

— ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



AUGUST 11, 2024

WEEK OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

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

Officiant 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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.**

THE LESSON & PSALM

Reader A Reading from 1 Kings (19:4-8)

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom

tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God

Officiant Please pray Psalm 34:1-8 responsively by half verse.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Officiant A reading from the Gospel of John (6:35, 41-51).
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Officiant The Word of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

A REFLECTION

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CANDLE LIGHTING AND SILENT PRAYER

You are invited to light a candle and observe a period of silent personal prayer time.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant In confidence and longing we offer our needs and hopes to God in prayer as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader That your church may be a sacrament, a sure and certain sign of God's saving action in the world, 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.**

That our nation might be a place of opportunity for all its people and a place where people may live with dignity and in concord with their neighbors, we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That this assembly might be a place where we encounter the living Christ and where we feel safe to be our truest created selves, we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all the people of the world might come together to address our shared global problems and learn to live in peace, we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, who is our strength and our refuge; be with those who are besieged by fire, guide those who evacuate so that they may find care and comfort in a safe place; protect their homes and their pets, their neighbors and their friends, so that they may return home to a loving community. We ask this in the name of Jesus your son, who abides with you and with the Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That those afflicted with illness or injury, those impacted by fear and oppression, and those who despair or are isolated might know relief from their distress and a sense of wholeness and connection, we pray especially for Barbara, Bobbi, Mike, Frances, Sandy, Jane, Robert, Sherry, Jackie, Thom, Annette, Michael, Eileen, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Jay, Kyle, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That the dying may know peace in your eternal presence and that the grieving may know peace, we pray. 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.**

Officiant Most Holy God, you have fed your people with your love and with the saving atonement of Christ. Walk with us that we might confidently travel the narrow path following in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.

Julian of Norwich liturgy

Officiant Together, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Officiant Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 – bless you and keep you in peace. **Amen.**

Officiant Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go into the world to love and serve Christ!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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CONCLUDING REMARKS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHECK IN.