



ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JULY 12
9 AM

Gospel Family Service



WE GATHER

(please stand)

OPENING SONG

OH GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For He is good yes He is good
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Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For He is good yes He is good
Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For He is good yes He is good

For He is worthy, worthy
For He is good, yes He is good
For He is worthy, worthy
For He is good, yes He is good

Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For He is good yes He is good

Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For He is good yes He is good

For He is worthy, worthy
For He is good, yes He is good
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For He is good, yes He is good

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For He is good, yes He is good
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For He is good, yes He is good

For He is good, yes He is good
He is good yes, He is good

Priest: Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. God's grace, mercy, and peace
be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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 AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

[2x]

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **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.

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. 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 & ANNIVERSARIES

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

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Upcoming events

JULY 2026

MON
JUL **13-17**

EYC Summer Local Mission

Grades 7-12
Holy Apostles, Satellite Beach

WED
JUL **15**



Noonday Prayer

12 PM
Zoom

WED
JUL **15**



Compline

8 PM
Zoom

THU
JUL **16**

Pub Theology

7 PM
Bottle Shop Tasting Bar

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



Due to improvements in
Rowe Hall
LITTLE LAMBS NURSERY
will relocate upstairs
June 28th-July 26th



**READY TO
Shine?
BECOME AN
ACOLYTE!**



Ever wanted to carry a torch...
lead a procession... or help
everyone get ready to worship?
Now you can!



We're looking for younger parishioners
entering 5th grade-12th grade to
join our awesome group! You'll be
Torchbearers, Crossbearers, and to
assist the priests during worship.



On your assigned Sunday, you'll help lead
the congregation into worship by carrying
the cross and the candles that remind us
Jesus is the Light of the World.
It's an important job—but it's also a lot of fun!



We especially invite older
middle school and high school
youth to consider the role of
CRUCIFER—carrying the cross
and serving as a leader to your team.

AS AN ACOLYTE, YOU'LL:

- ♥ Serve God in a meaningful way
- 👥 Grow in your faith and appreciation of worship
- 🏠 Help make our worship beautiful and inspiring
- 👤 Build confidence, leadership and make friends
- ★ Be part of a great team



When we hear the term "liturgy," we usually
translate that to mean worship. And it is! Yet,
liturgy is also more. Liturgy comes from a Greek
word that means "the work of the people."
In the early Church—and now—it came to
mean the offering or the vocation of the people
in worship. All of us contribute to this "work"
of worship in different ways—in our presence
together each Sunday and taking on certain
roles of leadership or service. This is what we
are inviting our younger parishioners to be part of!



NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM! We'll teach you
everything you need to know. If you're entering
5th-12th grade, we'll love for you to join us!
All young parishioners of this age are invited;
we will find a place you feel comfortable serving!



READY TO STEP INTO THE LIGHT?
Simply complete the interest form and place it
in the offering plate. We'll be in touch with
information about training and opportunities to serve.
You can also reach out to Deirdre Eckman
at daeckian@gmail.com.



**ONCE WE'VE GATHERED NAMES, DEIREDRE WILL
HOLD A ZOOM MEETING IN AUGUST**
to answer questions and share more details.

The cross is ready. ✝ The torches are waiting.

ALL WE NEED IS You!

Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today



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