

Celebrating Earth Day & Baptism

The Fourth Sunday
of Easter

April 21, 2024 10am

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We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us today! St. Michael's Episcopal Church, centered in Jesus Christ, is passionate about accepting the invitation to grow in God through love and acceptance. It is our desire to share God's love in action with works of grace and service. We are inclusive and welcoming of all God's people.

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Welcome to ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PRELUDE Arioso by Bach

Cindy Behmer, oboe

We will begin in the Courtyard with the baptism.

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia**
Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Creator of all.**

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Gracious God, Creator of all, visible and invisible; enlighten us, whom you have made stewards of this planet earth, to care for and share its resources, that nourished in body and soul, we may lift our hearts and voices and join the chorus of creation, praising your name; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. **Amen.**

Officiant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Everett William Fisher to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Officiant addresses the candidate for baptism

Everett, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do

The Officiant addresses the candidate for Baptism.

Officiant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Response I renounce them.

Officiant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Response I renounce them.

Officiant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Response I renounce them.

Officiant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Response I do.

Officiant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Response I do.

Officiant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Response I do.

Officiant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Everett in his life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Officiant Let us join with Everett who is being committed to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Presider Let us now pray for Everett who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O God, from the way of sin and death.
People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life giving Spirit.
People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Grant, O Savior, 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 THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Living God.

People **It is right to give 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.

We thank you, Gracious God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Officiant Everett, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Everett, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Everett your servant, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us welcome Everett William Fisher, the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

We will now process inside the sanctuary to continue our worship and prayers.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 8.*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

THE LESSONS & PSALM *Please be seated.*

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 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.

Note: this has been adapted. "my Lord" has been changed to Gracious God. Father has been changed to Creator. The pronouns he, him have been exchanged for God when appropriate.

A reading from the first letter of John (3:16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#210 The Day of Resurrection (*All stand as able. Music can be found on page 9.*)

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL John (10:11-18)

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

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

SERMON The Rev. Mary Claugus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon 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, Genie and Elda as they enter your kingdom and give peace and comfort to their family and loved ones. Eternal God, **thank you for eternal life.**

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 AND OFFERTORY

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Cindy Behmer, oboe & Sharon Gulliford, flute

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#408 Sing Praise to God (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 11.*)

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:

THE SANCTUS Wonder Love and Praise—#858 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us, music can be found on page 11.*)

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 Savior 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 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 12.*)

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM The Lord is My Shepherd by Rutter

Cindy Behmer, oboe

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Kneel or 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.**

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#343 Shepherd of Souls (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 13.*)

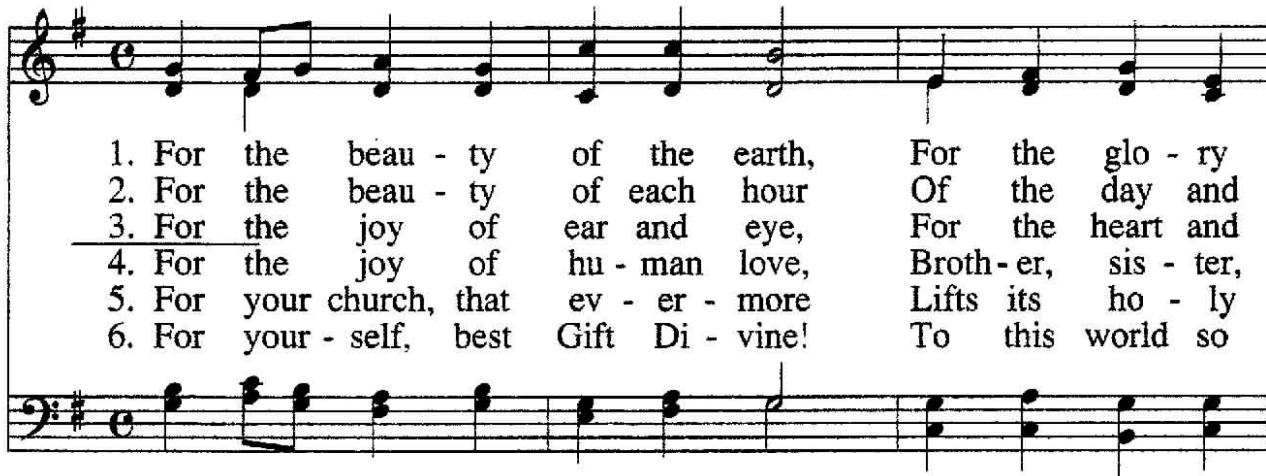
Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go into the world to love and serve Christ!

