Easter Vigil

March 30, 2024 7pm

Sunday Services 10am & 5pm

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We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us today! St.

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Christ, is passionate about
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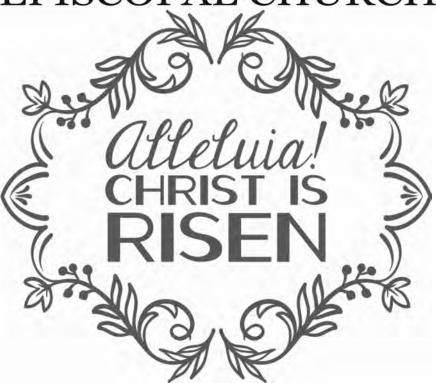
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We ask that you silence any electronics that might make noise during the service.



STMICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

In the courtyard, fire is kindled and the Celebrant begins:

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son, the cornerstone, you have bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory: Sanctify this new fire and grant that by this paschal feast we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may come to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly kindled fire, and the Candle leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times singing:



At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

THE EXSULTET David Daigh, Cantor

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Cantor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Cantor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Please be seated

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Story of Creation: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Response Introduction ("Depiction of Chaos") from The Creation by Haydn (Instrumental)

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us, the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-15:1

Response Kol Nidrei, Op. 47 by Bruch (Instrumental)

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

A new heart and a new spirit: Ezekiel 36:24-28

Response Ballade #2 in D, Op. 10/ii by Brahms (Instrumental)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The valley of dry bones: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Response Evening Bells by Liszt (Instrumental)

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People
Celebrant
People
Celebrant
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Celebrant
People
Cone God and Father of all.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS The Hymnal 1982—S280 Canticle 20, Glory to God (*Please join us, music can be found on page 8*)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSON Please be seated

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 6:3-11

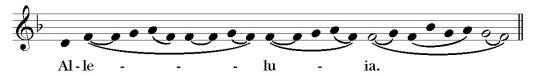
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

People Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#70 The Great Vigil of Easter, Great Alleluia (*Please join us*) *Please stand as you are able.*

After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a Cantor, at successively higher pitches (one whole tone each time), the Congregation repeating it each time.



PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Mark (16:1-8)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON The Rev. Mary Claugus

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Living God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. Bless this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Deacon Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Deacon Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to

judge the living and the dead.

Deacon Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Deacon Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Deacon Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the

Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Deacon Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Deacon Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Deacon Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water

and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins; keep us in eternal life by his

grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us give thanks to Almighty God, Creator of the universe for all the gifts so freely given.

Leader For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. We give thanks and praise to you God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of humans, revealing the image of Christ. We give thanks and praise to vou God.

For our daily food and drink, the safety of our homes, the love and care of our families, and our friends. We give thanks and praise to you God.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve. We give thanks and praise to you God.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play. We give thanks and praise to you God.

For the brave and courageous, for the patient in suffering and faithful in adversity. We give thanks and praise to you God.

For all valiant seekers after truth, humility, and justice. We give thanks and praise to you God.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places. We give thanks and praise to you God.

Celebrant Let us take a moment to pray for all those in trouble and need. We remember especially those who suffer from war, violence and oppression.

Jesus, we pray that you will heal the broken—in body and heart, have mercy on those in need and give them relief, and bring justice to those who suffer from inequity—give them freedom.

Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND OFFERTORY

Celebrant The peace of Christ and the joy of the resurrection be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hallelujah Chorus (from *Messiah*) by Händel (with brass)

A collection is taken at this time. The offering received is our opportunity to give of ourselves to the glory of God, for the support of our parish ministries, and our outreach to the community.

