

Welcome to ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 5, 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



Please pray Psalm 98 responsively by half verse.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

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 (15:9-17).
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

SILENT REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Please be seated.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand as you are able

- Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Gracious God, we come in peace to pray for your Church, the world, this community, those in need, and for those who died. We also come to give thanks for the multitude of blessings you give to your people. Today, let us be aware of those in need, our own needs, and the grace that abounds through your love. In courage and confidence we pray, God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

Leader God, give unity to the church; help us practice the principles that Jesus taught and always be guided by the Holy Spirit. Accept our thanks for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Mary, Katie, Rod, Mike, Roy, Jesse and Lynelle, our clergy, Mary, our head of school and the people here today. God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

God, give the leaders of the world courage and wisdom to lead with equity and mercy, make justice a reality for all humankind. Help your people put aside violence and embrace compassion to resolve conflict in the world. God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

God, we pray for all those who help in the education of our children, especially the faculty, staff, parents, and grandparents of the St. Michael's Episcopal Day School. God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

God, we pray for those suffering in war-torn countries; especially those in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, and Mexico. We pray for those physically assaulted, emotionally battered, psychologically affected, and spiritually desperate. God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

God, help our community overcome fear; increase courage and love in your people so that we may come together to address issues of homelessness, mental illness, and insecurity of place, food, healthcare, and education. God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

God, help us support those who are struggling, in trouble, sick, or feel all alone. We pray your comfort will be known to **Jeri, Marguerite, Jackie, Thom, Annette, Michael, Eileen, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Robert, Jay, Kyle, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

God, welcome the souls of the departed into your blessed rest, especially Genie Sholl, Kathleen Ruby Davis and Carolyn Marrah; Give peace and comfort to their family and loved ones with the assurance of their resurrection to new life. God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

God, we give you thanks for the safety we enjoy, nourishing food, clean water, clothing that protects us, and meaningful work that keeps our hearts and souls strong. We rejoice in the love and forgiveness we receive from others and give thanks for our capacity to love and forgive others as Jesus does for us. God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

For whom else or what else shall we pray? *(Please add your prayers silently or aloud.)* God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

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 Gracious God, accept these prayers; in your mercy, look with compassion upon all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give thanks and glory, Creator God, Forgiving Jesus, and Holy Wisdom, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and gifts of our lives and labor to God. *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.

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 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

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

St. Michael's Learns & Connects

You are cordially invited:

EfM Graduation at Trinity Cathedral
Thursday, May 30th at 7pm

Our St. Michael's EFM group has 2 graduates this year, Tammy Murray and Martie Goodson-Scott. For more information please contact Janice Bowdler or Ellen Cehand.

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**.

Forward Day by Day's Available

The new Forward Day by Day's for May - July 2024 are available on Sundays in the Narthex and at the office during business hours, Monday - Friday from 9:30am - 1:30pm.

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

St. Michael's Serves

Spring in Paris Sign up Party Opportunities

Painting in the Garden - **Saturday, June 1st** - 6:30pm—\$55 each

Zephyr Train Trip & Palisades Lodge Dinner - **Friday, July 19th**—\$150 each

End of Summer BBQ - **Saturday, September 14th** - 5:30 pm—\$100 each

Autumn Arrangement Workshop - **Saturday, October 26th** - 10am—\$40 each

For more details and availability please connect with the office at st.michaels@stmichaelscarmichael.org.

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

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.

I will ... with God's Help

Check out volunteer opportunities in worship

This summer is a great opportunity for you to serve in a new - to you - lay ministry. We need volunteers in the following ministries: **Greeters, Ushers, and Altar Guild**. If you are friendly and are willing to come 20-30 minutes before the service, please consider **greeting** - contact Mary Ellen Ferguson with your interest. If you are interested in directing and assisting those in worship, please consider **ushering** - contact Jay Bowdler with your interest. If the background/support work appeals to you and you enjoy your time in the sanctuary, plus you like working as part of a team, please consider **Altar Guild** and contact Laura Quene with your interest. We believe in equal opportunities for all our members!

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 May 5—The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday May 6

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Mercy & Social Justice Meeting 7pm

Tuesday May 7

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

Wednesday May 8

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Thursday May 9

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

Friday May 10

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Saturday May 11

I Will with God's Help 9:30pm

Sunday May 12—Happy Mother's Day

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

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SAVE THE DATE

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
Jack Cozza Videographer
Kate Muris Bookkeeper
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Francesca Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin,
Karen Christie, Mary Ellen Ferguson** Office
Volunteers

VESTRY

Rick Larkey Senior Warden
Tammy Murray Junior Warden
Chris Chamness Clerk
Sue Davis Member
Doug Davy Member
Greg Dewey Member
Mary Ellen Ferguson Member
Mary Kessler Member
Kate Muris Member
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