

Welcome to
ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost | July 28, 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR RECTOR SEARCH

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 Kings (4:42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

Please pray Psalm 145:10-19 responsively by half verse.

- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

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 John (6:1-21)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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 **Mike, 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.**

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of St. Michael's, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish. **Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing.**

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. We pray that we may be a channel of peace and comfort for all in grief. 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

5pm Contemplative Prayer Service

As the summer comes to an end we are shifting our Sunday evening 5pm contemplative worship to zoom only on August 4th. The 5pm worship on zoom will continue to be a space to gather, worship, and have time together as the body of Christ. We give gratitude to all those who have put their time and energy into both the hybrid and zoom 5pm worship which continues to allow for a wonderful community.

St. Michael's Backpack Blessing—Sunday, Aug. 11

All students, teachers, and school employees are encouraged to join us on August 11th during worship for a blessing of students and teachers and their backpacks and work bags. We will also be blessing the backpacks that have been collected for Starr King K-8 over the past few weeks AND presenting the St. Michael's Episcopal Church Scholarships to our 2024 recipients - Michael Cole, CeeCee Cryer-Coleman, Lisa Coleman, Makayla Holeman & Joshua Lueders!

St. Michael's Serves

Soup Pot Sunday Today! Please be generous in the soup pot. The collection goes to support Loaves and Fishes, the Center at St. Matthew's and River City Food Bank's food programs.

We Can Make a Big Difference for Starr King K-8

Our partner school, Starr King K-8, greatly appreciates the assistance we have given their students over many years. Backpacks, large containers of hand sanitizer, large boxes of Kleenex, and baby wipes can be dropped off at church on Sunday or in the office during the week. You can also make cash, check or online donations. 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.

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

Transition Report

The process for calling a new Rector has four stages:

- **Stage One** was sending Rev Mary off in style.
- **Stage Two** is to find an Interim Rector.
- **Stage Three** is developing a Parish Profile.
- **Stage Four** is the Search process.

More details about each of these four stages can be found on our website and in the messenger.

Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

The EDNC is taking nominations from lay and clergy members to join the Board of Trustees; and from lay members to fill an opening on the Standing Committee. Candidates will be voted on at the Diocesan Convention in November. Jim Sargent served on the Standing Committee for many years and Tammy Murray was a member of the Board of Trustees. If you have any questions and may be interested in this volunteer opportunity please contact Tammy Murray at tammymurray7@gmail.com. Deadline to apply is August 9, 2024.

Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe's Installation Service

November 2nd will be a simpler, scaled-down event this fall with a view toward reducing carbon footprint and increasing virtual engagement and participation.

St. Michael's Connects

St. Michael's Blood Drive—Sunday September 15
11am—2:30pm in Johnstone Hall. Appointments are strongly encouraged. See the bulletin board for the flyer.

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

Scam Alert

Last week we were alerted by parishioners that someone claiming to be Pastor Katie was asking for a favor. Please note that none of the clergy or office staff will ever email asking for a "discreet favor" and instructing you to email only and/or purchase Amazon Gift Cards. If you receive any emails like these do not respond, you can delete and report junk to block the email address.

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



Sunday July 28—The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Stewardship Meeting 11:45am
Contemplative Prayer Eucharist with Zoom 5pm

Monday July 29

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Tuesday July 30

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Staff Meeting 9:30am Friendship Center
Daughters of the King 1pm

Wednesday July 31

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Sacred Circle 6pm

Thursday August 1

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Circle of Care 5pm

Friday August 2

Morning Eucharist 8:30am
Celebration of Life Service - Robert Eugene Schrepel 11am

Sunday August 4—The Eleventh 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

September 15 **St. Michael's Blood Drive**

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
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Kate Muris Bookkeeper
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Karen Christie, Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen
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VESTRY

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Tammy Murray Junior Warden
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Doug Davy Member
Greg Dewey Member
Mary Ellen Ferguson Member
Mary Kessler Member
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