

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

WEEK OF THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

## 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.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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 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 LESSON & PSALM

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis (28:10-17)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there

was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

### **Thanks be to God**

*Reader* Please pray Psalm 103:19-22 responsively by half verse.

19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*

**and his kingship has dominion over all.**

20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*

**and hearken to the voice of his word.**

21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*

**you ministers of his who do his will.**

22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \*

**bless the Lord, O my soul.**

*Officiant* A reading from the Gospel of John (1:47-51)

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”

Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe

because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will

see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I

tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

*Officiant* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## 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* God of peace, we offer ourselves, heart, and soul, and mind to you. Respond to our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Help your church to face the world with grace, humility, and love. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, Megan our Bishop, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse our clergy. Let us be a beacon of hope and a sanctuary of peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your wisdom to the leaders of the nations that they might work together for the good of the whole world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw us close to you, that we might be renewed by your love and emboldened to carry out the ministry of Christ in our own community. We pray especially for Mary, our head of school, for all the staff, teachers and students at St. Michael's Day School and Starr King K-8. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow upon us a reverence for your created world and hearts that ache to care for it. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wrap all who know pain or sickness into your healing embrace, give them courage and perseverance and remind them that you are with them in their suffering. We pray especially for Cynthia, Liz, Barbara, Bobbi, Mike, Sandy, Jane, Robert, Sherry, Michael, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Jay, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shower the dead with your love that they might be at peace and free from the tribulations of this life; and at the dawn of your new age, reunite us with those whom we love but are now beyond our reach. 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* Almighty God, who was and is and is to come, bestow your blessings upon us and answer our prayers as may be best for us, and all this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our redeemer and savior. **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.**

**CONCLUDING REMARKS, DISCUSSION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
CHECK IN.**