

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Labor Day

September 1, 2024  
10am

Livestream

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** Adagio from Piano Sonata in B-flat, K. 370  
*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#556 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! *(All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 7.)*

*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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** The Hymnal 1982—S280 Canticle 20, Glory to God *(Please join us, music can be found on pages 8)*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Together, let us pray

**Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

**O shepherding God, guide the hearts and minds of our Search Committee as we seek to discern the role of Rector for St. Michael's Church. By your light, draw to us those with vision and passion for St. Michael's future. Guide them as they discern your call. Raise up for us a faithful pastor, a dynamic preacher of your Gospel, to shepherd us as your flock, strengthen our ministries, and work with us in building up your kingdom. Amen.**

**THE LESSONS & PSALM** *Please be seated.*

## A reading from Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these

statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

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

**Please pray Psalm 15 responsively by half verse.**

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

**A reading from the letter of James (1:17-27)**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#536 Open your ears, O faithful people (*All stand as able. Music can be found on page 9.*)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL** Mark (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why

do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

**SERMON**     The Rev. Rodney Davis

**NICENE CREED** *All stand as you are able*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon*        Generous God, accept and answer our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep your church humble and keep us ever mindful of our call to serve our neighbors with generous and loving hearts. We pray 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. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us that we might work together to demand justice and equity for all people in this nation and across the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our faith that we might be doers of the Word and agents of your love to all whom we encounter. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to all who labor and for meaningful work that gives purpose to all lives. We pray that you will keep workers healthy, safe and strong. We pray for respect in the work place and a sense of accomplishment from all our contributions. Let us all be grateful for the work of all those who work in places we rarely see and with whom there is never enough appreciation expressed. Gracious God, we give thanks for all who labor. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show us how to be effective stewards and peacemakers that through us our world might be transformed and become a place where all people can thrive and live into their God-created potential. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Care for the suffering, the sick, and all who know oppression and alienation, that we might know hope and be transformed by your peace. Especially we pray for **Don, Barbara, Bobbi, Mike, Sandy, Jane, Robert, Sherry, Michael, Eileen, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Jay, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant all who have died the joy of your eternal presence and welcome us into the glorious life of your new age. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what else and whom else shall we pray? (*A time of silence is kept.*) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* We offer these prayers in the sure and certain hope of faith in your Son, Christ our Lord, who is our advocate and guide. **Amen.**

## **THE GENERAL CONFESSION**

*Deacon* 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 AND OFFERTORY**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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

**OFFERTORY SOLO** Pie Jesu (from *Requiem*) by Lloyd Webber

*Paula Frink and Kate Muris, sopranos*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#400 All Creatures of our God and King (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 10.*)

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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** The Hymnal 1982—#S125 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us, music can be found on page 11.*)

*Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Michael, the Archangel, all angels, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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 11.*)

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER \***

*Celebrant* For those who cannot be here physically to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ let us invite the Lord Jesus through this prayer for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

*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 HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#707 Take My Life and Let it Be (*Please join us, music can be found on page 12*)

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Kneel or 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#436 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (*Please join us, 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** Prelude in C, BWV by Bach

*\*Julian of Norwich Liturgy*

OPENING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#556 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 3 an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
 re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
 Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Your glorious banner wave on high  
 the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891). Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916).

HYMN OF PRAISE The Hymnal 1982, Service Music—#S280 Canticle 20, Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#536 Open your ears, O faithful people (*Verse 1*)

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you. *Fine*  
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -  
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,  
Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are  
To - rah o - ra,  
*Da Capo*  
words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

Words: Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930), alt. Copyright © 1966, 1984 by Willard F. Jabusch. Music: *Torah song [Yisrael V'oraita]*, Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Arrangement Copyright © 1985, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#400 All Creatures of our God and King (*verse 1*)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

SANCTUS The Hymnal 1982—#S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for Sanctus is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody with a long note for 'Ho -'. The third staff repeats the 'san - na' phrase. The fourth staff introduces the 'Blessed is he' phrase. The fifth staff concludes with another 'san - na' phrase. The music is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

The musical score for Fraction Anthem is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody with a long note for 'Christ'. The third staff introduces the 'there - fore' phrase. The fourth staff concludes with another 'Al - le - lu - ia' phrase. The music is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

COMMUNION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#707 Take My Life and Let it Be

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal—#436 Lift up your heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

# Announcements

## Worship

**10am Sunday Morning Worship** Eucharist & Choir  
Nursery opens at 9:30am

**5pm Sunday Contemplative Service** on Zoom

**9am Morning Prayer** – Zoom, Monday—Thursday

**8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist**

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

This is for those who cannot attend our Eucharist for a variety of reasons and literally partake of the body and blood of Jesus sacramentally. In order to include those who cannot attend church the presider at the Eucharist says this prayer on behalf of those who are absent from our Eucharistic celebration who spiritually desire to partake of Holy Communion.

