

Welcome to ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 12, 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:15-17, 21-26)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said,



"Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 1 responsively by half verse.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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 (17:6-19).

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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 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, you have blessed mothers and those who are maternal in our lives, with the joy and care of children: Give those caretakers calm strength and patient wisdom as they nurture those in their care, and, help mothers and children learn from each other to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 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 give thanks and pray for the community of St. Michael's Episcopal Day School. 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

Baptisms will be May 19th on Pentecost!

This is a GREAT day to get baptized! If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested in getting baptized please connect with the office.

Save the Date

Rev. Mary's Retirement Celebration

Sunday, June 30, 2024

4pm in Parish & Johnstone Halls

More details to follow in the coming weeks. Please contact Mary Ellen Ferguson if you would like to participate. There will be no 5pm Contemplative Service this day, June 30th.

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

New Forward Day by Day's for May - July 2024 are available on Sundays in the Narthex & at the office, Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 1:30pm.

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. For greeters - contact Mary Ellen Ferguson. Ushers - contact Jay Bowdler. Altar Guild - contact Laura Quene.

St. Michael's Serves

Diaper Drive

Our 7th annual Mother's Day Diaper Drive benefitting the clients at River City Food Bank will run from **Sunday, May 12 – Sunday, June 16**. You can contribute by dropping off or mailing a check to St. Michael's (adding Diapers to the memo line) or making a donation online toward the Diaper Drive. Or, a St. Michael's favorite, bringing in box(es) of diapers (sizes 3 - 5 are especially in demand) to the St. Michael's office on Sundays and throughout the week during office hours

St. Michael's Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 8am

Plan now to attend & ask your friend(s) to join you. Drop off's begin Sunday, June 9. If you want to join the set up fun, need volunteers the week of, Sunday, June 9—Saturday, June 15. Contact Marcie or Gail in the Parish Hall after Sunday services if you would like to volunteer or for more info.

Help Feed the Food Barrel!

Have you noticed the Food Barrel in the Narthex? It is for donations of non-perishable food items which are taken to River City Food Bank by Harriette and Jack Carr (Thank you!) to serve those who do not have the ability to prepare food, many of which are homeless.

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 Hosting—Capital Deanery Vacation

Bible School—June 24 - 28th | 9 am - 1 pm

Adult volunteers needed! Contact Pastor Katie.

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.

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



Sunday May 12—The Seventh Sunday of Easter—Happy

Mother's Day

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

Monday May 13

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Tuesday May 14

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

Wednesday May 15

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Centering Prayer 7pm

Thursday May 16

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

Friday May 17

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Sunday May 19—The Feast of Pentecost + Baptisms

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 Falcy Parish Administrator
Jack Cozza Videographer
Kate Muris Bookkeeper
**Diane Gilmore, Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Sr. Tina
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
Suzanne Phinney Member
Renée Pierce Member
Jane Samuelson Member
John Quené Treasurer
Constance Weichert Music Director Emeritus