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#408 Sing Praise to God who reigns above (*Please join us, music can be found on page 9*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Please stand as you are able

Eucharistic Prayer A from BCP

Celebrant Blessed are you, Almighty God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth and

make the risen Lord to be for us the Bread of life; Grant that we who daily seek the bread which

sustains our bodies may also hunger for the food of everlasting life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Almighty God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on

this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 Wonder Love and Praise—#858 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us, music can be found on page 10*)

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 BREAD and THE INVITATION

The Hymnal 1982—#154 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover (Please join us, music can be found on page 11)

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 ANTHEM God So Loved the World by Libby Larsen

THE COMMUNION HYMN The Hymnal 1982 - #178 Jesus is Lord of all the earth (*Please join us, music* can be found on page 12)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of life, through the broken bread and shared cup, you fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood to fill our hearts with your love. Send us now into the world with compassion to make it a just and merciful place. Give us strength and courage to love and serve you, we pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

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 knowthe 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—#207 Jesus Christ is Risen Today (with brass) (Please join us, music can be found on page 13)

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Resurrection. Deacon

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

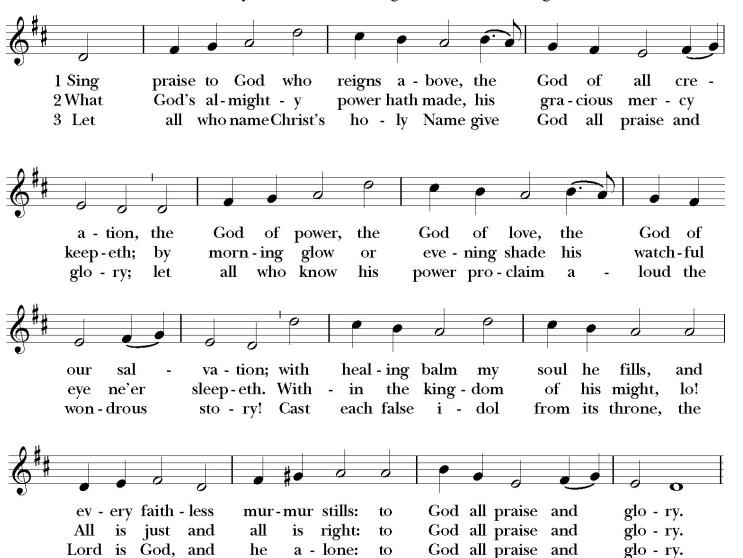
POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee by Beethoven arr. Biery

In your private prayers, please pray for those on our parish prayer list **Thom, Annette, Michael, Carolyn,** Eileen, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Robert, Jay, Cynthia, Kyle, Mark, Genie, Mary, Ruby, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.

Please return your handheld candle to the table in the Narthex.



PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#408 Sing Praise to God who reigns above

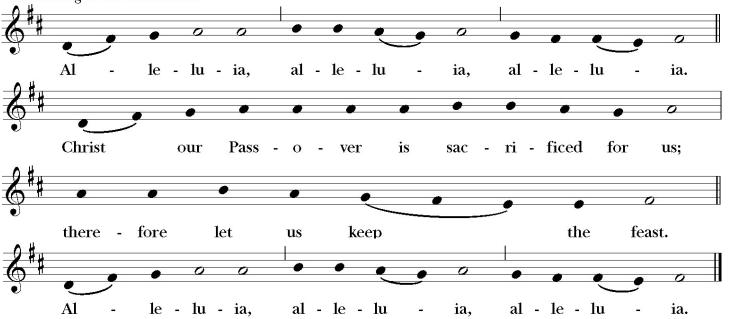


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Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)



FRACTION The Hymnal 1982, Service Music—#154 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover *This setting is not used in Lent.*



COMMUNION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#178 Jesus is Lord of All the Earth



The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#207 Jesus Christ is Risen Today



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St. Michael's Chancel Choir

Sopranos

Kailey Diggs
Jennifer Franz
Paula Frink
Kate Muris
Constance Weichert

Altos

Marquita Fabré
Kay Griffin
Virginia Henry
Susan Johnson
Andrea LaMattina
Clare Payne
Jane Samuelson
Esta Wiederanders

Tenors

JC Fisher Jonathan Saatman Jim Weichert

Bass

Jefferson Agloro
Ross Buchanan
Jim Cole
David Daigh
Hugh Griffin
Warner Seargeant
Mark Wiederanders

Accompanist

John Cozza

Brass

Mason Jones, Trumpet Jim McCarthy, Trumpet Michael Mencarini, Trombone Aaron David, Tuba





Saturday April 20th, 12 - 2pm Parish & Johnstone Halls

Come pack meal bags that reach hungry people throughout the world. Sign up are open on their website.

