



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome and accept you, and we trust God to take you where God wants you in God's timing. We want to be a safe place for you to experience God's grace, love, and presence with us. Welcome home.

PRELUDE MUSIC AT 10 AM

On “The King of Love”
H. Willan

On “Jesu, my joy”
M. Dupré

On “We gather together”
Flor Peeters

On “O God, thou faithful God”
J. Brahms

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Master let me walk with thee

Hymn 660

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918) Music: *Marston* Henry Purcell Smith (1825-1898)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ:
you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your strength.

This is the first and great commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

HYMN OF PRAISE Immortal, Invisible, God only wise (vs. 1&3) Hymn 423

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) alt

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8

(To be read responsively by half-verse)

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN

God be in my head

Hymn 694

God be in my head, and in my under - stand - ing;

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

 he suffered death and was buried.

 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Our gracious and loving God, you are generous and merciful to all that you have created. Accept our prayers for all your creation and let your Holy Spirit direct and rule our hearts as we say: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross and help us to love one another.

Overwhelmingly generous God: Take away our envy, flood our inner being with your light, and help us to so exult in your huge, limitless love, that your generosity spills over and through us and onto all whom we meet.

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross
and help us to love one another.

Unselfish God: enable your Church to welcome all people with generosity of spirit, suspending any judgment of them and offering them only love. May the different branches of your Church open their doors to each other, accepting each other's differences and delighting in our combined richness of experience.

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross
and help us to love one another.

Benevolent God: may the world wake up to your immense generosity of spirit and learn to emulate it. In our gratitude for your love and your gifts to us, may we learn to act with forgiveness and understanding towards each other. And may we be particularly concerned with those who are genuinely needy, doing our best to ensure that they are fully supported by the rest of the world.

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross
and help us to love one another.

Bountiful God: enable us to listen properly to all members of our community so that we may hear and understand any problems and difficulties. May we listen especially closely to those who are on the margins of our community and help them to take their proper place amongst us all.

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross
and help us to love one another.

Comforting God: Give grace to all who have been impacted by the wildfires and hurricanes, especially those who have lost homes and livelihoods, help them find new homes and the resources that they need, and give eternal rest to those who have died.

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross
and help us to love one another.

Compassionate God: we pray for all who are sick, especially those suffering from chronic conditions involving pain. Ease their pain and allow their healing to begin. We pray especially for those who have commended themselves to our prayers {LIST}

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross
and help us to love one another.

For all who have died trusting in you: that God will welcome them with the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Priest: Gracious and Loving God, conform our prayers to the heart of Jesus, hear them through the interceding of your Holy Spirit, and grant them in accordance with your gracious will. **Amen.**

CONFESSiON OF SiN

Remain kneeling.

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He that shall endure

F. Mendelssohn

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(you may kneel)

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and 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, and said, “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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

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

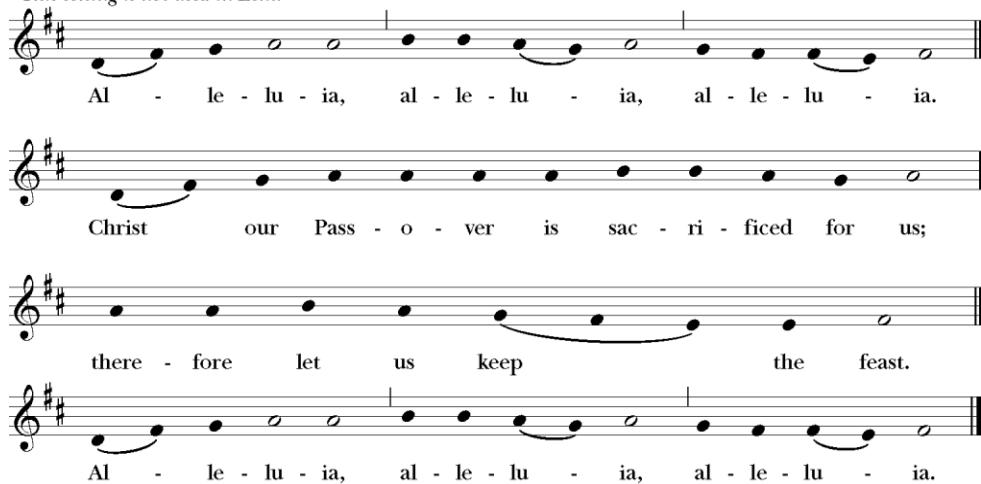
Celebrant and People

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

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.

