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Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**September 17, 2023  
10am**

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# Welcome to **ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**PRELUDE** Prelude in G-flat, Op. 16/iii by Scriabin  
*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#410 Praise, My  
Soul, the King of Heaven (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found  
on page 7.*)

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** The Hymnal 1982—#S236 Glory to You (*Music  
can be found on page 8 & 9.*)

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Together, let us pray

**O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully  
grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our  
hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS & PSALM** *Please be seated.*

### **A reading from the Book of Genesis (50:15-21)**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if  
Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the  
wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your  
father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you,  
forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming  
you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God  
of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers  
also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."  
But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?  
Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good,  
in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have  
no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way  
he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

**Please pray from Psalm 103:1-13 responsively by half verse.**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
**and forget not all his benefits.**
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
**and heals all your infirmities;**
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
**and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
**and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness \*  
**and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
**and his works to the children of Israel.**
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
**nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
**nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
**so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
**so far has he removed our sins from us.**
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
**so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (14:1-12)**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#536 Open Your Ears, verse 1. (*All stand as you are able and face the Deacon for the Gospel reading. Music can be found on pages 9 & 10*)

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL** Matthew (18:21-35)

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

**SERMON**      The Rev. Rodney Davis

**NICENE CREED** *All stand as you are able*

**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* Gracious God, we come in gratitude, thanking you for all we have, trusting that you will give us what we need and will help us fulfill the needs of others. Together, let us pray for the well-being of the church, the world, and the people here today, saying, God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Gracious God, give us wisdom to live as a united people who come from many places and help us free the oppressed. Give us willingness to work for justice and equity for all people. God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, give all those in authority wisdom and courage to do your will. Help us be aware that all good comes from you and that it is your will for all human beings to prosper. Stretch our hearts and minds to see the way for all to live in your blessings. God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, guide our church and school. We pray for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We pray for Megan, our Bishop, Mary, Katie, Rod, Roy, and Jesse, our clergy, for Mary, our head of school, for all the staff, teachers and students at St. Michael's Day School and Starr King K-8. God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, fill our ministries with hope, constancy, and grace. Inspire in our work faith, hope, and love; helping those who do not know you, become aware of your love. God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help us know how to care for the earth and its creatures and to adapt to its changes so that all may benefit from its abundance and beauty. God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in times of trouble, strengthen our trust and inspire eagerness to protect the health of the vulnerable and nurture the lives of all people. God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, give comfort to all people who suffer, are imprisoned, and burdened by the injustices of daily living. We pray especially for those we now name: **Connie, Michael, Betty, Donald, Sally, Robert, Jay, Kathy, Jane, Younghae, Jill, Zachery, Patricia, Cynthia, Dennis, Sarah, Nora, Addie, Tarra, Diane, Bill, Kyle, Tom, Mark, Bridget, Genie, Elizabeth, Bob, Mary, Ruby, Kathy, Kay, Hunter, Jake, and Billie.** God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, welcome the departed into your blessed rest and give peace and comfort to their families and loved ones. God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

For whom else or what else shall we pray? (*Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*) God, with trusting hearts, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have heard our petitions and we humbly ask that you answer our prayers as you feel will be best for us. For with your presence, we know all things are possible and from you, all goodness comes. Help us be mindful of the needs of others, the beauty that surrounds us, and the joy that is within us. We pray this all in the name of the one who taught us to pray, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **GENERAL CONFESSIO** *Please kneel as you are able.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**THE PEACE AND OFFERTORY** *Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Celebrant* Come into the presence of God and give to God's name honor; bring forth offerings of thanksgiving.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** It is Well with My Soul by Ness Beck

**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#400 All creatures of our God and King, verse 7. (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 10.*)

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(*Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer*)

*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 Living God.

