



ST. MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 4  
9 AM

# Gospel Family Service



## OPENING SONG

## Forever

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good  
He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life  
That's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever, God is faithful  
Forever, God is strong

Forever, God is with us  
Forever, forever

From the rising  
To the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever, God is faithful  
Forever, God is strong  
Forever, God is with us  
Forever, forever

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

I love You, Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your  
hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Cause all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so  
good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
And in darkest night You are close like  
no other  
I've known You as a Father  
I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of  
God

## Goodness Of God

And all my life You have been faithful,  
And all my life You have been so, so  
good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God,  
yeah

Your goodness is running after, it's  
running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's  
running after me  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered  
now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after, it's  
running after me

And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so  
good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of  
God  
2x

(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 116:1-7

I love the LORD, because he hears me;  
**he listens to my prayers.**

He listens to me  
**every time I call to him.**

The danger of death was all around me; the horrors of the grave closed in on me;  
**I was filled with fear and anxiety.**

Then I called to the LORD,  
**“I beg you, LORD, save me!”**

The LORD is merciful and good;  
**our God is compassionate.**

The LORD protects the helpless;  
**when I was in danger, he saved me.**

Be confident, my heart,  
**because the LORD has been good to me.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*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.

*(sit or kneel)*

## **WE PRAY TOGETHER**

Let us pray to the Lord of Love for His Church and the world:

Loving God, we thank you for our time together today: for all the people gathered here, and those gathered elsewhere.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

Gracious God, we pray for people in our neighborhood, our country, and around the world--for everyone who needs help, and for everyone who is hungry.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

Merciful God, we pray for the leaders and future leaders of our world--send us leaders with a heart for goodness and truth.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

Ever-present God, we pray for those especially on our hearts and minds today. Make your presence known to them, Lord.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

God, we pray for all of these things, and for everything we are thinking and feeling but haven't said out loud.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

Priest: Loving God, we thank you for always being with us. Open and transform our hearts so that we may fully love you and our neighbor as ourselves, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WE FIND REST & RELEASE

Priest: God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for turning away from you and ignoring your will for our lives.

Priest: We have wounded your love by behaving as we wish, without thinking of you or others.

**All: O God, heal us.**

Priest: We stumble in the darkness and fail you in what we think, say, and do.

**All: Light of the world transfigure us.**

Priest: We forget that we are your home by letting ourselves be drawn away from you by the temptations in the world about us.

**All: Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

(silence)

**All: Merciful God, take all these our burdens into your life. We lay them down in faith for healing, forgiveness, re-creation and release through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

## Oh give thanks

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  
(Repeat)

For He is worthy, worthy  
For He is good, yes, He is good  
(Repeat)

## DIMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**



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# 30TH ANNIVERSARY WINTER FEST

11  
JAN

12:00 - 2:00 PM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 30  
WONDERFUL YEARS OF NURTURING  
LITTLE HEARTS AND MINDS IN GOD'S  
LOVE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EVERY  
CHILD AND FAMILY WHO HAS BEEN PART  
OF OUR STORY, AND WE JOYFULLY  
HONOR ALL THE ALUMNI WHO ONCE  
WALKED THROUGH ST MICHAEL'S  
PRESCHOOL DOORS.



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# ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL KICKOFF CELEBRATION 2026

SUNDAY,  
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FOLLOWING THE 10:15 AM  
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# Daddy Daughter MASQUERADE DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

6:30pm- 8:00pm

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St. Michael's Church

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# LET THERE BE

# Joy



Dear St. Michael's Family,

What brings you joy?

There is no doubt that we are creatures of desire—we want things. Whether it is greater economic stability, the desire for deeper friendships, less loneliness, we all want something. Perhaps you want some time to simply get away from the rush of life. Regardless, we are all seeking happiness—after joy and well-being.

Where are you seeking such joy and well-being? God invites you to come to him, to be satisfied in God alone, so that we might be spurred on to faithfully respond in obedience to him. As Christians, we have the great privilege of entreating God's favor on the basis, on the ground of his grace found in his promises.

The promise of God in Christ is a promise of salvation. It is one of saving; it is good news. Christ is the righteous fulfilment of the promises made throughout Scripture. And it is on this basis that we approach and implore God. And it is on this basis that God does give grace, that he does give mercy.

Our lives are lived in participatory response to God's grace and mercy. When God is our "portion" and our hearts are full of God, our giving is done joyfully with a heart of gratitude that spills out of our lives and into the world.

Thank you for your generosity and sharing the abundance God has poured into your life. Because of your generosity you participate with God in making his Kingdom dream a reality through this mission and ministry.

In Christ's Love,



Thank you for worshiping with us today!



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