

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

Palm Sunday | March 24, 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 and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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 Book of Isaiah (50:4-9a)

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray from Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 responsively by half verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

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 (11:1-11).
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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 who is The Creator, you humbled yourself on the cross to free us from our sin and oppression; help us serve those in need as you did and teach us the way of salvation, freedom and peace. We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

Leader We pray that all nations will lead and rule with humility, wisdom, and peace. We pray that all in authority will strive for justice, mercy, and equity for all people. We pray for all wars to end and a stop to violence in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and in all places that have been overridden with terror and gang warfare. We pray for peace in our homes, in our communities, and in our leadership. We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

We pray for the church and its leaders, that we may have the mind of Christ. We give thanks for Michael, our presiding bishop, Megan, our bishop, Mary, Katie, Rod, Jesse, Mike, and Roy, our clergy. We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

We pray for the victims of human tragedies and disasters of nature. We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

We pray for those who are in prison—the repentant and the unrepentant and those falsely accused. We pray for all who are imprisoned in addiction. We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

We pray for those who are ill or infirmed or are rejected because they are seen to be weak. We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

We pray especially for: **Thom, Annette, Michael, Carolyn, Eileen, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Robert, Jay, Cynthia, Kyle, Mark, Genie, Mary, Ruby, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died and peace and comfort for their families and loved ones. We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

For whom else or what else shall we pray? *(Please add your prayers silently or aloud.)* We pray, Jesus, save us. **Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

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.

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.

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

Easter Sunday Brunch—in Parish & Johnstone Halls immediately following our Easter Sunday service and Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard.

Walk Out Parkinson's Walk

Join our St. Michael's team to support the annual "Walk Out Parkinson's" on Saturday, April 6th at 9am at Maidu Park. We are rallying around our team leader, longtime parishioner, and choir member Kay Griffin.

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.

Capital Deanery Vacation Bible School

June 24 - 28th | 9 am - 1 pm

Churches are welcome to participate in our Capital Deanery Vacation Bible School (VBS) Day-Camp this summer at St. Michael's in Carmichael. This day camp will be a place of celebration and fun for kids 4 years old - entering 5th Grade. Entering 6th graders and up are welcome to attend as helpers for free! Cost is \$50 for each child, cap of \$90 for every family.

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/springinparisrsvp/>. 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 and on our website stmichaelscarmichael.org

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SAVE THE DATE

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**

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

Monday March 25

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
 Vestry Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday March 26

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

Wednesday March 27

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
 Sacred Circle 6pm Zoom
 Choir Rehearsal 6pm

Thursday March 28—Maundy Thursday

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
 Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center
 Noonday Prayer 12pm
 Maundy Thursday Dinner 5:30pm
 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

Friday March 29—Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 8:30am
 Stations of the Cross 12pm
 Passion & Veneration of the Cross 7pm

Saturday March 30—Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 7pm

Sunday March 31—Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
 Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt immediately following

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
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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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