

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

The Fifth Sunday of Lent | March 17, 2024

OPENING MUSIC & WELCOME

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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.**

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray



Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 Jeremiah (31:31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray from Psalm 51:1-13 responsively by half verse.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *

and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, *

and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned *

and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak *

and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *

a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *

and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *

wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *

and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *

and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *

and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

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 John (12:20-33).

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 In peace, we offer our prayers to you, Lord God, knowing that our hope rests in you.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Megan our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God’s Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for: **Thom, Mary, Annette, Michael, Carolyn, Eileen, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Robert, Jay, Cynthia, Kyle, Mark, Genie, Mary, Ruby, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

For whom else or what else shall we pray? (*Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*) Lord, hear our prayers.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom and their loved ones find peace and comfort. *Silence.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

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. After the candle lighting, the Celebrant will gather the prayers.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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 2)

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far

away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Michael, your archangel and all angels and saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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

The blessing of God, who hears when you call; the grace of Christ, who reconciles you; the power of the Holy Spirit, who sustains you; remain with you in these Lenten days and for all your days, and forevermore. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

Announcements

Baptism

Baptisms are coming up! If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested in getting baptized please connect with the office.

Giving for Easter Flowers & Music

You can remember your loved ones and celebrate important moments in your life with the gift of flowers and/or music to the church using our online form, or emailing the office. Please add "Easter Flowers & Music" to the memo and mail or drop them off to the office. You can also pay on our website.

Confirmation & Reception into the Episcopal Church classes coming in Easter! Youth classes will be offered on Thursday's, April 11 - May 2 at 4:15pm. Adult classes will be offered on Sunday's, April 7, 14, 21, 28 from 11:45am to 1:15pm in the Friendship Center. We will cover Church History, Worship, Outreach, and Evangelism. Contact the office if you have questions.

Writing as a Spiritual Practice Workshop

Offered by Marilyn McEntyre
Friendship Center, **Sundays, March 17 & 24**, From 11:45 to 1:45pm, a light lunch will be provided.

Living Compass – Living Well Through Lent

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

Maundy Thursday Dinner—Thursday, March 28th at 5:30pm in Parish Hall before Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm.

Easter Sunday Brunch—Hosted by our wonderful Mercy & Social Justice members on Sunday, March 31st in Parish & Johnstone Halls immediately following our Easter Sunday service and Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard.

Rise Against Hunger—Saturday April 20th, 12 - 2pm in Parish & Johnstone Halls

Come pack meal bags that reach hungry people throughout the world. It is a very fun event and a great opportunity to gather as community to do something for those in need.

Easter Gift Cards

We are asking for donations to buy Food Gift Cards to help those in need at River City Food Bank & The Center at St. Matthews have a special Easter meal.

Starr King Hygiene Kits

You are invited to support Starr King's 5th Grade hygiene unit by donating items for hygiene kits for the students in the class. We have created a Target Community Registry for your convenience.

St. Michael's Children & Youth Connection

St. Michael's Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having an egg hunt Easter Morning after the 10am service. All children will be invited to join in.

St. Michael's Theater Camp 2024

July 8—19, Monday through Friday, 9am—3pm
Presenting Finding Nemo Kids! Theatre Camp is open to students entering 2nd—8th grade. Lunch and snacks are provided. Cost for two weeks is \$300. For more information please visit our website stmichaelscarmichael.org or email Pastor Katie at pastorkatie@stmichaelscarmichael.org.

St. Michael's Fundraiser—Spring in Paris!

Saturday, April 13th from 6—9pm in Johnstone & Parish Hall. We will have music by the Leaping Blennies, a silent auction, gourmet buffet, cake auction and no-host bar. Tickets are \$70 per person and on sale now at <https://stmichaelscarmichael.org/springinparissvp/>. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance!

The Bishop is Coming to St. Michael's!

Sunday, May 5th, 2024

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair will be preaching and presiding at our 10am service. Bishop Megan will confirm, receive, and reaffirm at this service as well. She will also join us for coffee hour. Please mark your calendars!

Fearless Faith Revival

Planting Love & Harvesting Hope

April 26—27, 2024

Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento & St. John's Church, Roseville. For more info check out fearlessfaith2024.org.

St. Michael's Celebration of The Episcopal Day School's 60th Anniversary - Sunday, April 28th

We will celebrate our ministry with the Day School for the past 60 years. Come celebrate with us at Coffee Hour after the April 28th 10am service.

Additional details on the announcements can be found in this week's Messenger.

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Sunday March 17—The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Writing as a Spiritual Practice Workshop 11:45am
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm

Monday March 18

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Executive Meeting 4pm

Tuesday March 19

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

Wednesday March 20

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

Thursday March 21

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

Friday March 22

Friday Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Sunday March 24—Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Writing as a Spiritual Practice Workshop 11:45am
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm
Living Compass 6:30pm Zoom

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SAVE THE DATE

March 28 **Maundy Thursday Dinner** 5:30pm

March 31 **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 13 **St. Michael's Fundraiser** 6pm

April 20 **Rise Against Hunger** 12pm

April 28 **St. Michael's Day School 60th Anniversary
Celebration at St. Michael's**

May 5 **Bishop Megan Visiting St. Michael's**

CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair Bishop,
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
The Rev. Mary Clausus Rector
Pastor Katie Holeman Assisting Priest
The Rev. Rodney Davis Associate Priest
The Rev. Roy Whitten Associate Priest
The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Associate Priest
Andy Chamness Sexton
John Cozza Music Director
Michelle Falcy 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

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
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