

Welcome to ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 21, 2024

OPENING MUSIC & WELCOME

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:5-12)

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is



'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among
mortals by which we must be saved."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Please pray from The Canticle of the Sun written by St. Francis responsively by half
verse.**

Most High, all-powerful, good Creator,

Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessings.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong,

and no man is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, Gracious God, with all your creatures;

especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,

and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.

Praised be You, Gracious God, through Sister Moon and the stars;

in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, Gracious God, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene,

and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, Gracious God, through Sister Water,

which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, Gracious God, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night;

and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, Gracious God, through Sister Mother Earth,

**who sustains us and governs us and who produces varied fruits with colored flowers
and herbs.**

Praised be You, Gracious God, through those who give pardon for Your love,

and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace

for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, Gracious God, through our Sister Bodily Death,

from whom no living man can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy
will,

for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Gracious God, and give God thanks,

and serve God with great humility. Amen.

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 John (10:11-18).
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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 Creator God, You created the whole universe through Jesus with Wisdom and Grace, to receive and return your love. Enfold the earth in your grace and compassion.

Leader Source of all beauty, visible and invisible, we thank you for the wonder of flowers that bloom for the sake of beauty, the glory of the sun rising and setting, the remarkable layers of time in rocks and sand, and the gentleness of rustling leaves. Creator, **thank you for beauty.**

Source of order and power, you arrange the planets in their complexity, the circling and cycling of the seasons and the rhythm of breath. Creator, **thank you for the patterns of nature by which we live, understand the past, and anticipate the future.**

Creator of mind and body, who made us to enjoy and enrich the gifts of nature. Forgive us the discords of overuse, ugliness of misuse, and stench of careless use. Creator, **thank you for the ability to think of better ways to be in the world.**

Creator of human beings, you made us to care for this planet in the ways you are not present. Forgive us our failures in that task: the pollution of the air, the contamination of water, the poisoning of soil, and the waste of energy. Creator, **thank you for the ability to think of better ways to be in the world.**

Creator of the cosmos, in your love you entered the life we lead and suffered the death human's experience. Creator, **help us to die to old ways and resurrect with new ways to heal the broken places in the world in order for a more secure future.**

Creator of light and darkness, this planet earth brings fair weather and foul, rich soil and deserts, warm days and arctic cold, rain and drought. Creator, **teach us to live in the uncertainties of this world without fear and anxiety, and anchor us in your love.**

Gracious God, who welcome all home as we depart from this earth: embrace Richard Green, Genie Sholl, Kathleen Ruby Davis and Elda Tribble as they enter your kingdom and give peace and comfort to their family and loved ones. Eternal God, **thank you for eternal life.**

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 Source of all that was, is, and will be created, on this earth day celebration, we ask that you help us live in such a way that is sustainable, beautiful, and gracious to all your creation, from the stars out of reach to the depths of the earth, from the seas that stretch around our island home to the deserts and fertile lands that we inhabit, and from every dimension known and unknown. We praise you the God of Love, the God of Power, and the God of Glory. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Let us give back to God a portion of the generous gifts of the earth, tokens of love and joy that can open our hearts and minds to the fullness of God's grace and favor.

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 from BCP)*

Celebrant God 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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; 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:

**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.

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 God, 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 God, 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 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, giver of all life, you gave us a foretaste of the banquet of heaven, let this fill our hearts with your love. Send us now into the world to do your work and hasten the day when our service is joined with the work of all creation, and we enter into your eternal harmony. 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.**

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

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

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

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.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Services

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Genie Sholl here at St. Michael's on Saturday May 4, 2024 at 10am with a reception immediately following.

St. Michael's Learns & Connects

The Bishop 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 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.

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**.

Centering Prayer—Returning in person, May 1st

St. Michael's Centering Prayer will be returning to in person meetings in the sanctuary. We will have the option for those who prefer to join by zoom still available. Please join us the first & third Wednesday of every month, at 6:45 pm, when we will be reviewing and reflecting on the Divine Dance by Richard Rohr after 20 minutes of silent prayer. The book brings the Holy Trinity powerfully alive, and deepens our relationship with God through the relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the Trinity.

Contact the office if you have questions.

St. Michael's Continuing Studies

- **Sacred Circle** Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm via zoom.
- **Thursday Open Bible Study** meets every Thursday in the Friendship Center at 10am

Parkinson's Walk Thank you from Kay

Dear St. Michael's supporters, family, and friends,

Once again thank you for your generous donations to the 7th Annual Cancel Out Parkinson's (COP) Walk on April 6th. The weather was cool but sunny.

Since this year all donations were made through the Walk web site I set up a "Team Kay" site to facilitate donations directed to me. Four of us made the walk for "Team Kay" - Virginia Henry, David Daigh, Hugh and myself. We decided to take the shorter route this year (0.65 miles) and I estimated I walked 3/10 to 4/10 of a mile with my walker. I rode in a Transfer chair the rest of the way.

This year thanks, in large part to my St. Michael's supporters, we raised \$1,597 to help Parkinson's Association of Northern California (PANC) continue existing programs and add new programs. These programs assist Parkinson's patients and care givers in northeastern California.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Kay Griffin

St. Michael's Children & Youth Connection

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.

Diocesan News

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.

Additional details on the announcements can be found in this week's Messenger and on our website stmichaelscarmichael.org

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday April 21—The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Confirmation Class 12pm Friendship Center
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm

Monday April 22

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Vestry Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday April 23

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

Wednesday April 24

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Sacred Circle 6pm

Thursday April 25

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center
Noonday Prayer 12pm
Youth Confirmation Class 3:30pm
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Friday April 26

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Saturday April 27

Fearless Faith Revival Workshops & Festival 1pm

Sunday April 28—The Fifth Sunday of Easter—Celebrating

St. Michael's Day School 60th Anniversary

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall—Celebrating St.

Michael's Day School's 60th Anniversary

Confirmation Class 12pm Friendship Center
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm

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SAVE THE DATE

May 5 Bishop Megan Visiting St. Michael's
June 2 St. Michael's Day School Baccalaureate

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
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Associate Priest
Andy Chamness Sexton
John Cozza Music Director
Michelle Falczy Parish Administrator
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Karen Christie, Mary Ellen Ferguson** Office
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VESTRY

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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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