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

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

**THE SANCTUS** The Hymnal 1982—Service Music #128 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us, music can be found on page 11.*)

*Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Michael, the Archangel, all angels, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

**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.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF BREAD and THE INVITATION**

The Hymnal 1982—S#171 Be Known to Us (*Music can be found on page 11.*)

*Celebrant* This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and love Christ, all are invited to come and meet Jesus here. The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**COMMUNION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#516 Come Down, O Love Divine (*Music can be found on page 12.*)

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Kneel or stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**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.**

#### **THE BLESSING**

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And may the Divine Mystery—who is beyond our ability to know—the one who made you, the one who loves you, and the one who travels the way with you, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you in peace. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#336 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 13.*)

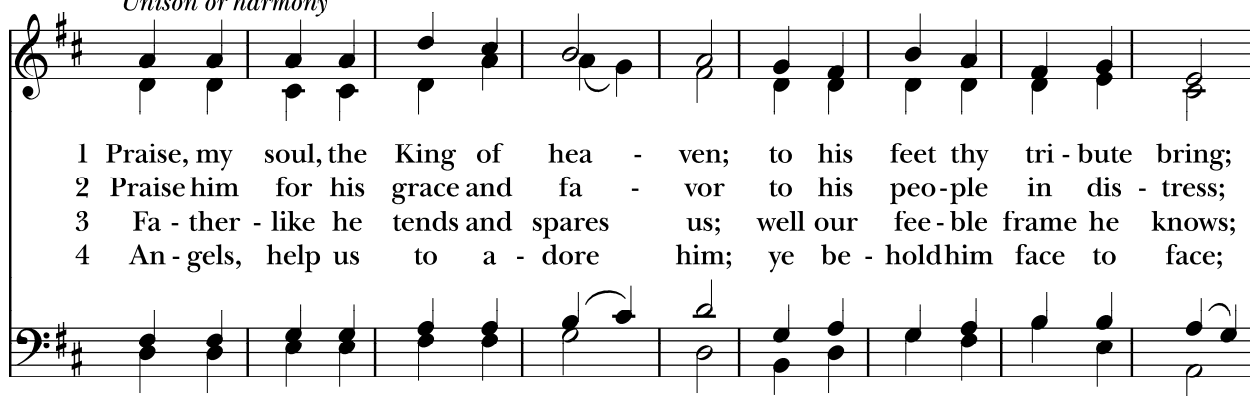
*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go into the world to love and serve Christ!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

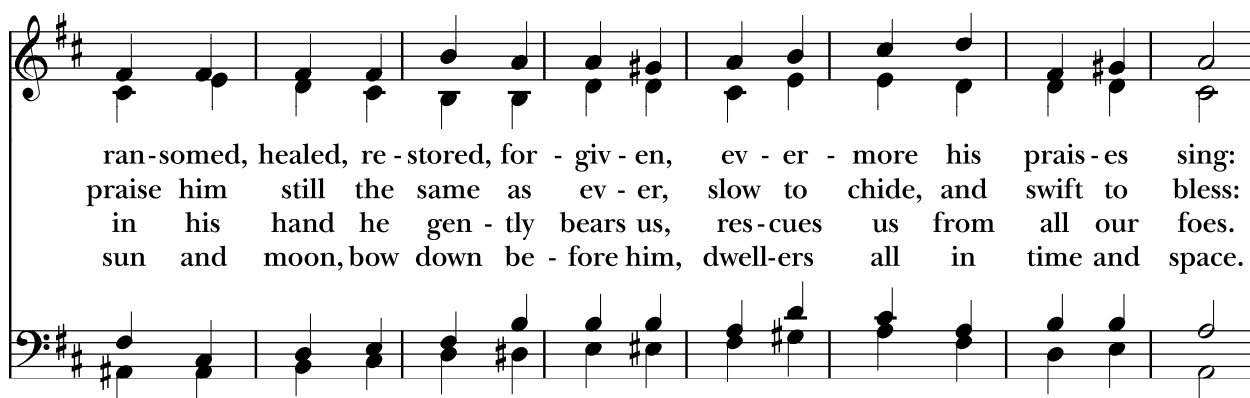
**POSTLUDE** Italian Hymn by Flynn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

