



ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 4
9 AM

Gospel Family Service



WE GATHER

(please stand)

OPENING SONG

Blessings And Honor

Blessings and honor, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Every tongue in heaven and Earth
Shall declare your glory
Every knee shall bow at your throne
And worship
You'll be exalted oh God
And your kingdom shall not pass away
(O Ancient of Days)

Open the eyes of My heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you.
(Rep)

To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy. (Rep)

Holy holy holy, holy holy holy
Holy holy holy, I want to see you. (Rep)

Priest: Welcome! We're glad you're here. Let's begin by blessing the God who first blesses us.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray: **God, you know us completely, every thought, hope, and secret. Nothing surprises you, and nothing stops you loving us. Make our hearts clean, so that we may truly love you and gladly praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

When I think about the Lord

When I think about the Lord,
How He saved me, how He raised me,
How He filled me, with the Holy Ghost.
How He healed me, to the uttermost.

When I think about the Lord,
How He picked me up and turned me
around,
How He placed my feet on solid ground

Chrous:

It makes me wanna shout,
Hallelujah,
Thank you Jesus,
Lord, your worthy, of all the glory, and all
the honor, and all the praise

(Repeat)

It makes me wanna shout...
Something about the name Jesus
Something about the name Jesus

It is the sweetest name I know
Oh how I love the name Jesus
Oh how I love the name Jesus
It is the sweetest name I know

I know, I know, I know...

Something about the name Jesus
Something about the name Jesus
It is the sweetest name I know

Oh how I love the name Jesus
Oh how I love the name Jesus
It is the sweetest name I know

It is the sweetest name....
It makes me wanna shout
Hallelujah,
Thank you Jesus,
Lord, your worthy, of all the glory, and all
the honor, and all the praise

It makes me wanna shout

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, open our hearts to your presence, our minds to your truth, our hands to your service, and our lives to your love. For you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

PSALM 1

Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people,
 who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God.
Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord,
 and they study it day and night.
They are like trees that grow beside a stream,
 that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up.
They succeed in everything they do.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS (3:4b-14)

If anyone had a reason to brag about being religious, it was me. I had the right family. I knew the rules. I worked hard to follow them. I thought I was doing everything right.

But then I came to know Jesus.

And I realized that everything I once thought made me important was nothing compared with knowing him.

I don't have to prove that I'm good enough for God. I simply trust Jesus and the love God has already given me. I want to know Jesus, become more like him, and experience the power of his resurrection.

I'm not there yet. I'm still growing.

But one thing I do: I let go of what is behind, reach toward what is ahead, and keep moving forward. Not to make Jesus love me— but because **Jesus has already made me his own.**

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God

THE TALK

THE ST. MICHAEL'S CREED

Celebrant: Friends, let us stand and say together what we believe and what gives us hope:

We believe in God,
who created heaven and earth,
knows us by name,
and loves us with a love that never ends.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Son, our Savior
who was born among us as one of us,
showed us the heart of God,
gave his life on the cross,
rose again in victory,
is with us always,
and will come again
to make all things new.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the waters at creation,
spoke through the prophets,
lives within us,
gives us faith,
fills us with hope,
and teaches us to love.

We believe we belong to God's family, the Church,
where we are welcomed in one baptism,
forgiven and nourished,
and learn to follow Jesus together.

We look for the day
when God will make all things new,
and we will live with him forever.
Amen.

WE PRAY TOGETHER

(sit or kneel)

We pray for our families, friends, neighbors, and everyone who needs hope, healing, or encouragement today.

Lord, teach us to love.

We pray for our leaders and for all who shape the future of our world. Give them wisdom, compassion, and courage to seek justice and peace.

Lord, teach us to love..

We pray for those who are hungry, lonely, afraid, or hurting. Show them your love, and help us become part of the answer to their prayers.

Lord, teach us to love.

We remember those we love who have died. Thank you that nothing, not even death, can separate us from your love.

Lord, teach us to love.

We remember those who are especially on our hearts today... *(pause)*

Lord, teach us to love.

