The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 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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We ask that you silence any electronics that might make noise during the service.



Welcome to SIMICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PRELUDE Adagio from Piano Concerto #1 in d minor, Op. 15 by Brahms

Please stand as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (*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 and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 the Book of Jeremiah (31:7-9)

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please pray Psalm 126 responsively by half verse.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *

then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *

"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *

and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *

like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *

will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (7:23-28)

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (*Verses 1 & 5, All stand as able. Music can be found on page 9.*)

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Mark (10:46-52)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

SERMON The Rev. Mike Ferrito

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 Lord, you sent your Son to live among us so that we might know you better. Hear us now as we pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader In your mercy, grant your church a true heart for the good news you give us in the words of scripture and in the Word made flesh, Jesus. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, Megan our Bishop, Andy, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse our clergy. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In your mercy grant our nation a strong sense of service and an urgency to provide for all people. Especially bless our President, Vice-President, all those who serve the White House, the Congress, and Supreme Court with hearts that serve every citizen of this great country. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for justice and peace throughout the earth, following the way of Jesus and learning from his example. We pray especially for those in the Middle East facing violence. We pray for you to be with them and for an end to the atrocities that continue to plague the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy grant to all communities the things we need for true life—shelter, food, educations, safety, and opportunity. We especially pray 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.**

In your mercy grant to our families and friends a sense of wonder at the world you created for us and that same sense of gratitude for all the people who you created to serve this world. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In your mercy grant health and healing for our relationships with you, with our families and friends. Mend broken hearts and give us pathways to reconciliation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy bless the sick and suffering with healing. We especially pray 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.

In your mercy receive the dying into your loving arms and grant them a new life in your kingdom, we especially remember Peg Henley. Comfort those who mourn and bring them into deeper relationship with you. 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 ask this in the name of the One God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We praise you and bless you, this day and always. **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 ANTHEM Precious Lord, Take My Hand by Dorsey, arr. Schrader

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#380 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (Verse 3, 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.

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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—#S129 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—#155 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—#693 Just As I Am (*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

And now may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#411 O Bless the Lord, My Soul (*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 All Creatures of Our God and King, arr. Keveren

*Julian of Norwich Liturgy

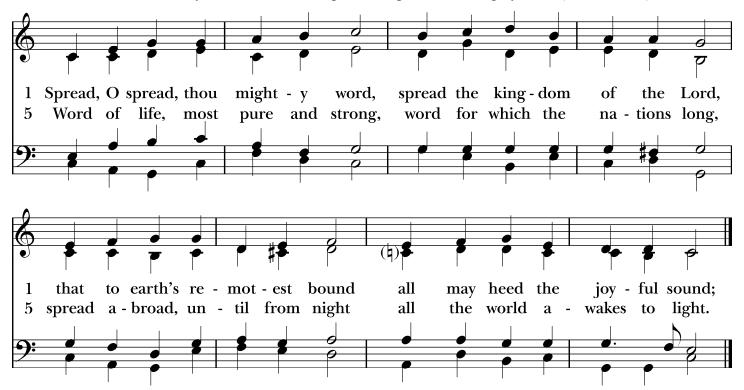
OPENING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#410 Praise, My Soul, the Kin of Heaven



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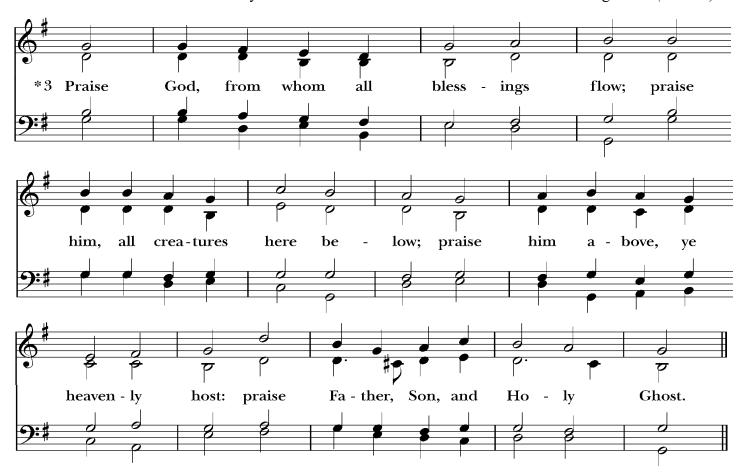


GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (*Verses 1 & 5*)

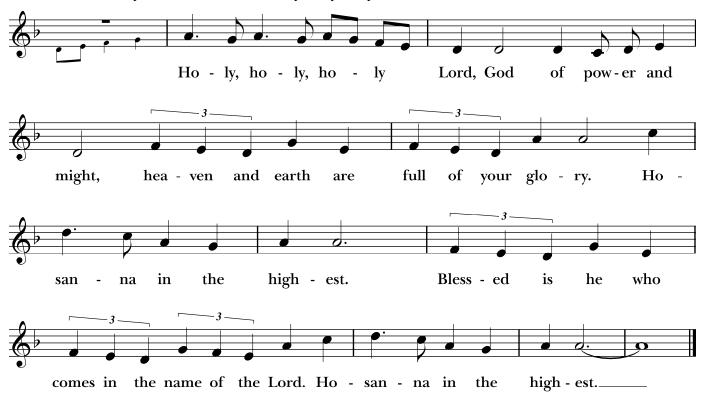


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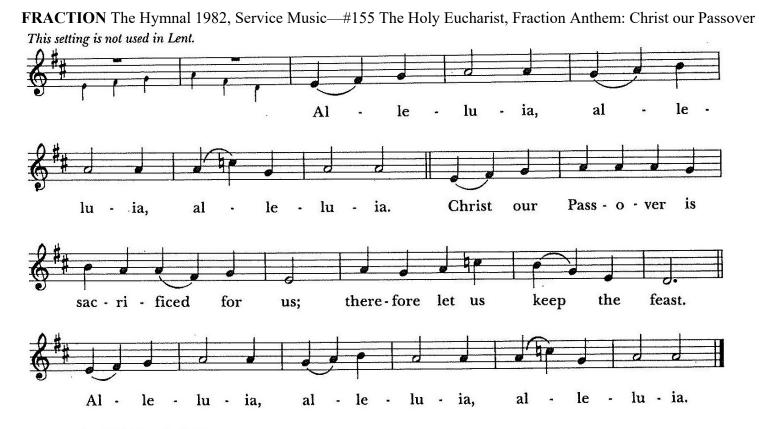
PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#380 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (Verse 3)



SANCTUS The Hymnal 1982—#S129 Holy, holy, holy Lord



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Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

COMMUNION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#693 Just As I Am



6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal—#411 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Announcements

Worship

10am Sunday Morning Worship Eucharist & Choir Nursery & Godly Play opens at 9:30am
 5pm Sunday Contemplative Service on Zoom
 9am Morning Prayer – Zoom, Monday—Thursday
 8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist

Honoring our Deceased Loved Ones

Names for All Saints & All Souls' Day
It is our tradition to honor our departed loved ones by reading their names at the All Saints and All Souls services. We will be celebrating All Souls' Day at our Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist on Friday November 1st at 8:30am and All Saints Day at our 10am & 5pm services on Sunday November 3rd.
Please email or call the office with the names of people you want us to read aloud during these services. Please include phonetic spelling. Please have your names submitted by 5pm Wednesday, October 30th.

Save the Date

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 19 at 7pm. More details to come in future Messengers & bulletins.

Transitions

Welcome Rev. Andy Lobban!

We are excited to announce that we have hired an Interim Rector. The Rev. Andy Lobban will be joining us on **November 3rd**. More info can be found on our website.

You Listened! And Talked!

Thank you everyone who participated in the Parish Listening Events to share your ideas and inspirations for St. Michael's in years to come as we call our new rector. The results are extremely important as we prepare the Parish Profile, a document that describes our parish as it is, and will be posted nationally to assist candidates to be our next rector in learning about us as they discern their call to this parish. Sixty-two of us participated by writing down ideas on large sticky notes (or sending or telling them to Mary Kessler, scribe for the Zoom session). If you would like to read what others wrote and said, we have posted an unedited transcription of the sticky notes and Mary Kessler's notes, from all three sessions on the Transitions page of the website—https:// stmichaelscarmichael.org/transitions/. Fair warning - it is about 20 pages.