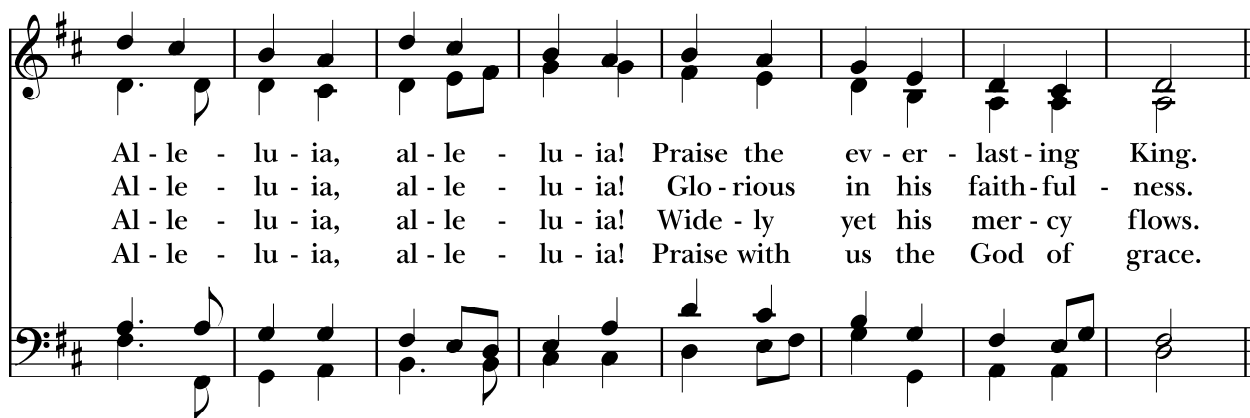
*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

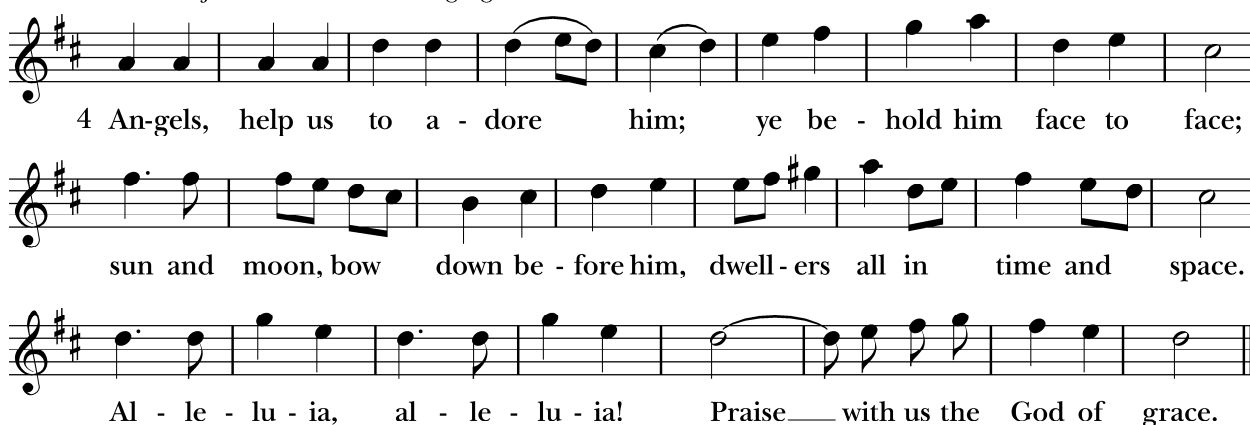


ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*Descant for use with unison singing*



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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HYMN OF PRAISE The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S 236 Glory to you. (Continues on following page)

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

**HYMN OF PRAISE** The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S 236 Glory to you. *(Continued from previous page)*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the  
 depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

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**GRADUAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#536 Open your ears, O faithful people *(Verse 1—continues on following page)*

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you. *Fine*  
 God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

**GRADUAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#536 Open your ears, O faithful people (*Continued from previous page*)

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are To - rah o - ra, *Da Capo* words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah! To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

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**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#400 Verse 7, All Creatures of our God and King

7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One: *Refrain* O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**THE SANCTUS** The Hymnal 1982, Service Music—#128 Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

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**FRACTION ANTHEM** The Hymnal 1982, Service Music—#171 Be known to us.

