

Welcome to
ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
& Independence Day | July 7, 2024

OPENING MUSIC & WELCOME

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

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 Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, giver of all good gifts, look graciously upon St. Michael's Episcopal Church as we seek our next rector to shepherd our parish family. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee and Vestry that they may discern your will. Give them wisdom, patience, and open hearts as they consider candidates. Lead us to a faithful pastor who will preach your Word with truth, care for your people with love, and equip us for the work of ministry. Grant that St. Michael's Church may receive a rector who will serve us and lead us closer to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the book of Ezekiel (2:1-5)

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 123 responsively by half verse.

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

MUSIC

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark (6:1-13).

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many

who were sick and cured them.

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 With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to God, saying, Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

Leader Gracious God, help the church be a place
that where there is doubt, **we may bring faith,**
that where there is despair, **we may bring hope,**
that where there are shadows, **we may bring light,**
that where there is sadness, **we may bring joy.**

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, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, Megan our Bishop, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse our clergy and the people here today. God, **let us know and be your redeeming love.**

Gracious God, help all authority govern with justice, compassion, and mercy and make our nation be a place
that where there is hatred, **we may bring love,**
that where there is wrong, **we may bring the spirit of forgiveness,**
that where there is discord, **we may bring harmony,**
that where there is error, **we may bring truth.**

Gracious God, we pray for the welfare of the world where all people are treated with kindness, all are safe, and we care for the environment, and when we fail, Christ, **grant that we may seek to comfort.**

Gracious God, we pray for the concerns of this community and the concerns of the Sacramento area. We pray especially for **Tammy, Frances, Sandy, Jane, Robert, Sherry, Jackie, Thom, Annette, Michael, Eileen, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Jay, Kyle, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Christ, **grant that we understand and care about the needs of others.**

Gracious God, we pray that we are your way of love for all those who suffer or are in any kind of trouble. We know that you are steadfast in love and abounding in mercy. **Help us accept your love and mercy.**

Christ, it is by self-forgetting that one finds.

It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.

Gracious God, we pray for all those who have entered the realm of eternal life, especially Marijane Jacobs. We pray that we may be a channel of peace and comfort for all in grief. Christ, **make us a channel of your peace.**

We give thanks for the United States' independence. We pray that God will bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and civility; save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Christ, **make us a channel of your peace.**

For what else and whom else shall we pray? (*A time of silence is kept.*) Christ, **make us a channel of your peace.**

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 We gather these prayers together, knowing God's presence is within us, which allows us to be faith, hope, and love. With you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, bring us to a new day and a new kingdom. We pray this all in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People **Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 3 from Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant The Lord 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 Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Michael, your Archangel, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you 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 and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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

8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist

Baptismal Font

Dear People of St. Michael's parish. You may notice that the baptismal font has a new home. It will now be at the entry to the church with Holy Water. Placing the baptismal font as you enter the church is an ancient tradition. As you enter the church the font reminds us of our baptism. It also makes a statement that we have not come to meet with just any random "god" or "divine being" but the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who has made you heirs with Christ by virtue of your baptismal adoption. Please feel free to dip your fingers in the blessed water and bless yourself.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Services

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Marijane Jacobs here at St. Michael's on Sunday July 21, 2024 at 2pm with a reception immediately following.

St. Michael's Learns & Connects

Now Taking Enrollments for 2024—2025

Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is a program of theological study provided by the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The study is done in a seminar class and meets once a week during the academic year, under the guidance of trained mentors. For more info, please contact Janice

Bowdler, janbowdler@comcast.net, or Ellen Cehand, harbawe1961@gmail.com.

St. Michael's Continuing Studies

- **Sacred Circle** Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm via zoom. For more information please contact Kate Muris.

St. Michael's Serves

We Can Make a Big Difference for Starr King K-8 School is out for the summer. Hopefully, that triggers many of us to start keeping an eye out for the summer backpack sales. Our partner school, Starr King K-8, greatly appreciates the assistance we have given their students over many years. Last year we collected and donated over 120 new backpacks. Other items that are needed are large containers of hand sanitizer, large boxes of Kleenex, and baby wipes. These items can be dropped off at church on Sunday or in the church office during the week. You can make a donation in cash, check or online. For cash and check donations, please make it out to St. Michaels and indicate on the memo line for Starr King. We will then shop the sales for additional school supplies which they request. Remember, a little done by a lot of us can make a huge difference to many young lives at Starr King K-8. We will collect them all summer, bless them on August 11th and drop them off the first week of school. Many thanks!

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

Theater Camp: Finding Nemo Kids

July 19th | 6pm | St. Michael's

Presenting Finding Nemo Kids! The camp is full but please come out and enjoy the fruits of the labor of over 40 kids, plus youth counselors, and many adults who are putting on this great 30 minute production for your enjoyment. Tickets are available now!

Additional details on the announcements can be found in this week's Messenger and on our website. We will not have a messenger next week but details for our 10am and 5pm services on Sunday July 14th will be emailed and listed on the website as usual.

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Sunday July 7—The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday July 8

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Theater Camp 9am

Tuesday July 9

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Theater Camp 9am
Staff Meeting 9:30am Friendship Center

Wednesday July 10

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Theater Camp 9am

Thursday July 11

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Theater Camp 9am

Friday July 12

Morning Eucharist 8:30am
Theater Camp 9am

Sunday July 14—The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

July 19 **St. Michael's Theater Camp Production of
Finding Nemo**

CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair Bishop,
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
Pastor Katie Holeman Assisting Priest
The Rev. Rodney Davis Associate Priest
The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Associate Priest
Andy Chamness Sexton
John Cozza Music Director
Michelle Falcly Parish Administrator
Jack Cozza Videographer
Kate Muris Bookkeeper
**Diane Gilmore, Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Sr. Tina
Francesca Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin,
Karen Christie, Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen
Ferguson** Office Volunteers

VESTRY

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Chris Chamness Clerk
Sue Davis Member
Doug Davy Member
Greg Dewey Member
Mary Ellen Ferguson Member
Mary Kessler Member
Suzanne Phinney Member
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