



SAINT MICHAEL'S

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Morning Prayer  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH!

## Prelude

### The Invitatory & Psalter

*Please stand.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

*People* **Come let us adore him.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*Officiant* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

*People* **Come let us adore him.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Psalm 130**

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand.*

**The First Song of Isaiah**    *Ecce, Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*Officiant and People:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law— indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**You are God** *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## **A Reading from the Gospel of John (11:1-7, 17-45)**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Homily**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Please stand or kneel*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant 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.

## Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Prayer for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Intercessions & Thanksgivings**

### **Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty**

God of the present moment,  
God who in Jesus stills the storm  
and soothes the frantic heart;  
bring hope and courage to us  
who wait or work in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make us the equal  
of whatever lies ahead.

Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided,  
for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God, and we need you.

*-Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant*            Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

**Postlude**

## St. Michael's Prayer List

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

Ann, Alden, Arel, Barbara, Benny, Bill H., Bill M., Bill T., Brittney, Dave, Ellen, John E., John W., John E., Garrett Family, Kristina, Linda, Lisa L., Lisa R.,Margret, Mitchell, Nancy, Nayim, Robert, Shelly, Tom, Tony, Walter, Wayne.

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

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

### **This Week's Birthdays:**

29: Bowden Clayton III 30: Viki Leedy, Lucas Niemas 31: Warren Morris  
1: Robert Carpenter, Chazz Cox, Kelley Cummings 3: Amelia Bond, Lionel Smith-McGehee 4: Tara Clayton, Alena Golda

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### **Clergy and Ministerial Staff**

The Rev. Rick Luoni, *Rector*

The Rev. Greg Favazza, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Carter A. Smith, *Deacon*

The Rev. Happy Gafford, *Deacon*

Andrew J. Walker, *Director of Music* -- Ella Eagen, *Assistant Director of Music*

Tiffany Stieger, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Melanie Olivier, *Director of Preschool*

## Announcements

As of now, we plan to offer Morning Prayer on Sundays at 10:15 until the “stay at home” mandates are lifted. In the coming days, we’ll update you on any additional “mid-week” services.

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**ROUTINE CHURCH OPERATIONS:** Though we have limited access, the St. Michael’s staff will do their utmost to respond to emails and voicemails during this office closing. Thank you for your loving patience as we strive to do everything in our power to serve our beloved St. Michael’s family

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP?

- **PRAY:** Spend time with God in prayer and meditation. Pray for our families, friends and neighbors. Pray for wisdom, grace and guidance. Pray for God’s good and perfect will to be accomplished in and through St. Michael’s. Pray for God to direct you to how God can use you to serve others.
  - **REACH OUT & TOUCH SOMEONE:** Like the AT&T commercial said, “Reach out and touch somebody’s hand, make this world a better place if you can.” While we cannot “touch others”, you can certainly make phone calls to church family members or those in need.
  - **GIVE:** I ask that all who call St. Michael’s home to support the ministry by giving a gift THIS WEEK to our General Operating Fund via mail or online [HERE](#).
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### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

If you are in need of additional emotional/spiritual support during this time, please feel free to contact one of our spiritual directors, Beth Knight, to schedule a one-on-one (by phone or zoom) session at 352-978-8180.

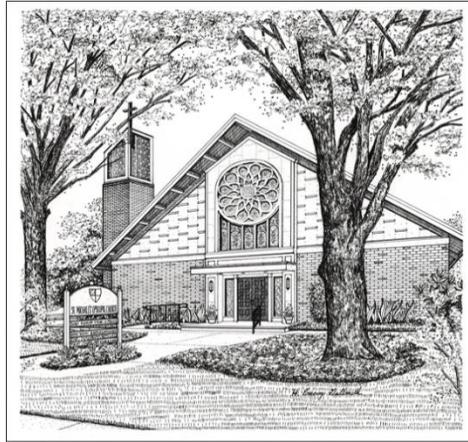
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**DID YOU HAVE A PASTORAL NEED OR PRAYER REQUEST?** While we are practicing social distancing please let us know if you have any need or someone to talk to or pray with you. You may email us here: [Pastoralcare@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:Pastoralcare@stmichaelschurch.com).

We are certainly living in unprecedented times and circumstances and many of those we love are being impacted physically, emotionally, and financially by this pandemic. I am also reminded that God is with us; grace is real. God will see us through this time. May we never lose sight of the hope we have in Jesus Christ and that we are all indeed God’s beloved children. May we live as children of the Light for God will indeed bring new life on the other side of this virus.

Please take care of yourselves by making the time to pray. God is with you. And know, the Staff and I are praying for you daily.

Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today



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