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

1. The bread which we break. al - le - lu - ia.

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*

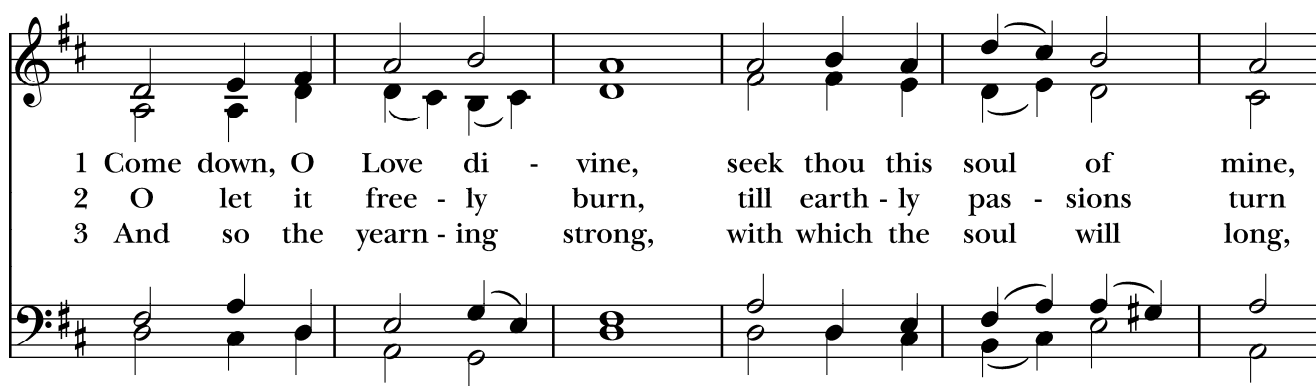
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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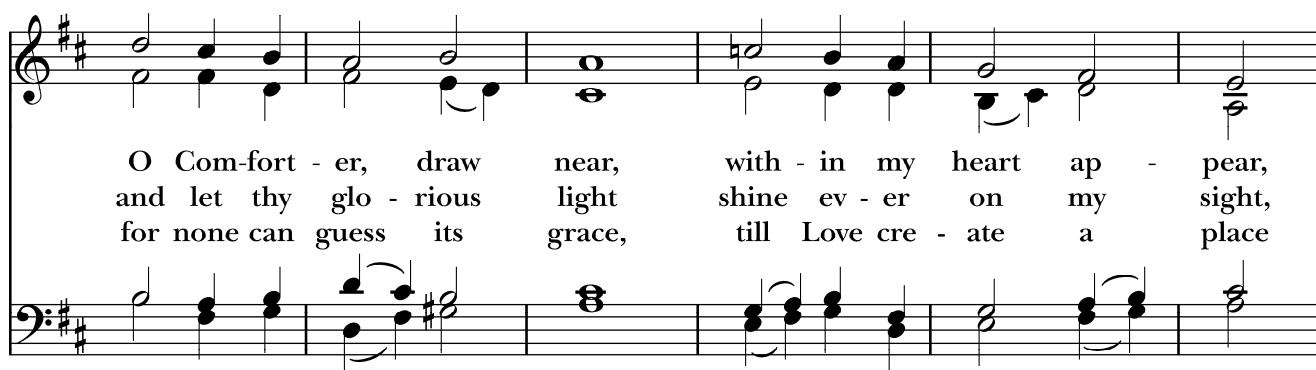
COMMUNION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#516 Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#336 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -  
 \*2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and  
 \*3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine  
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry  
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.  
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.  
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy  
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as  
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has  
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and  
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## Announcements

### Worship

#### Worship Update

We would like to bring back the opportunity to receive the cup by sipping out of the chalice once again and will be adding a common cup that will be offered at the back of the altar (closest to the choir area) during the distribution of communion. After receiving the host you are invited to go around to the back of the altar to receive the cup. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction, the priest will put it in your hand and the Eucharistic Minister will take it and dip it in the wine and then give it back to you in your palm as we have been doing.