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

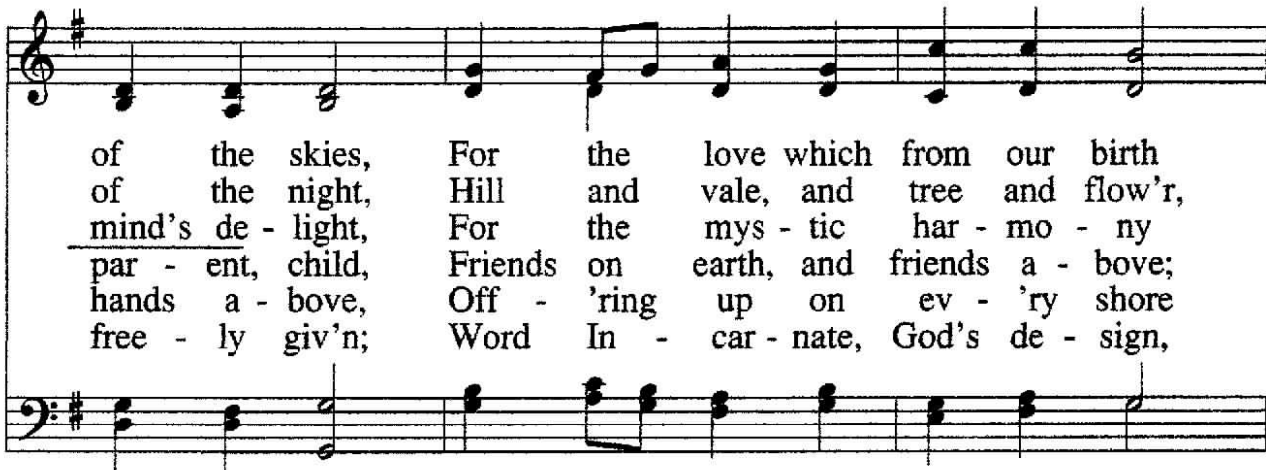
POSTLUDE Lauda Anima by Flynn

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.

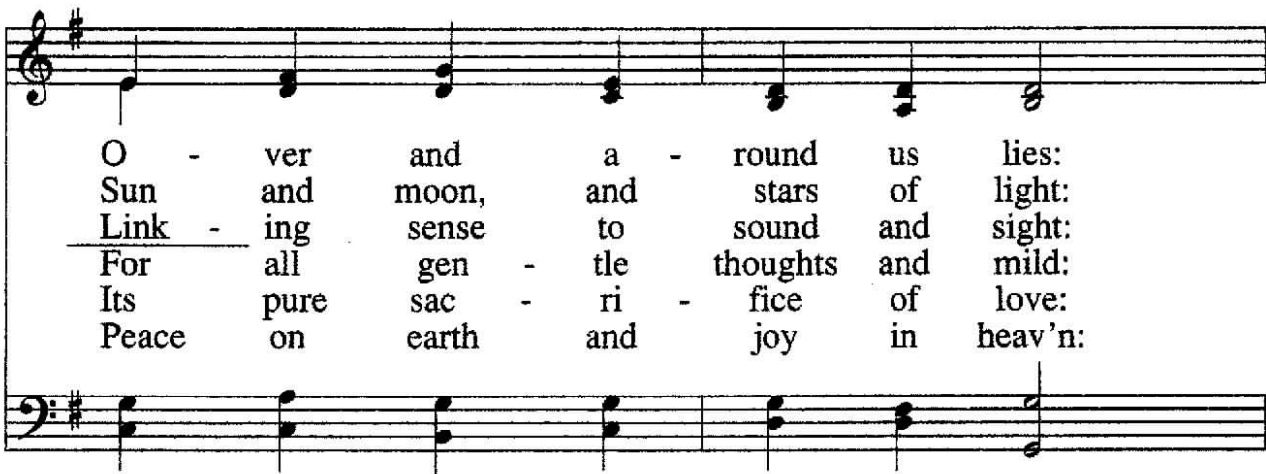
PROCESSIONAL HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth



