

# HOPE



SAINT MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
December 3, 2023, AT 10:15 AM

# 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.

## PRELUDE MUSIC AT 10:05 AM

*1 On "From Heaven above, behold I come" S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

*2 Come, O Lord, and set us free (CHOIR SING THRU)*

*3 GOOD NIGHT CHOIR: Words of life*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs.1-4)



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

### Acclamation

*Celebrant*        Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*         **His mercy endures 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.*

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, have mercy upon us

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as rests and a double bar line.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## FIRST READING

ISAIAH 64:1-9

All sit.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
**how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**



## SECOND READING

## I CORINTHIANS (1:3-9)

*(All sit)*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN

(please stand)

### Come, O Lord, and set us free

John Bell

First system of musical notation. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Come, O Lord, and set us free;". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The system concludes with a double bar line.

Come, O Lord, and set us free;

Come, O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

Second system of musical notation. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Give your people peace.". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Give your people peace.

Third system of musical notation. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Come, O Lord, and set us free;". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Come, O Lord, and set us free;

Come, O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Come, Lord Jesus, come.". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*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

**Intercession:** We seek the mighty God's presence in the most unlikely places as a child in a stable, and in an empty tomb. May God hear our prayers, which come from the unlikely corners of our lives.

For the Church: that we may be awake to life each day, roused from sleepwalking through life, and freed to live in your abundant life.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel, God with us, and we will rejoice in your presence.**

For patience during this Advent season each of us: that we may discover God's word in every sound that touches our ears, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel, God with us, and we will rejoice in your presence.**

For greater attentiveness: that our minds and hearts may be focused upon the tasks we do, the people we love, and the God whom we serve today.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel, God with us, and we will rejoice in your presence.**

For those who have wandered from their relationship with God: that the memories and hopes of this season will open a doorway to God who loves them.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel, God with us, and we will rejoice in your presence.**

For world leaders: that they may take the long view of human history and choose to protect and promote life and peace for all people.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel, God with us, and we will rejoice in your presence.**

For all who are ill: that God will heal the sick and give strength to those who care for them.

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**Come, O come, Emmanuel, God with us, and we will rejoice in your presence.**

For all those whom we love but see no longer: Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Priest:** Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of our Saving King, Jesus Christ. **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)*

## 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

## Matin Responsory

G. P. Da Palestrina (1525?-1594)

*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people, Israel?*

*(The above is repeated at the end.)*

*High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd  
of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come?*

*Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*



# WAYS TO GIVE

1

### GIVE IN SERVICE

(Cash, Check, Debit/Credit)

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### GIVE ONLINE

(Checking, Debit/Credit)

<https://stmichaelschurch.com/>

3

### GIVE BY TEXT MESSAGE

(Cash, Check, Debit/Credit)

Text STMICHAELSORL to 73256

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### GIVE BY QR CODE

(Checking, Debit/Credit)