#### Godly Play & Nursery!

Godly Play is available on Sundays at 10am during worship, children ages 3-grade 4 are welcome to join us. Nursery is also open for children 0-3. Check your children in at the table in Parish Hall marked Godly Play. Please contact Pastor Katie with any questions.

#### Holy Cross Day Blessings

Today we will be blessing crosses during the time of "blessings to share."

#### Feast of St. Michael's & Ingathering Sunday Next Sunday, September 24th

There will be an ingathering Barbecue immediately following the 10am service to celebrate our stewardship and the Feast of St. Michael. During the service, you will have an opportunity to bring your pledges up to the Altar and offer them to God.

#### Feast of St. Francis Sunday, October 1st, 10am

It is bring your pets to church Day! The blessings will be during this courtyard service. There will be bragging rights for the coolest animal and forgiveness for the loudest! All are welcome! Please bring your pets for the blessing.

#### Celebration of Life Services

The Celebration of Life service for Paul McIntyre will be at Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes on Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at 1pm.

The Celebration of Life service for Pauline (Polly) Dodds will be at St. Michael's on Saturday October 7th, 2023 at 11am.

The Celebration of Life service for Mary Groesbeck will be at St. Michael's on Sunday November 19th, 2023 at 2pm.

### Learn & Connect

#### St. Michael's World Café's: Embarking on the Future Together—Today on Zoom at 6pm

If you haven't participated yet, please join us for the World Café today after the 5pm Contemplative Zoom Prayer service. The Vestry's intent is for everyone who wants to participate in the planning may do so. World Cafés are gatherings where people sit in small groups and discuss predetermined discussion questions. We will also publish the survey; however, If you want to participate in a group process but cannot this Sunday and did not last, please let the office know 916.488.3550

#### Spiritual Formation Group Beginning in October

Learn what it is Today at 11:45

You are invited to come to hear about a Spiritual Formation Group that is being formed. The group will be using a revised edition of the workbook, A Spiritual Formation Workbook: Small group resources for nurturing Christian growth. If you are interested in joining this group, please let Sharon Gulliford, Sue Corbin, or the office know of your interest.

#### Name Tags Available

We have name tags available for our new members at Sunday morning check in's. Please be sure to grab and wear your name tag before the service. If you are in need of a name tag please let the office know.

#### Continuing Studies

- **Sacred Circle** Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm via zoom. For more information please contact Kate Muris.
- **Thursday Open Bible Study** Meets every Thursday in the Friendship Center (and on Zoom) at 10am - 11:30am. We study the scriptures for the following Sunday. For more Bible Study information, please connect with Rev. Mary.

#### Hospitality Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering for coffee hour, social events and fundraisers are wonderful ways for all parishioners, especially newer ones, to be of service, have some fun and connect with others. Help will be needed in many ways. Please consider filling out the volunteer form (available at Coffee Hour) to let us know what your interest is in becoming a part of St. Michael's Hospitality. There is no obligation to participate in any event when you fill out this form!!

## Announcements

### **Serving in the Community**

#### **2023 Mercy and Social Justice Parishioner Guided Grants Application Cycle Opens!**

St. Michael's will again be supporting community outreach through the 2023 Mercy and Social Justice Parishioner Guided Grants.