Check out the event page on our website for more details! stmichaelscarmichael.org/event/rise-against-hunger/

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. Our founding rector, The Rev. Thurlow Baker began the Day school shortly after St. Michael's became a parish of the Diocese of California. Over the past 60 years, it grew from a preschool to what it is today, a well respected Episcopal and Independent preschool through 8th grade School. Come celebrate with us at Coffee Hour after the **April 28th 10am** service!



Bishop Megan is coming to St. Michael's Sunday, May 5th, 2024 10am

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!

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Scholarships

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Scholarship offers partial financial assistance, to assist with tuition, enrollment fees, books, and/or supplies. Applications can be found at stmichaelscarmichael.org/scholarships/ and should be submitted by **May 31st.**

	Easter Flowers
Jim Dodds	In loving memory of Polly Dodds
Renée Pierce	In loving memory of her parents, Lowell & Zetta Green and her husband Jim Pierce.
	In memory of our parents, Charles and Janet Bish, George and Ethel Hanson, and our sister Patricia Klein
	In memory of husband, Bob Ruffner, and brother, Peter Fabre.
Mary E <mark>llen Ferguson</mark>	In thanksgiving for the lives of Trini & Lupe, Greg Gomez and Steve Ferguson.
	In loving memory of Raleigh Coston Minor.
	In memory of Warren and Elsie Johnson and in honor of Paul and Ben Kessler.
Daughters of the King	In loving memory of Jean Dahl, Margaret Kendall, Carla Vento, Kathy Lunger, Hazel Morse, Becky Oleson, Kitty Williamse, Mona Davi and Edie Decker.
Susan & Michael Johnson	In thanksgiving for their family and St. Michael's.
The Bowdler Family	In loving memory of Nelda Finney.
Cynthia Metcalf	In loving memory of husband, Skip Metcalf.
Mark & Esta Wiederanders	In loving memory of Annie Wiederanders.
Eileen Thomas	In loying memory of her parents, Jane & Harry Dewey.
Jim & Constance Weichert	In loving memory of Carroll & Beverly Bashaw, Neil & Dorothy Weichert, Marilyn Marshall Glasband, and Howard & Joaquina

Johnson. Hugh & Kay Griffin In loving memory of Charles Benjamin Paden, Agnes Morrissette Paden, Maude Shahan Morrissette, Raymond Alvin Griffin, Lucy Humphreys Griffin, Raymond Humphreys Griffin.

Jennifer Franz In thanksgiving for her grandson Kendrick James (Jack) Griffith

and in memory of her mother Lois King Danton. Virginia Henry In loving memory of David Henry, William Kluz and Christopher

Luchini.

Warner & Mary Seargeant In loving memory of their parents Trinidad & Cecilia Chavez, Eva Seargeant Davis & Frank Roger Seargeant and Celestino L. Salinas

Chris Chamness In loving memory Janet Francis Chamness.

Rev. Mary Claugus In thanksgiving for Jacqueline, Jack, Casey, Madeline and my husband, Dave!

Buzz & Mary Claire Hoever In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles C. Creech, Mr. & Mrs. August J. Hoever, Mr. Leonard Rea and Mr. August J. Hoever,

Jr.

We are delighted you are here with us today!

At St. Michael's we gather to pray and play, study and sing, worship and wonder, all for the purpose to build God's Kingdom, grow in love, and deepen our relationship with Jesus.

Please visit **stmichaelscarmichael.org** for more information.

Our weekly in-person & online services are **Sunday Morning Worship**—10am (with Livestream) **Sunday Prayer Eucharist**—5pm (with zoom) 9:30am Morning Prayer—Monday—Thursday Zoom Thursday Noon Day Prayer—Zoom Friday Morning Eucharist—8:30am

We look forward to seeing you again Soon!