

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

The Last Sunday after Epiphany | February 11, 2024

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

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.

LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the second book of Kings (2:1-12)

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha,



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and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray from Psalm 50:1-6 responsively by half verse.

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for God himself is judge.

MUSIC

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark (9:2-9).

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked

around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 God, we pray that all may be enlightened by the light and grace of Jesus. Let our prayers be filled with love and hope, asking for your will to guide our lives. With the boldness and confidence of God's children, let us pray, saying, Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Leader Loving God, in Christ you embrace all people and make them members of the same body, who share in the promise of the gospel. We pray for the holy church of God, make us faithful witnesses, wise in our ministries, and gracious in all we do. We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, Megan, our bishop, Mary, Katie, Rod, Roy, Jesse, and Michael, our clergy, and Tina, our religious. Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you judge the people with righteousness and promise justice to the oppressed. We pray for nations, rulers, and authorities to forsake violence and be guided by the light of truth, so that equity and justice will be the goal of every ruler. Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all here today, our ministries and for all our neighbors, that we may be a community that is always willing to offer hospitality and welcome to the stranger and shelter the refugee, Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, for our planet earth, that we may dwell peacefully with nature, be good stewards of its resources, and share its abundance. Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, defender of the poor, help us to help those in need, especially the oppressed, those discriminated against, those who lack resources to be safe, and to flourish. For those who suffer the cruelty of poverty, and all who endeavor to transform systems of economic injustice, Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you take notice of the weak and give them strength. For those whose bodies are diseased and whose spirits are empty, that they may be restored to wholeness of life. We pray especially for **Michael, Carolyn, Eileen, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Connie, Robert, Jay, Cynthia, Kyle, Mark, Genie, Mary, Ruby, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for any who are wrongly incarcerated that they may be liberated, and for those whose guilt is valid and are imprisoned, let them repent of their sin and reconcile with their community. Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all who have died, especially Kathy Lunger and Karen Calvert, and for all who mourn. Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

For whom and what else shall we pray? (*Silence is kept*) Gracious God, **giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Gracious God, because you have called us your children, we are bold to ask for Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love. Increase trust in each of us to believe, that in your goodness, we will find wholeness and grace, we pray this with faith in 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, Enriching Our Worship 1)

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Michael, your archangel, and all your angels and saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

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.**

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

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

Announcements

Worship

10am Sunday Morning Worship Eucharist & Choir
Nursery opens at 9:30am

5pm Sunday Evening Contemplative Eucharist
with Zoom

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom, Monday through
Thursday

11:45am Thursday Noon Day Prayer – Zoom

8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 14th

- 7am Eucharist & Ashes
- 12pm Eucharist & Ashes
- 7pm Eucharist & Ashes with Livestream

Meet your Green Team

Sue Gaston, Pat Cole, and John Quene (Rick Larkey left our group to become Sr. Warden). We're here to implement the Episcopal Church's commitment to becoming carbon-neutral, and we will submit a plan to the Diocese of Northern California at the end of this year to show how St. Michael's can achieve this. We'll begin with an energy assessment of our church buildings and equipment. The day school will schedule a separate analysis. We'll also encourage parishioners and our neighbors to find ways to lower their carbon footprint. Earth Day is Monday, April 22, 2024. You'll see more about our plans to celebrate this later. We hope you'll join us in our work to leave a better environment for the next generation. Questions: Write me at patmcole@aol.com.

Serving in the Community

God's Helping Hands Laundry, Saturday February 17th at LaunderLand every 3rd Saturday of the month. To Volunteer or get more information Contact Julie Linderman (email: Julie.linderman@att.net or phone: 916.485.2978)

Additional Outreach opportunities found on our website calendar.

Regular Opportunities include:

- **River City Food Bank Center** at St. Matthew's - Distribution Prep every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday & Distribution every Wednesday & Friday
- **Carmichael HART** Carmichael Presbyterian Church - Lunch program every Thursday & the Shower Ministry every Saturday

St. Michael's Learns & Connects

Living Compass – Living Well Through Lent

The Living Compass Lenten booklets are available, free of cost, at the church. There are multiple other ways you can engage with this material through Living Compass at <https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>

- Signing up on Living Compass' website to receive a daily email of each reflection
- Downloading a free PDF file
- Purchasing an e-book on Amazon for .99 cents.

A Zoom discussion group facilitated by Lisa and Jim Sargent is offered on **Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm on February 25, March 10 and 24**. Please contact Lisa by e-mail at lisa@2sargents.com to sign up.

The Philadelphia Eleven Documentary—Showing March 8, 2024 at 5pm, in the Friendship Center

In an act of civil disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organize their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. In this feature-length documentary film, we meet the women who succeed in building a movement that transforms an age-old institution and challenges the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom. Please buy a ticket (\$10 to support the project) and come so we can watch it together. Additional details can be found on this week's Messenger and the Adult page of our website stmichaelscarmichael.org/learn/adult-education/

Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Supper February 13 at 6pm Parish Hall

Join us! St. Michael's will be hosting a pancake supper celebrating Shrove Tuesday. Questions? Call 916.488.3550 or email the office st.michaels@stmichaelscarmichael.org.

Help us put the FUN in Fundraiser!

We are gathering a group of people who want to help us create a magical event. The date is **Saturday, April 13th**. If you would like to add your creative talents to our committee, please see Renée Pierce at coffee hour, email renee.pierce99@gmail.com or text 916.539.6495. We are looking for volunteers for the evening, including set up/clean up, silent auction auditors, check-in/out (cashiering), bartending, communication and ticket sales. We especially want to invite new members to become involved while making new friends.

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Sunday February 11—The Last Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Eucharist 10am Eucharist & Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Adult Forums 11:45am Friendship Center
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm

Monday February 12

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Tuesday February 13—Shrove Tuesday

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Staff Meeting 9:30am Friendship Center
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6pm Parish Hall
EfM 6:30pm

Wednesday February 14—Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service 7am
Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Ash Wednesday Service 12pm
Ash Wednesday Service 7pm (with Livestream)

Thursday February 15

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center
Noonday Prayer 12pm
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Friday February 16

Friday Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Sunday February 18—The First Sunday of Lent

Holy Eucharist 10am Eucharist & Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm

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SAVE THE DATE

March 8 **The Philadelphia Eleven Documentary** 5pm
April 13 **St. Michael's Fundraiser**

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 Falcu Parish Administrator
Jack Cozza Videographer
Kate Muris & David Daigh Bookkeeper
**Diane Gilmore, Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Sr. Tina
Francesca Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin,
Karen Christie, Mary Ellen Ferguson** Office
Volunteers

VESTRY

Rick Larkey Senior Warden
Tammy Murray Junior Warden
Chris Chamness Clerk
Sue Davis Member
Doug Davy Member
Greg Dewey Member
Mary Ellen Ferguson Member
Mary Kessler Member
Kate Muris Member
Suzanne Phinney Member
Renée Pierce Member
Jane Samuelson Member

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Constance Weichert Music Director Emeritus