Let us pray:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to you. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally with my community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

(you may kneel)

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people.

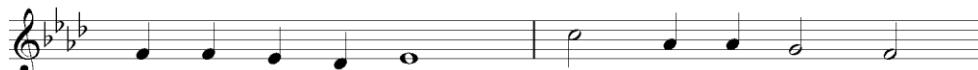
RECESSATIONAL HYMN

Come, labor on

Hymn 541



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share- to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

Johann Michael Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Sam's birthday,
by Jim & Cindy Provencher.

For more information regarding announcements or to Register for any weekly Zoom Gathering [CLICK HERE](#).

LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY: TUESDAYS AT 5:45 PM

How are your days and habits marked by the love of God? Are there moments in the day that feel mundane or even difficult to move through? In the book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: sacred practices in everyday life*, Rev. Tish Harrison Warren invites us into intentional reflection of the things we experience every day. From the fragrance of coffee brewing in the morning to brushing teeth before bed, God uses the little moments to form sacred rhythms. Journey with us, as we discover practicing God's gracious presence, in the stillness and in the chaos; embracing our identities in Christ. Come as you are on Zoom, Tuesdays at 5:45 pm. To sign-up, register through the E-messenger. For any questions you may email our seminarian, Emilie Joudi Vick at pastoralcare@stmichaelschurch.com. You may purchase the book here: <https://tinyurl.com/Liturgy-of-the-Ordinary>.

“GOODNIGHT WITH MR. ANDREW” Sunday, September 20, 6:30 PM

- “Songs & Prayers Time” - 15-20 mins for our young ones beginning at 6:30.

“GOOD NIGHT” EXPERIENCES FOR ADULTS AND OLDER ONES

- **Sung Compline – Sunday, Sep 20, 8:00 pm** - Gregorian Chant / Opening Hymn / Closing Choral Anthem; beauty, calm, and solace for the end of your day. Join us online (live-stream YouTube channel), or please come and join us in-person.
- **Sung Evensong – Wed, Sep 23, 6:30 pm** – Youth Choir voices plus a few of our Adult Sopranos and Altos. Another service of calm, and of solace, but a different liturgy than Compline. Still has evening prayers, evening hymns, but the readings change with whose life/ministry we might be celebrating that day.

ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

Those who have commended themselves to our prayers:

Alexander, Amanda, Anders, Ann-Catherine, Ann., Arel, Ashley, Austin, Avery, Barbara B, Barbara P., Ben, Benny, Bill H., Bill T., Brayden, Brittney, Charlie E., Charlie H., Craig, Connor, Cynthia, DeDee, Deirdre, Doug, Ellen, Emilie, George M., Grace, Greg, Gylla, Heather, Jefro, John, June E., June V., Kathy, Katie, Kristina, Lawrence, Lisa, Lovelace Family, Mary, Mary Ellen, Nayim, Nina, Peter, Robert, Ruthie, Shaun, Tracey, Trevin, Walter.

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

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

This Week's Birthdays:

20: Sarah Clark, Bailey Daniel 21: Sammi Caruso, Karen DiDea 22: Logan Baker, Phil Demro, Mary Lowry, Barbara Powers, Bob Uebele 23: Robert Gentile, Brigit Pope 24: Robbi Stiell 26: Alexis Bond, Lawton Evans

This Week's Anniversaries:

23: Bill & Mary Lowry 24: Art & Allison Barksdale 25: Rick & Pam Arkins 26: Toby & Marion Arnheim

REST IN PEACE

Tom Bland

Harriet Weant

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*

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives); 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.*

Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today



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