

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

Celebrating Thanksgiving | November 19, 2023

**OPENING MUSIC & WELCOME**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated.*

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

**Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**LESSONS & PSALM**

**A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (8:7-18)**

Moses said to all Israel: For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.



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Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Please pray from Psalm 65 responsively by half verse.**

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
**to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
**because of their transgressions.**
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
**but you will blot them out.**
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
**they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, \*  
**O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
**they are girded about with might.**
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
**the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.**
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
**the river of God is full of water.**
- 10 You prepare the grain, \*  
**for so you provide for the earth.**
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

**MUSIC**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (25:1-13).  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

## SILENT REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* 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 and the world, 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, Lynelle 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 violence and trouble, guide us in your way; strengthen our trust and inspire eagerness to heal the brokenhearted, to protect the health of the vulnerable and nurture the lives of all people. We pray especially for those in Israel, Gaza and in Lewiston, Maine. 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: **Tina, Jennifer, Justin, Connie, Michael, Betty, Sally, Robert, Jay, 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.**

### **MUSIC & CANDLE LIGHTING**

*As music is played, you are invited to come forward to the altar rail and light a candle in thanksgiving or for intercessory prayers.*

### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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

*Your offering may be placed in the basket on the table in the aisle. Please come forward to the altar as the table is being prepared. All are welcome to participate in communion.*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*(Eucharistic Prayer A, 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**

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 THE BREAD AND THE INVITATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

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

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

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

The flowers are given in loving memory of **Mary Groesbeck.**

## Announcements

### Worship

#### Christmas Music & Flowers

This Christmas season, you can remember your loved ones and celebrate important moments in your life with the gift of flowers to the church. You can share with us the person or event you would like to give flowers in gratitude or memory of via our online form, or you can email the office. Please add "Christmas Flowers & Music" to the memo line of checks and mail or drop them off to the office. You can also pay online using the drop down menu by selecting Flowers & Music in Thanksgiving and Remembering.

#### Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist, 8:30am

Given school is in session, you are asked to enter through the side door of the parking lot. The door will open at 8:25am and be closed and locked by 8:35am, to keep the security efforts of the school intact. If you are interested in attending please contact Fr. Rod.

#### 5pm Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom

We are bringing the 5pm back to in-person worship with a Eucharist and we will have the zoom open and in the service so anyone needing to participate at home, is encouraged to join. If you would like the consecrated hosts, please let the office know.

#### 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.

### Learn & Connect

#### Living Compass Advent

The Living Compass theme for the Advent season is Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind. The Living Compass Advent booklets are available, free of cost, at the church this Sunday, **November 12**. There are multiple ways you can engage with this material through <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>. A weekly discussion group facilitated by Lisa and Jim Sargent will be offered on Sunday evenings, **December 3, 10 & 17** from 6:30-7:30 on Zoom.. Please contact Lisa by e-mail at [lisa@2sargents.com](mailto:lisa@2sargents.com) to sign up.

#### A Radiant Birth: Advent Reflections

This Advent season Marilyn McEntyre will be leading reflections on a new collection of Advent daily readings by contemporary Christian writers, A Radiant Birth. Participants are encouraged, though not required, to follow the daily readings during the week and come to the Sunday, beginning **December 3rd**, after coffee hour for one hour of reflection on some of the most helpful images, poems, passages, or revisiting's of the biblical story. Discounted copies of the book will be available at coffee hour and at a discount from Christian Book Distributors.

#### 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.

#### St. Michael's 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.

### Serving in the Community

#### Gifts from the Heart

Thank you so much to all who chose to participate in the GFTH program this year!! All 121 children and adults now have a "personal" shopper! Please place wrapped gifts in the clear plastic bag along with the yellow tag for each person and bring them to the Parish Hall at the designated drop off dates and times: Dec. 2, 1-4pm and Dec. 3, 9am-2pm. If an alternate drop of time is needed, please talk to Laura Quene 916-507-9542 or Holly Yue 916-769-1091.

#### California International Marathon Coming up, Expect Traffic Delays on Sunday, December 3rd



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## **Sunday November 19—Celebrating Thanksgiving**

Holy Eucharist 10am Eucharist & Live stream  
DOK Hosted Coffee Hour 11:30am Parish Hall  
Mary Groesbeck Celebration of Life Service 2pm  
Reception immediately following in Parish & Johnstone  
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm

## **Monday November 20**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Executive Meeting 4:30pm Zoom

## **Tuesday November 21**

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

## **Wednesday November 22**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

## **Thursday November 23—Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Noon Day Prayer 11:45am Zoom

## **Friday November 24—Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

## **Sunday November 26—Christ the King**

Holy Eucharist 10am Eucharist & Live stream  
Coffee Hour 11:30am Parish Hall  
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

December 3 **Blue Christmas** 5pm

December 16 **Life Profession of Sr. Tina** 11am

December 17 **Lessons & Carols** 5pm

December 19 **Winterdance** 7pm

December 24 **Christmas Eve Family Service** 5pm  
**Christmas Eve Service** 9pm

December 25 **Christmas Morning Service** 10am

\*More details on our Bulletin Board and website.

## **CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

**The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair** Bishop,  
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California  
**The Rev. Mary Claugus** 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 Rehrer-Salisbury, Sr. Tina  
Francesca Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin,  
Karen Christie, Mary Ellen Ferguson** Office  
Volunteers

## **VESTRY**

**Tammy Murray** Senior Warden  
**Doug Davy** Junior Warden  
**Chris Chamness** Clerk  
**Andrea LaMattina** Member  
**Pamela Lueders** Member  
**Janet West** Member  
**Rick Larkey** Member  
**Jane Samuelson** Member  
**Mary Kessler** Member  
**Renée Pierce** Member  
  
**John Quené** Treasurer  
**Constance Weichert** Music Director Emeritus