St. Michael's Learns & Connects

St. Michael's Open Bible Study

Thursday's at 10am in Friendship Center & on Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4883550916. The initial format will use the lectionary page lessons for the following Sunday. For more information, please email Chris Chamness at chrischamness@hotmail.com.

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

St. Michael's is a Voting Site

Don't Forget to Vote

St. Michael's will be a voting site this November. Times below:

Saturday, November 2 - 9am - 5pm Sunday November 3 - 9am - 5pm Monday November 4 - 9am - 5pm Tuesday November 5 - 7am - 8pm

The deadline for registering to vote in Sacramento County is Monday, October 21st, 2024.

St. Michael's Serves

Soup Pot Sunday Today! The collection supports Loaves & Fishes, the Center at St. Matthews & RCFB.

Thanksgiving Gift Cards!

It is time for our annual Thanksgiving Gift Card collection to help those in need at River City Food Bank and The Center at St. Matthew's have a special Thanksgiving meal. If you are giving by check, please write "Food Gift Card" in the memo. You can also give online or put cash in an envelope (you can find these in the pew pockets), mark it with "Food Gift Card" and put it in the plate on Sunday. Please have your donations to the church or office by Sunday November 17th. For more information please contact Terry Bridges at terrycbridges@gmail.com or the Office.

Fundraiser Committee - Don't miss out on the fun! The committee is now being formed for next year's fundraiser. The date is set for **Saturday**, **February 22**, **2025**, please Save the Date! Contact Mary Ellen Ferguson, Renee Pierce or the church office at 916-488 -3550 if you have questions and want to participate.

Announcements

Green Team Update

The Green Team is at work on our goal to be carbon neutral by 2030. After the work done this summer, we are working on our overall plan. We will be tracking our utility spending so that we can measure our carbon footprint. A report will be submitted to the Vestry and Diocese by the end of the year. Look for an update at the Annual Meeting. What about our own goals to reduce our carbon footprint? Are you thinking of replacing gas appliances? How about getting an electric vehicle? SMUD has some very nice rebates available that can save you some money.

St. Michael's Children & Youth

Trunk or Treat! Thursday, October 31 at 6pm Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. We will have a game lane, hot dogs and of course cars decorated and handing out candy and treats. If you are interested in participating contact Pastor Katie pastorkatie@stmichaelscarmichael.org If you are able to donate candy please bring it to the office. Thank you all for your support of this fun event. As always costumes are encouraged but not required.

Diocesan News

Diocesan Online Convention

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, from 9:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. For registered lay and clergy delegates, guests, and visitors.

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

Serving Today

Pastor Katie Holeman Celebrant
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Preacher
The Rev. Rodney Davis Deacon
Janice Bowdler, Ann Hall, Mary Ellen Ferguson Altar Guild
Allison Flower-Arledge Flowers
Sr. Tina Francesca Acolyte
Renée Pierce, Jim Dodds, & Laura Quene Readers
Ann Hall, Mary Ellen Ferguson & Harriet Wharton Eucharistic Ministers
Jay Bowdler, Molly Hoever, & Bill Wilson Ushers
Carolyn Wilson Greeter
St. Michael's Chancel Choir
John Cozza Music Director
Coffee Hour Host Terry and Nancy Bridges

The Flowers are given by

Valerie & George Vento in Loving Memory of David Johnson & Carla Vento And in Celebration of George's Birthday

&

Karen Christie in Loving Memory of her daughter, Katrina Brown

Sunday October 27—The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday October 28

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom Vestry Meeting 6:30pm Zoom

Tuesday October 29

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom Staff Meeting 9:30am Daughters of the King 1pm EfM 6:30pm Friendship Center

Wednesday October 30

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom Sacred Circle 6pm Zoom

Thursday October 31

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center & Zoom Trunk or Treat 6pm Parking Lot Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Friday November 1st

Morning Eucharist 8:30am—All Souls

Saturday November 2nd

Voting Center 9am Friendship Center

Sunday November 3rd—Feast of All Saints

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