## Choir news!

**Sunday, September 8th** will be their first Sunday back from summer break. In preparation, they will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 5th. Rehearsals begin at 6:30pm and end at 8pm and are held in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact John Cozza. All sections are open for new members.

## Office Closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 2

The Office will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. We hope you have a wonderful holiday weekend! We will be back in the office Tuesday, September 3 at 9:30am.

## St. Michael's Serves

### Rock the Block – Bryte & Broderick Friday & Saturday October 11 & 12, 2024

Volunteer to be a member of St. Michael's Rock the Block team and you will help revitalize an underserved community of low-income families, seniors, and Veterans. We will work on a variety of projects such as home repairs, planting community gardens, rebuilding fences, community landscaping/clean-up etc. To volunteer please see Terry Bridges. Volunteer registration and team rosters need to be submitted **Friday, September 6th.**

### River City Food Bank—Empty Bowls

Thursday, September 19, 2024

6pm – 9pm at the Sacramento Zoo

River City Food Bank (RCFB) is thrilled to be hosting their 21st Empty Bowls! As RCFB's only major fundraiser, Empty Bowls provides critical operating support to purchase and distribute healthy food to anyone experiencing food insecurity in Sacramento County. **Tickets are available on their website!**

## Regular Outreach opportunities

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

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

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

## Transitions

### Our Destination is in Sight

So many of you have shared your thoughts and feelings by completing the Church Assessment Tool. You have our gratitude. Rest assured that your responses are 100% confidential. If by chance you have not completed the assessment yet, you have just one more week to make your voice heard. How about today! If you need a paper copy or have questions, contact Doug Davy (douglasmdavy@gmail.com) or call the office at 916-488-3550.

## St. Michael's Youth Connection

### Godly Play Returns Sunday, September 8th!

Godly Play will be starting up again during our 10am Services in the Godly Play room for ages 3 to the 5th grade. This year we will be focusing on The Big Way of Love for kids that comes from the Episcopal Church. This approach focuses on TURN to Jesus, LEARN about him, PRAY to God, WORSHIP God, BLESS friends, GO out in love, and REST in God's grace so that they (and all of us) can focus ourselves in living life showing Gods love to all whom we encounter. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Katie. Nursery opens every Sunday for children ages 0-4.

## 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.

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

## **Serving Today**

**The Rev. Mike Ferrito** Celebrant

**The Rev. Rodney Davis** Preacher

**Pastor Katie Holeman** Deacon

**Dancy Dobrenick, Jackie Linn, Patty Green & Laura Quené** Altar Guild

**Sr. Tina Francesca & Logan Holeman** Acolytes

**Renée Pierce, Sue Davis & Kate Muris** Readers

**Jackie Linn, Sue Davis & Mary Ellen Ferguson** Eucharistic Ministers

**Ed Linn, Harriette & Jack Carr** Ushers

**Molly Hoever** Greeter

**John Cozza** Music Director

**Coffee Hour Host**



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## **Sunday September 1—The Fifteenth Sunday after**

### **Pentecost—Happy Labor Day**

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream

Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall

Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

## **Monday September 2—Office Closed in observance of**

### **Labor Day**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

## **Tuesday September 3**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Staff Meeting 9:30am Parish Hall

EfM 6pm Friendship Center

Mercy & Social Justice Meeting 7pm Zoom Only

## **Wednesday September 4**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Centering Prayer 7pm

## **Thursday September 5**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

## **Friday September 6**

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

## **Sunday September 8—The Sixteenth Sunday after**

### **Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream

Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall

Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

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

Sunday September 29th **Ingathering Sunday**

Sunday October 6th **Feast of St. Francis & Blessing  
of the Animals**

Sunday October 27th **Outreach Sunday**

Thursday October 31st **St. Michael's Trunk or Treat**

## **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 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, Renée Pierce, 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  
**Suzanne Phinney** Member  
**Renée Pierce** Member  
**Jane Samuelson** Member  
**Dawn Wright** Member  
**Constance Weichert** Music Director Emeritus