Scan the code with your phone



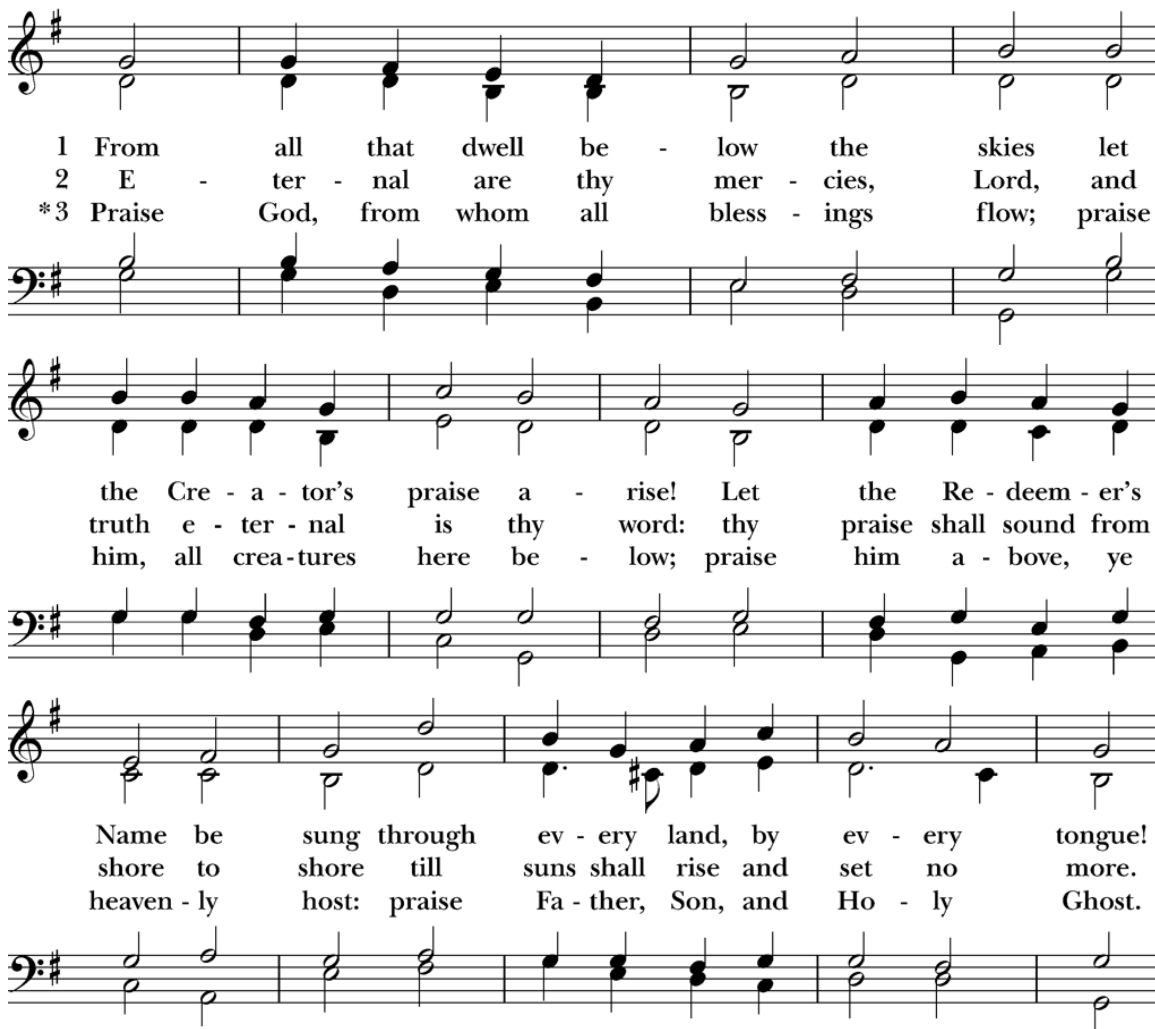


## THE DOXOLOGY

(you may stand)

### *Praise to God*

(Verse 3 Only)



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer B)

*The people remain standing.*

*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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he 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:

# SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, Heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for Soprano and Bass parts. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are in English. The score is divided into six systems, each with a Soprano line and a Bass line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, Heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various melodic lines, including some with ties and some with slurs. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines.

*The Celebrant 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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; 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 Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

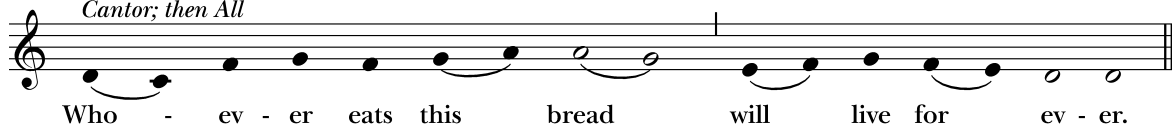
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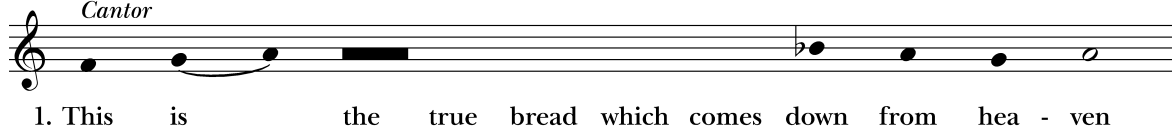
*A period of silence is kept.*

