

Welcome to ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Service of Evensong

March 4, 2025 5pm

Livestream

We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us today! St. Michael's Episcopal Church, centered in Jesus Christ, is passionate about accepting the invitation to grow in God through love and acceptance. It is our desire to share God's love in action with works of grace and service. We are inclusive and welcoming of all God's people.

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We ask that you silence any electronics that might make noise during the service.



PRELUDE

All stand. The service begins with a sentence of scripture.

The service continues with:

Officiant
O God, make speed to save us.
People
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Except in Lent, add:
Al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn 25 (O Gracious Light) from the Hymnal 1982 is then sung (Music can be found on page 7.)

All may be seated as the Psalm is chanted to the following setting:

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

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Psalm 36

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their **hearts**;
there is no fear of God before their **eyes**.

For they flatter themselves in their own **eyes**
that their iniquity cannot be found out and **hated**.

The words of their mouths are mischief and **deceit**;
they have ceased to act wisely and do **good**.

They plot mischief while on their **beds**;
they are set on a way that is not good; they do not reject **evil**.
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the **heavens**,
your faithfulness to the **clouds**.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like
the great **deep**;

you save humans and animals alike, O **Lord**.
 How precious is your steadfast love, O **God**!
 All people may take refuge in the shadow of your **wings**.
 They feast on the abundance of your **house**,
 and you give them drink from the river of your **delights**.
 For with you is the fountain of **life**;
 in your light we see **light**.
 O continue your steadfast love to those who **know you**,
 and your salvation to the upright of **heart**!
 Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on **me**,
 or the hand of the wicked drive me **away**.
 There the evildoers lie **prostrate**;
 they are thrust down, unable to **rise**.

A reading from Deuteronomy (6:16—25)

Do not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.

You must diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his decrees, and his statutes that he has commanded you. Do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may go in and occupy the good land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you, thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised. When your children ask you in time to come, “What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?” then you shall say to your children, “We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Mary Magnificat (Continued on following page)

Antiphon
Unison or harmony

1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness
 of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in
 claims the great - ness of the Lord, my

The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (Continued)

God my Savior; for he has looked
with favor on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
3 He has mercy on those who fear him
4 He has shown the strength of his arm,
5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
6 He has filled the hungry with good things,
7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
8 The promise he made to our fathers,
9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
10 As it was in the beginning, is now,

2 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
3 in every generation. [Ant.]
4 he has scattered the proud in their contention.
5 and has lifted up the lowly. [Ant.]
6 and the rich he has sent away empty.
7 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
8 to Abraham and his children forever. [Ant.]
9 and to the Holy Spirit:
10 and will be for ever. [Ant.]

The antiphon may be sung in unison, with the counter-melody played by an instrument, or it may be sung in three parts.

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John (1:19-28)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

The Song of Simeon

- 1 Lord, you now have set your' servant' free *
to go in' peace as' you have' promised;
- 2 For these eyes of mine have' seen the' Savior, *
whom you have prepared for'all the' world to' see:
- 3 A Light to en' lighten the' nations, *
and the' glory of your' people' Israel.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Father, and' to the' Son, *
and' to the' Holy' Spirit:
As it was in the be' ginning, is' now, *
and' will be for' ever. A' men.

Music: Thomas Dupuis (1733-1796).

Please stand and chant in monotone.

THE APOSTLES CREED

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.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.

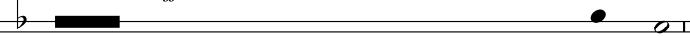
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

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.**

Then follow the Suffrages, please join on the response as you are able:

Cantor or Officiant



That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

People



We en - treat you, O Lord.

(This response is sung after each petition)



That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,



That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of



[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

The Officiant then chants Collect for the Last Sunday after Epiphany.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

HOMILY The Rev. Andy Lobban

Please stand and join in as you are able.

THE HYMNAL 1982—#635 If Thou but Trust in God (*Please join in, music can be found on page 8.*)

All are invited to offer their prayers and thanksgivings aloud or silently to God.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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The service concludes with a sentence or blessing of scripture

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

The Rev. Andy Lobban Officiant

Dancy Dobrenick, Jackie Linn, Patty Green & Laura Quené Altar Guild

Renée Pierce & Sr. Tina Francesca Ferriot Reader

Rick Larkey Usher

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music Director

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following the service for our Pancake Supper!

Ash Wednesday Services tomorrow, March 5th

7am Ashes

12pm Eucharist & Ashes

7pm Eucharist & Ashes with Livestream

The Hymnal 1982—#25 O Gracious Light

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.
 Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

The Hymnal 1982 #635 If Thou but trust in God

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what'er be-tide thee,
 faith-ful-ly, and trust his word, though un-de-serv-ing;

and bear thee through the e-vil days. Who trusts in God's un-
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev-er yet for-

chang-ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust-ed him in-deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).