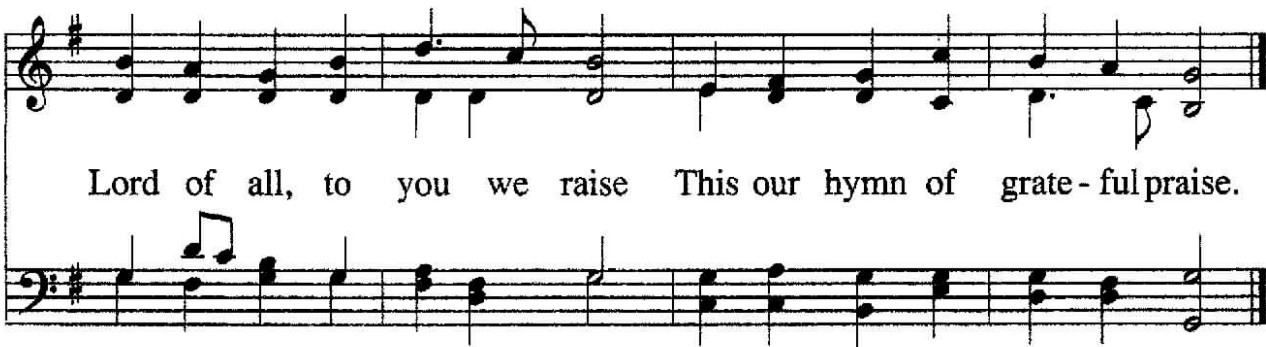
1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 5. For your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
 6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
 hands a - bove, Off - 'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
 free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Sun and moon, and stars of light:
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#210 The Day of Resurrection (*Verses 1 & 3*)

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch. . . der Herzogl. Württembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)
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PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#408 Sing Praise to God who reigns above (*verse 1*)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics are: "I Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -". The second staff continues the melody: C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). The lyrics are: "a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of". The third staff continues: B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter). The lyrics are: "our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and". The fourth staff concludes the melody: A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), A1 (quarter). The lyrics are: "ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry." The score ends with a double bar line.

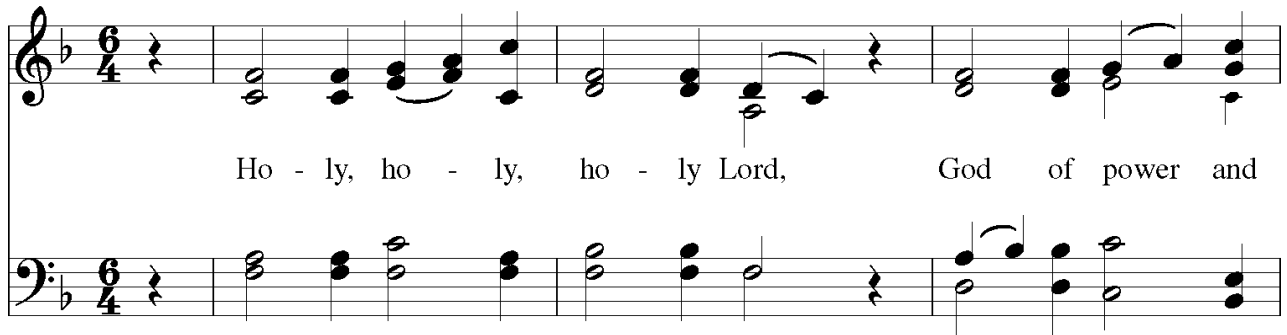
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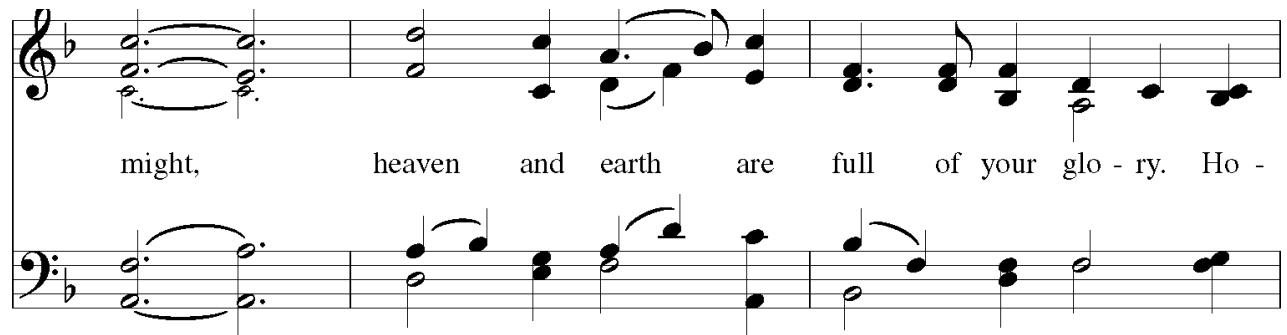
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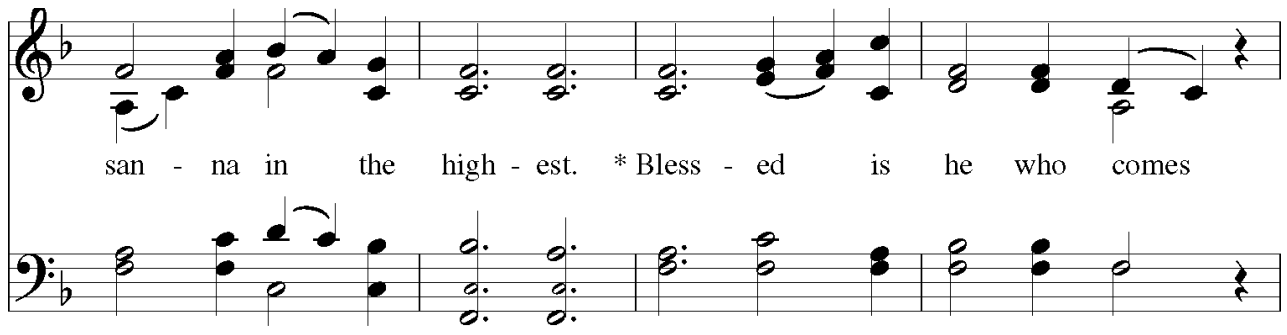
SANCTUS Wonder Love and Praise—#858 Holy, holy, holy Lord