*Antiphon*

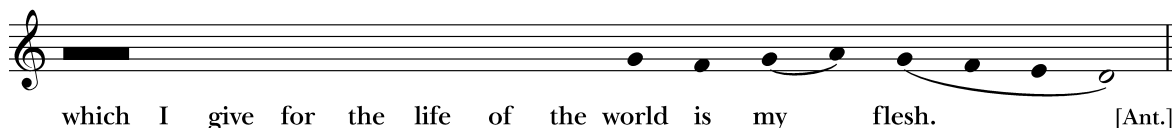
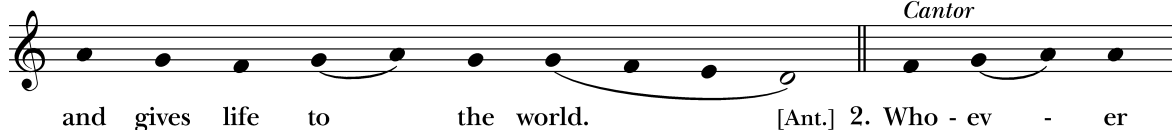
*Cantor; then All*



*Cantor*



*Cantor*



Music: Mode 1 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1983 Mason Martens.

*The Celebrant 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.

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

**Create in me a clean heart, O God    C. F. Mueller [1892-1982]**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

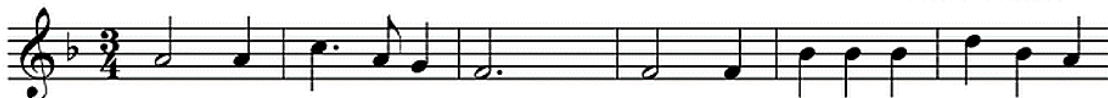
*Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.*

*Then shall I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.*

### COMMUNION HYMN

#### Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Words & Music:  
Helen Lemmel**



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His won-der - ful



face, \_\_\_\_\_ And the things of earth will grow strange - ly



dim, In the light of His glo - ry and grace. \_\_\_\_\_

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*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.*

## BLESSING

*The priest blesses the people.*



## RECESSIONAL HYMN      Come, thou long-expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*                      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Five Part Fantasia in C Minor    J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# PASSING THE PEACE

In the middle of each of our worship services, everything grinds to a halt.

We stand up and start shaking hands. People hug. They get out of their pews and cut across the room to greet one another. To a newcomer, it can appear chaotic, and he/she may wonder, “What in the world is going on?”

We’re passing the peace.

### WHY DO WE PASS THE PEACE?

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:23-24), Jesus said, “if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there, you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.” Passing the Peace began as a way for people in the Christian community to be reconciled to one another before making their offering at the altar. It is for this reason that “the Peace” always comes before Communion.

When the celebrant says, “The Peace of the Lord be always with you”, we respond, “and also with you”.

·In the early church each person turned to his neighbor and kissed him on the cheek.

·Today we shake hands, hug, nod, or even “fist bump.”

·This is a sign of our love and unity in the Body of Christ.

·“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.”

It’s important to note that “the peace” comes after the confession and the absolution (when a bishop or priest PRONOUNCES God’s forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ) and before the prayer of consecration and the receiving of communion. We are called to prepare ourselves to go to the altar: to pray for those we’ve hurt, and those who have hurt us; to confess the sins we need to confess, and to receive God’s forgiveness; and then to be reconciled, one with another, as a symbol of our new life in Christ.



# Morning Eucharist

Every 1st Friday of the Month

@ 7 AM

Located In The Chapel



# SAINT MICHAEL'S EYC NEWS DECEMBER 2023



## Youth Donuts and Discussions Sunday at 10:15 service

11/26 No Youth Donuts and Discussions  
12/24 No Youth Donuts and Discussions  
12/31 No Youth Donuts and Discussions

## EYC Sundays from 5-7pm at St Michael's Youth Room

11/26 NO EYC  
12/24 NO EYC  
12/31 NO EYC

All are welcome to an open inviting exploration of a community with God. We will begin meeting regularly on Sunday nights from 5 pm-7 pm. Dinner will be provided. All youth between the grades of 6th - 12th are welcome to join. We will play games, engage in team building activities, and learn to support each other in a community of Christ. You are invited to bring your friends.