#### **Parishioner Guided Grants Program**

You are invited to nominate a program in which St Michael's parishioners' are involved. The grants will be awarded to programs that address basic needs of food, shelter, education and health. For this cycle, grant amounts are anticipated to range from \$500-\$2,000. Please send all nominations to Dancy Dobrenick at [dancy@surewest.net](mailto:dancy@surewest.net) by end of day Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Paper copies of the grant application will be on the Ushers' desk in the Sanctuary. Grants will be awarded in December 2023. All recipient organizations will be invited to participate at our 2024 Outreach Sunday by sending a representative and organizational information, including volunteer opportunities. For more information contact: Dancy Dobrenick.

### **Hawaiian Wildfire Disaster Relief**

Following the success of our 2022 Fall Fundraiser, and all your generosity, the Vestry was able to put aside money for disaster relief. In light of the recent wildfires in Hawaii, we are going to give \$4,000 to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) for the Hawaiian Relief from the St. Michael's Congregation. If you would like to contribute further we suggest giving to either the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California (EDNC) Disaster Relief, or the Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) Hawai'i Emergency Response Fund.

### **Mission Avenue Players presents The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - Auditions**

Mission Avenue Players has an exciting opportunity in their upcoming production of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever with parts available for several adults and children ages 7+! Auditions will be Monday & Tuesday, October 2 & 3 at 7:00 pm (Actors only need to attend one day). A tentative Call Back will be Wednesday, October 4 at 7 pm. Auditions will consist of readings from the script and rehearsals will begin Monday, October 16 and continue Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. Please contact Michael Walker ([renwalker@aol.com](mailto:renwalker@aol.com)) for additional information.

### **Serving Today**

**The Rev. Mary Clausus** Celebrant

**The Rev. Rodney Davis** Preaching & Deacon

**Tammy Murray, Dianne Robbins & Eileen Thomas** Altar Guild

**Allison Flower–Arledge** Flowers

**Sr. Tina Francesca** Acolytes

**Jan Bowdler & Sue Corbin** Readers

**Ann Hall, Sue Davis & Harriet Wharton** Eucharistic Ministers

**Lennie Silva, Rick Larkey & Jay Bowdler** Ushers

**Lee Ranes** Greeter

**John Cozza** Music Director

**Laura & John Quené & Marilu Fresquez** Coffee Hour Hosts

**Sunday September 17—The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist 10am Eucharist & Live stream  
Coffee Hour 11:30am Parish Hall  
Spiritual Formation Group Intro 11:45am Friendship Center  
Contemplative Prayer 5pm Zoom Service  
World Café Zoom 6pm

**Monday September 18**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

**Tuesday September 19**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Staff Meeting 9:30am  
EfM 6:30pm

**Wednesday September 20**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Centering Prayer 7pm

**Thursday September 21**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center/Zoom  
Noon Day Prayer 11:45am Zoom  
Circle of Care 4:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

**Sunday September 24—The Feast of St. Michael & Ingathering Sunday**

Holy Eucharist 10am Eucharist & Live stream  
Ingathering BBQ 11:30am Parish Hall & Courtyard  
Contemplative Prayer 5pm Zoom Service

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**SAVE THE DATE**

September 24 **St. Michael's Day & Ingathering  
Sunday & Barbeque**

October 1 **Feast of St. Francis & Blessing of the  
Animals**

**CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

**The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair** Bishop,  
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California  
**The Rev. Mary Clausgus** Rector  
**Pastor Katie Holeman** Assisting Priest  
**The Rev. Rodney Davis** Associate Priest  
**The Rev. Roy Whitten** Associate Priest  
**The Rev. Jesse Vaughan** Associate Priest  
**Andy Chamness** Sexton  
**John Cozza** Music Director  
**Michelle Falcly** Parish Administrator  
**Jack Cozza** Videographer  
**Kate Muris** Bookkeeper  
**Diane Gilmore, Diane Rehner-Salisbury, Sr. Tina  
Francesca Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin,  
Karen Christie** Office Volunteers

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**Janet West** Member  
**Rick Larkey** Member  
**Jane Samuelson** Member  
**Mary Kessler** Member  
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