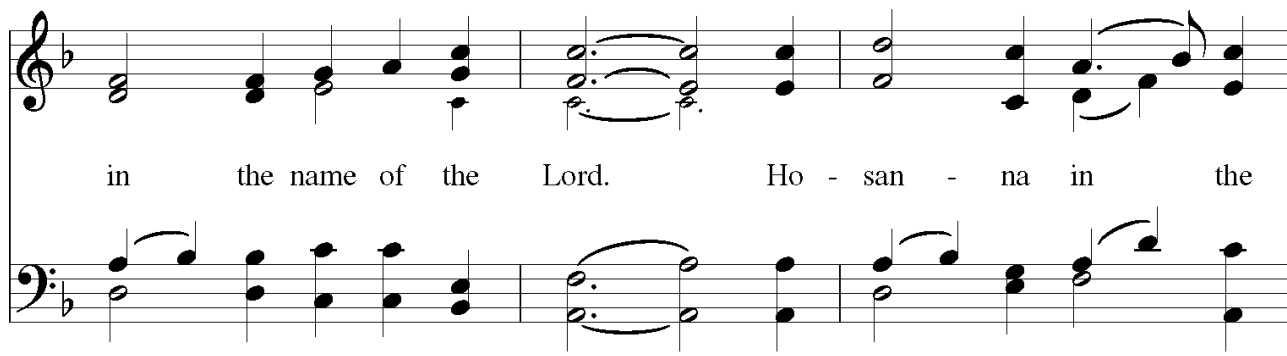
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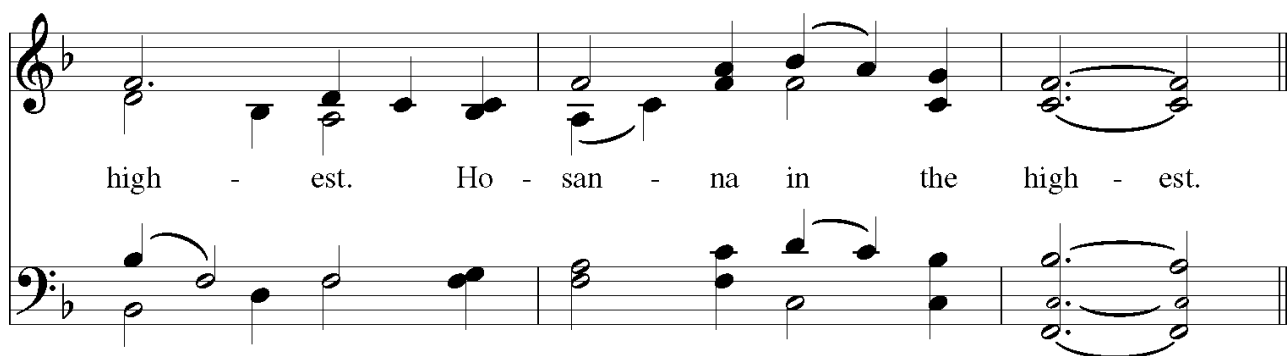
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes




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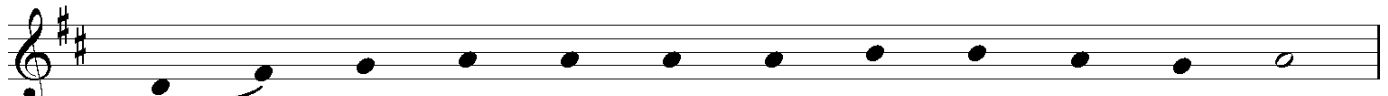
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FRACTION The Hymnal 1982, Service Music—#154 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

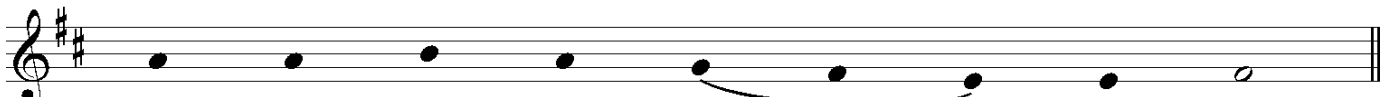
This setting is not used in Lent.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



there - fore let us keep the feast.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#343 Shepherd of Souls

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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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—Thursday

11:45am Thursday Noon Day Prayer – Zoom

8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist

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.

St. Michael's Learns & Connects

Celebrating Earth Day!

Sunday April 21 at 10am Service

Join us for a special service celebrating Earth Day followed by Coffee Hour hosted by our St. Michael's Green Team!

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!

Confirmation & Reception into the Episcopal

Church—On-going Classes Youth classes will be offered on Thursday's, April 11 - May 2 at 4:15pm. Adult classes will be offered on Sunday's, April 21 & 28 from 12—1:30pm in the Friendship Center. Contact the office if you have questions.

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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

St. Michael's Serves

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

Regular Opportunities include:

River City Food Bank Center at St. Matthew's - Distribution Prep every Tuesday—Friday & Distribution every Wednesday & Friday

Carmichael HART Carmichael Presbyterian Church - Lunch program every Thursday & the Shower Ministry every Saturday

God's Helping Hands Laundry LaunderLand every 3rd Saturday of the month

Announcements

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. For more information please visit our website stmichaelscarmichael.org or email Pastor Katie at pastorkatie@stmichaelscarmichael.org.

St. Michael's Hosting—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.

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. J. 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. Mary Heise, the Head of School will join us, with the President of the Board of Trustees to share with us some highlights. Come celebrate with us at Coffee Hour after the April 28th 10am service.

Serving Today

Pastor Katie Holeman Celebrant

The Rev. Mary Claugus Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Mike Ferrito Deacon

The Rev. Rodney Davis Assisting

Tammy Murray & Dianne Robbins Altar Guild

Connie Weichert & Virginia Henry Flowers

Sr. Tina Francesca & Logan Holeman Acolyte

Jennifer Franz, Renée Pierce & Mary Ellen Ferguson Readers

Holly Yue, Jackie Linn & Renée Pierce Eucharistic Ministers

Rick Larkey & Lennie Silva Ushers

Timmi Silva Greeter

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music Director

Coffee Hour Hosts The Green Team

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

Sunday April 28—The Fifth Sunday of Easter—Celebrating

St. Michael's Day School 60th Anniversary

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Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
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SAVE THE DATE

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 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 Falcy Parish Administrator
Jack Cozza Videographer
John Quené Treasurer
Kate Muris Bookkeeper
**Diane Gilmore, Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Sr. Tina
Francesca Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin,
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
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