## EYC Upcoming Events

11/21 8am-12pm	The Gathering- cooking for Coalition
11/21 5pm-8pm	Serving at the Coalition (limited to 14yr and older)
11/29 5pm-7pm	Baking for Avent Festival (5pm 7pm)
12/01 6pm-8:30pm	Family Avent Festival 6pm-8:30
12/10 5pm-7pm	Baking Cookies and treats for shut-ins
12/17 5pm-8pm	Christmas Party at the Cathedral
1/26-27 4pm-1pm	Rock the Universe





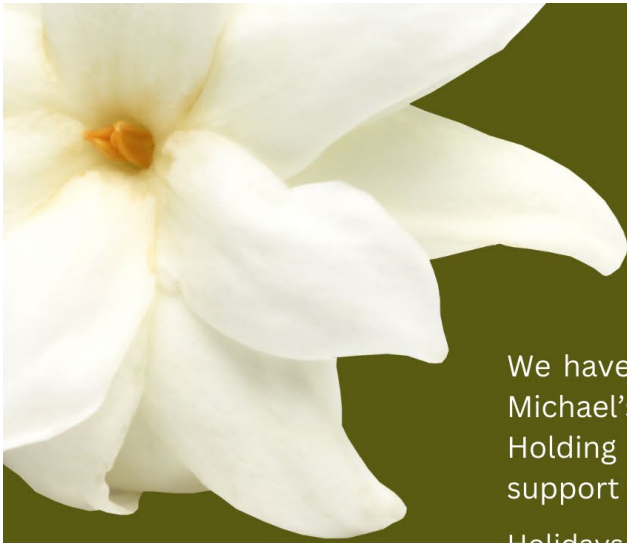
One of the important areas of lay service in the Body of Christ at St. Michael's is the administration and spiritual oversight of the church. It's called vestry. This is a vital ministry in the church for the congregation can rise no higher than the commitment level of the vestry.

Is God calling you or someone you know to serve as a member of vestry? Perhaps you are wondering, "What qualifies someone to serve on vestry?" Much like the early disciples who were hand-picked by Jesus, the essential qualities are: a willingness to follow Him, humility, commitment, faithfulness, a servant's heart, and a desire to "do" God's agenda. Vestry exists to serve God's agenda, not our own.

If you think God is calling you or someone else at St. Michael's to serve in this ministry, please contact the person and ask their permission and then you may submit his/her name to Edye McNickle at [edythe.mcnicke@yahoo.com](mailto:edythe.mcnicke@yahoo.com) or to me at [rluoni@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:rluoni@stmichaelschurch.com)

Vestry will be selected by the congregation to serve a three-year term in January 2024 during our Annual Meeting.

In Christ's love,  
Fr. Rick



# HOLDING HOPE

We have some exciting news for the St. Michael's community. We are launching Holding Hope, a mental health peer support group.

Holidays are often stressful times. Would you like some extra support? Come to our meetings of Holding Hope.

## What is Holding Hope?

This is a special group for those 18 years and up to promote mental health and well-being. Holding Hope is a safe space where all are welcome regardless of sex, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation. It is a place that promotes hope and light in moments of darkness and times of joy. Holding Hope allows us to be in community with each other and share our journey. It allows us to hold space for one another and provide support by being present.



**Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month  
Starting December 7th 6:30 pm.**

**St. Michael's Church in the Parlor  
2499 N. Westmoreland Drive, Orlando, FL 32804  
Please contact Heather Niemas  
[holdinghopegroup@gmail.com](mailto:holdinghopegroup@gmail.com)**



# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

**DECEMBER 24**

**FAMILY & FRIENDS SERVICE**

**@ 4:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**@ 5:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**@ 5:30 PM**

**(CHILDCARE ONLY DURING 5:30PM SERVICE)**

**CAROLING @ 10:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**@ 10:30 PM**

**DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**@ 10:00 AM**

**(ONLY ONE SERVICE)**

**JANUARY 1, 2024**

**THERE WILL BE NO  
NEW YEAR DAY SERVICE**



SAINT MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# Feed My Lambs



## QUIET WEEK FOR “FEED MY LAMBS”

The schools are very well served by the Community for Thanksgiving. So, our next “Bag-Tree in the Narthex Sunday” will be Sunday, December 3rd, in order to have food for those children in need before they leave for the Christmas break .



PLEASE NOTE: in regards to this ministry, for those not presently attending church, and maybe watching online, if you'd like to participate when we are not actively in the week of “bag filling and collecting”, it is possible to arrange for AMAZON and/or PUBLIX to deliver food to the church.