Priest: Loving God, receive these prayers, and even the ones we cannot find words to say. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may love you more deeply, love our neighbors more generously, and serve the world more faithfully. **Amen.**

WE FIND REST & RELEASE

Priest: Jesus invites us to come to him with open hearts. Let us confess our sins and receive his mercy.

(Silence)

**Loving God,
we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have said things we should not have said,
done things we should not have done,
and left undone things we should have done.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us, for Jesus' sake,
Renew us.
Lead us by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may follow Jesus
with joy and courage. Amen.**

(silence)

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, again and again, Jesus met people around a table. not to condemn them, but to welcome them, feed them, and remind them that they were deeply loved. So come to this table, not because you've earned a place here, but because Christ invites you. Come hungry for grace, for hope, and for the love of God that is freely given to all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and always our joy, to give you thanks, loving Father.

You created us in love, never stopped loving us when we wandered from you, and, in the fullness of time, sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us home.

By his life, his death on the cross, and his glorious resurrection, he opened the way to forgiveness, new life, and the hope that nothing can ever separate us from your love.

On the night before he gave himself for us, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, 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, saying,

"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."

Remembering his life, his death, his resurrection, and his promise to come again, we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

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. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

DIMISSION

Go in peace to love God, love others, and serve the world.

Thanks be to God

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
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The graphic features a teal and gold color scheme with watercolor-style borders. It includes icons for a calendar, people, a heart, and a hand holding a heart. A QR code is positioned next to the 'Scan to Join!' text, which has a blue arrow pointing to it. The church's logo, a blue square with a gold star and a white wave, is in the top right corner.



Upcoming events

OCT 2026

SUN
OCT 4

Lenten Guide Participants Meeting

Immediately following the 10:15 AM service
Conference Room

THU
OCT 8

Listening with the Heart

(Thursdays, October 8 – November 12)

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Zoom

FRI
OCT 9

Supper Club

6:30 PM

Home of Mary Olson (415 Peachtree Rd, Orlando, FL 32804)

SAT
OCT 10

Ordination of Parks Bennett to Deacons

11:00 AM

Cathedral Church of St. Luke

SUN
OCT 18

Gospel Brunch

9:00 AM

Church

For more info on upcoming events, check out our
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event's calendar





LAY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) play a vital role in our church community by helping share the sacred gifts of communion during worship. By stepping forward to serve, LEMs ensure our liturgies run smoothly and that everyone present can fully participate in the Eucharistic feast.

WHY SERVE AS AN LEM?



A DEEPER FAITH

Serving at the table deepens your connection to Christ and enriches your spiritual journey.



A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Your service helps create a welcoming, reverent, and inclusive experience for all who gather around Christ's table.



A MEANINGFUL IMPACT

You directly nourish and support fellow parishioners through your ministry.





Serving as an LEM is a beautiful way to live out your baptismal call, deepen your own faith, and directly nourish your fellow parishioners.



For more information, please contact Fr. Greg at greg@stmichaelschurch.com to take the next step.



2027 Lenten Guide

Interested in writing for
the 2027 Lenten Guide?

If you would like to contribute a reflection or
devotional for the 2027 Lenten Guide,
please contact

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Lenten Guide
Participants
Meeting



Sunday October 4

Immediately after the 10:15 AM Service in the Conference Room



Listening with the *Heart*



God is always present.

The invitation is to become more aware.



DATES

October 8th –
November 12th

(Thursdays for 6 weeks)



TIME

6:30 – 7:30 pm



MEETINGS WILL BE HELD OVER ZOOM

THE RHYTHM OF OUR TIME TOGETHER



Welcome &
Candle Lighting



Opening Prayer



Scripture or
Passage Reading



Guided Examen



Creative Doorway and
Invitation to Share



Closing Blessing

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE EXAMEN



Prayerful practice of noticing.



Way of not only listening
to what is around us but
what is within us.



Invitation to slow down,
listen deeply, and discover
where God is already present.



Join us as we
reflect and listen with the heart.



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join the
meeting



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with any questions.



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