

— ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



NOVEMBER 24, 2024

WEEK OF CHRIST THE KING

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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Daniel (7:9-10, 13-14)**

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

Thanks be to God

Reader Please pray Psalm 93 responsively by half verse.

1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; O *
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

Officiant A reading from the Gospel of John 18:33-37
Reader **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as

it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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 Marvelous, glorious God, with sincere thanks for the blessings won by Christ our Lord, we offer to you our deepest prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader May your Church always look to its head, the Lord Jesus, whose example has given us a template for our lives and commission calls us forward in mission and ministry, we pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Andy, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse our clergy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us to be advocates for justice and peace in our society, that the reign of Christ might be known in our nation’s life. 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 TK-8. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be present to us today so that, with confidence in Christ's promises, we might re-commit ourselves to lives of service in His name and become agents of God's love to all whom we encounter. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have formed the creation that it might sustain us and help us to thrive, help us to use it responsibly and to work with others to sustain its bounty. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The name of Christ is the only name given for health under heaven, let His healing power enter into the lives of all who suffer that they may be made whole and know peace.

Especially we pray for **Lennie, David, Cynthia, Liz, Barbara, Bobbi, Mike, Sandy, Robert, Sherry, Michael, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dead into your glorious eternal presence, that with the saints and angels they may praise you on your throne. We especially pray for the repose of the soul of Jay Glad and for peace and comfort to his family and loved ones. 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 King of kings and Lord of Lords, you are our one true allegiance, and we give thanks for your reign. So lead us that we might welcome your return in confidence and hope. We

offer these prayers in the name of Christ the King, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. **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 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.**

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
CHECK IN.**