

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



OCTOBER 27, 2024

WEEK OF THE TWENTY-THIRD 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.

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 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 **Prophet 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.

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

**Thanks be to God**

*Reader* 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.**

*Officiant*                      A reading from the Gospel of Mark 10:46-52  
*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.

*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* 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.**

*Officiant* 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

*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**

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.**

*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  
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