of not only listening
to what is around us but
what is within us.



Invitation to slow down,
listen deeply, and discover
where God is already present.



Scan to
join the
meeting



Join us as we
reflect and listen with the heart.



Contact Heather at heather@stmichaelschurch.com
with any questions.





FALL is a season OF GRATITUDE and GIVING CHANGES LIVES

As the days grow shorter and the pace of life picks up again, we're reminded through the Gospels to pause, turn our hearts toward God, and be grateful for all we have received.

Jesus often withdrew from the crowds to pray and be renewed so he could return to the work God had given him to do. We are called to do the same.

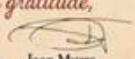
This fall, the ministry of St. Michael's continues in powerful ways:

- ✦ Children are learning and growing in faith.
- ✦ Families are finding support and community.
- ✦ Meals are being shared.
- ✦ Pastoral care is being offered.
- ✦ Worship continues, prayers are lifted, and lives are being touched by God's love.

Your faithful generosity makes all of this possible. As we enter this season of harvest and thanksgiving, your gifts help us continue to serve our neighbors, support one another, and share the hope of Christ in our community and beyond.

Thank you for being a vital part of St. Michael's. Together, we can keep making a difference—wherever we are.

With gratitude,



Joan Myers
Financial Controller
St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Dear St. Michael's Family,

I hope your fall is filled with moments of gratitude, meaningful connections, and time with those you love.

If you are part of our church family near or far, I encourage you to remember St. Michael's in your giving.

**SUPPORT THE MISSION.
WHEREVER YOU ARE.**



You can give easily and securely through our website:



stmichaelschurch.com

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Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your service, and your generosity. May God bless you and your loved ones with a beautiful fall season.

ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

Those who have commended themselves to our prayers: Amy, Arline, Barbara Jean, Bill L., Cindy S., Dan, Donna S., Fara, Kyle, Lauren, Leigh, Mike B., Pete, Sharon, Tara, Tim

Long-Term Prayer List: Angela, Alex, Alexa C., Chris M., Chris P., Colton, Cynthia L., David B., Deirdre E., Ellen, Eugenia, Felicia, George T., Gylla, Jackie, Jason, Jeffrey, Joyce B., JoAnn O., John M., Joseph T., Julia L., Justin, Kris R., Lavelle B., Marci A., Marcia C., Margie S., Paul, Pauline, Pedro, Peggy H., Phil, Sam M., Sarah, Scott S., Shelley (Warren), Sonia, Stephen, Stephanie G., Steve (Jackie), Steve C., Susana C., Susan A., Susan M., Thomasina M.

Those serving in the armed forces and in harm's way: Aaron D., Ben V., Bradley H., Chad S., Christopher E., Gloria, Hank H., Hope H., Jonah H., Kenneth K., Matt F., Nick R., Will M., Stuart R.

Rest in Peace: Tim Weidner, *brother of Marti Lisa*

Birthdays: 20: Sarah Clark, Bailey Daniel, Maggie McHugh, 21: Sammi Caruso, 22: Mary Lowry, Phil Demro, Logan Baker, Bob Uebele, 23: Briget Pope, 24: Robbi Stiell, 25: Molly McMahon, 26: Lawton Evans, Alexis Bond

Anniversaries: 21: Billy and Olga Bennett, 23: James and Marcia Cruse, Bill and Mary Lowry, 24: Art and Allison Barksdale, 25: Rick and Pam Arkins, Brad and Arielle Bokkean, 26: Toby and Marion Arnheim

Celebration of Life Notice -Wayne Mosher: *A Celebration of Life for Wayne Mosher will take place on Saturday, September 26 at 11 am in the Church—reception to Follow in Quigley Hall.*

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and mercies on this (these) couple/s. Guide them with your wisdom, protect them with your love, fill their home with your presence, and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. *Amen.*

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The Rev. Rick Luoni, *Rector*

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2027 Lenten Guide

Interested in writing for
the 2027 Lenten Guide?

If you would like to contribute a reflection or
devotional for the 2027 Lenten Guide,
please contact

Rev. Lionel Smith-McGehee at
Lsmithmcgehee@gmail.com

Lenten Guide
Participants
Meeting



Sunday October 4

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