



Gospel Family Service



WE GATHER

OPENING SONG

Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us Let the glory of the Lord rise among us Let the praises of our King rise among us Let it rise

Oh, let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us Let the songs of the Lord rise among us Let the joy of our King rise among us Let it rise

Oh, let it rise

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 Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains

Come to Bethlehem and see

Him Whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee,

Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heavenly song?

See Him in a manger laid

Jesus Lord of heaven and earth;

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,

With us sing our Savior's birth.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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(please be seated)

Priest: The Lord is here.

All: God's Spirit is with us.

Priest: Let us pray:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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 John 1:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

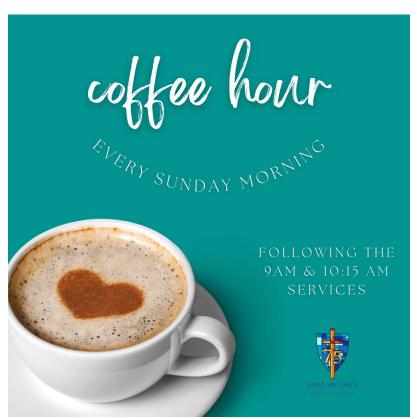
Oh, give thanks unto the Lord For He is good, yes, He is good Oh, give thanks unto the Lord For He is good, yes, He is good (Repeat)

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.





11JAN

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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The church office will be limitedly staffed December 29th through December 3th at noon.

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The office will be closed: December 31st at 12 pm until January 5th at 9 am

May this Be a Blessed Christmas Season for you and all those you hold dear.

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6:30pm-8:00pm Quigley Hall

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