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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

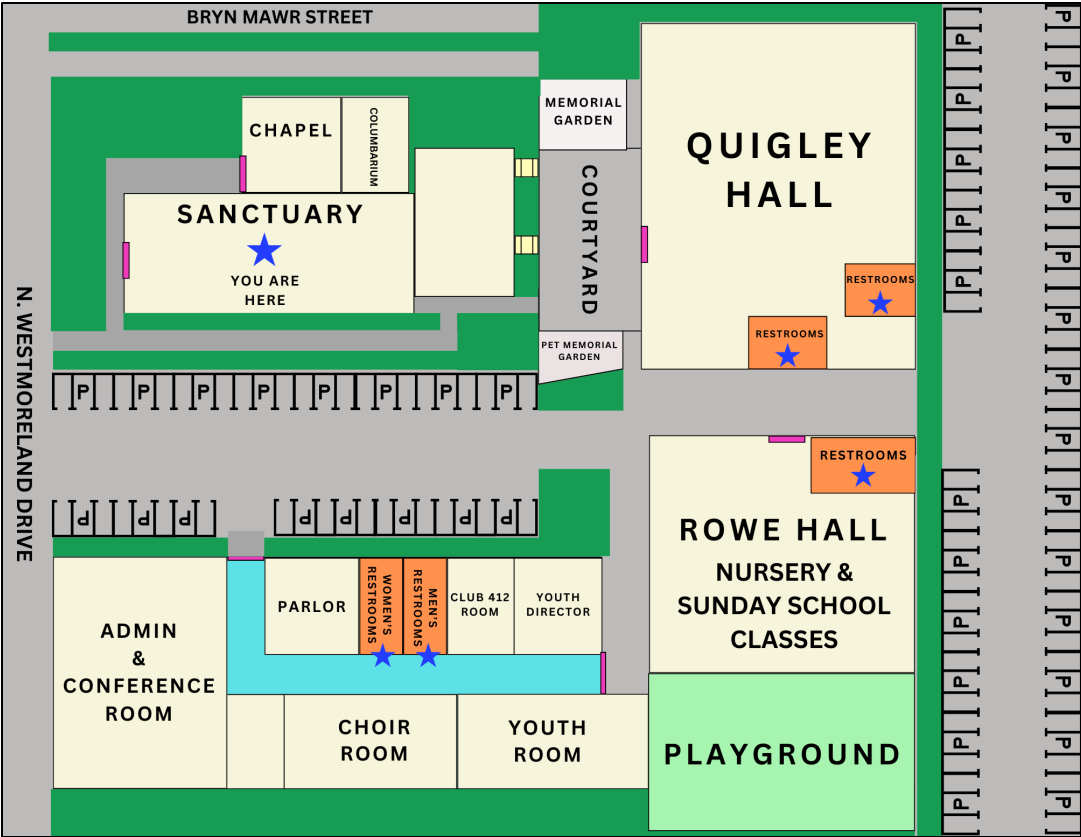
EASTER DAY  
9 AM

# He is Risen!



# 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.**



## WE GATHER

*(please stand)*

## OPENING SONG

### Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

**All: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, whose word is life: Come to us with saving power to free our praise inspire our prayer and shape our lives. For the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Savior, and Friend. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

*(please be seated)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

**All: God's Spirit is with us.**

Priest: Let us pray:

**All: Lord God, help us see Jesus and hear his voice, that we may love him in our hearts, think about him in our minds, and experience him in our lives. Amen.**

## THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalm 118:1, 14-17, 21-24

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
**his mercy endures forever.**

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
**and he has become my salvation.**

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
**in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
**the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*(please stand)*

## THE GOOD NEWS

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18)

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus'

head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Priest:           The Gospel of The Lord

All:               **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## THE TALK

### THE ST. MICHAEL'S CREED

I believe in God the Father,  
who created me and all the world.

I believe in God the Son, who saved me on the cross and loves me.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who is in me and gives me life.

I believe in one God, who lives forever and ever.

### WE PRAY TOGETHER

*(sit or kneel)*

Celebrant: Jesus is alive—and that changes everything. Let's pray.

Jesus, you called Mary by name. Thank you for knowing and loving each of us. Help us to hear your voice and follow you in your way of love.

**Jesus, you are alive—live in us!**

Jesus, we pray for our leaders in our communities, our country, and our world. Give them wisdom, courage, and hearts that seek peace and wholeness.

**Jesus, you are alive—live in us!**

Jesus, bless our families and friends. Help us to be kind, forgiving, and full of love.

**Jesus, you are alive—live in us!**

Jesus, be near to those who are sad or alone. Let your hope rise in them.

**Jesus, you are alive—live in us!**

Jesus, thank you that your love is stronger than death, and that those we love are safe with you.

**Jesus, you are alive—live in us!**

Celebrant: Living Jesus, thank you that you are alive today. Live in our hearts, fill us with joy, and help us share your love. **Amen.**

## **WE FIND REST & RELEASE**

**Lord Jesus,  
you are alive—and you are with us.  
We're sorry for the ways we forget that,  
the ways we hold on to fear or hurt.  
Thank you that your love is stronger than all of it.  
Lift us into new life again,  
and help us live as your people. Amen.**

Priest: May God forgive you, Christ befriend you, and the Holy Spirit renew and change your life. Amen

## **THE PEACE**

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

### **BIRTHDAY PRAYER:**

Watch over this your child, O Lord.

Bless and guide (him/her) wherever (he/she) may be.

Strengthen and comfort (him/her) to do that which is good and right.

May (he/she) feel the touch of Thy Divine Hand, and receive the joy and power of the Holy Spirit, that (he/she) may be blessed forever more, 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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **THE OFFERING**

#### **WE SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER**

*(sit or kneel)*

Beloved, Jesus often met people at tables— not to judge them, but to welcome them. To break bread. To remind them they belonged. To show them the Father's love.

So come to this table— not because you've earned it, not because you've got it all together, but because you're hungry... hungry for grace, for peace, for the embrace of a Father who has been waiting for you all along.

This is the table where shame has no seat, where striving ends, and love is poured out like wine. Come. Let yourself be fed. Let yourself be known. Let yourself be fathered by God. The table is ready. And so is the Father's love.

#### **The Priest says:**

Loving God, we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus sat at a table with his

friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my Body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”

Then he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it, saying, “This is my Blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. And as we receive them, may we be filled with your love, renewed by your grace, and made one with Christ and one another. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our Friend. Amen.

## **JESUS' FAMILY PRAYER**

*(all pray together)*

**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.**

## **WE BECOME ONE**

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:**        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

**WE GO**

*(sit)*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim and demonstrate your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

## **The Blessing**

The Lord Bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face towards you  
And give you peace

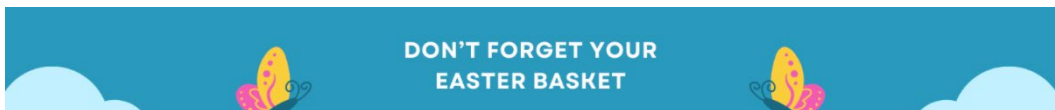
A....men, A..men A.....men  
A...men A...men A.....men

The Lord Bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face towards you  
And give you peace

## **DIMISSAL**

**Priest:**        **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All:**            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**





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