# coffee hour

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING



FOLLOWING THE  
10:15 AM SERVICE



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ESTABLISHED 1946

## **ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST**

### **Those who have commended themselves to our prayers**

Ann, Bishop Michael Curry, Bob, Brayden, Brett, Brittany, Cheryl M., Cole, Curt, Dave, Elaine, Erin, Felix, Gary M., Hank, Harry, Henry, Kim, Jean M., Joe, Johanna, Juliette, Kathy C., Kristi, Lawrence, The Misra/Hamilton Family, Marti, Mary Lu, Mary P., Michael, Paladino Family, Perpich Family, Ron, Sonia, Sorvillo Family, Stacy, Terry, Wayne, William

### **Long-Term Prayer List**

Angie, Bill C, Caryl, Chazz C., Erika, Emma, George, Gylla, Jan, Jason, Jeanine, Kathy G., Kristina, Kyle, Leslie F., Linda, Lydia, Mac, Marion S., Martell, Martin, Oliver, Pam B., Paris, Paul, Rachael W., Randy G., Randy Jr., Robert, Sarah, Sony, Steve, Steven F., Tramell, Tim, Tracy

### **Rest In Peace**

Peggy Jo Van Den Berg

### **Those serving in the armed forces and in harm's way**

Aaron D., Bradley H., Chad S., Jonah H., Will M., Kenneth K., Ben V, Nick R., Carolyn H.

### **December Birthdays:**

2: Grey Chapin, Tate Piercy, Picton Warlow IV 3: Nate Bedell, Erin Stearns 4: Katie Airth Terry, Bailey Hester 5: Allyson Jennings: Ford Leger 6: Shelby Carpenter Yergey, Walter Vick 8: Ashley Bennett 10: Anika Ulrich 11: Berkeley Barksdale, Marisa Bosko, Steven Cox, Dan Garrett 12: Roger Chapin, Steve Piantieri, Palmer Yergey Jr 13: Deanna Fitzgerald, Holly Hatcher, Corinne Kelly, Gylla Macgregor, Edwyn Sloan 14: Mary Parker, Bill Tschetter Sr 15: Bob Lacey 17: Daniel Elozeir 18: Leslie Berridy 20: Jeff Bankowitz, Tyler Hays 21: Will Cornett, Alex Baker 22: Georgie Barnhart, Tip Bartels, Nia James 24: Louis Gafford 25: Bo Clayton Jr, Maria Fallas, Fran Stone, Patty Tew 26: Paul Fallas, Merry Jaeger, Len Williams Jr 27: Thomas Williams 28: Page Presnell 29: Happy Gafford, David Pace, Polly Roper, Emilie Vick 30: Jan Everitt, Mike Farina, Elizabeth Hackler 31: Toby Arnheim Jr

### **December Anniversaries:**

7:Rick & Anne Hovarter 9: Robert & Ann Hurbanis 17: Jackson & Margaret Brownlee 18: Charlie & Glenda Hood, Gary & Cheryl Mendoza 20: Mike & Dawn Farina 22: Jon & Rachel Eichelberger 27: Steven & Trudi Bissinger, Bill & Amy Daniel, Christopher & Jessica Smith 28: Tom & Kathy Cardwell, Mark & Djanira Cole, Pat & Kirsten Telan 29: Greg & Ramelle Macgregor, Jerry & Ann Williams 30: Todd & Jennifer Riggs 31: Jim & Doris Madison

### **Reminder:**

To place someone on the prayer list, please contact the Administrative Team  
at **[info@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:info@stmichaelschurch.com)**

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### **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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### **CLERGY AND MINISTERIAL STAFF**

The Rev. Rick Luoni, *Rector*

The Rev. Greg Favazza, *Assisting Priest*

Andrew J. Walker, *Director of Music*

Ella Eagen, *Assistant Director of Music*

Tiffany Stieger, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Melanie Olivier, *Director of Preschool*

Mark T. Cole, *Director of Youth Ministries*

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### **VESTRY**

Senior Warden - Edye McNickle

Junior Warden - Greg Pope

Vestry Member - Mary Ruth Houston

Vestry Member - Ed Murphy

Vestry Member - Ashley Bedell

Vestry Member - Julie Motzel

Vestry Member - Parks Bennett

Vestry Member - Rick Gierok

Vestry Member - Louis Gafford

Vestry Member - Freddy Clayton

Vestry Member - Cheryl Mendoza

Vestry Member - Christian Leger

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