# The First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025 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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# Welcome to SIMICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PRELUDE Intermezzo in A, Opp. 118/2 y Brahms

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#116 "I Come" the Great Redeemer Cries (All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 7.)

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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 Isaiah (43:1-7)

Thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth--

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

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

People Thanks be to God.

## Please pray Psalm 29 responsively by half verse.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*

and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*

all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*

the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17)

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

People Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#120 The Sinless One to Jordan Came (All stand as able. Music can be found on page 8.)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Luke (3:15-17, 21-22)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will

baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

**SERMON** Pastor Katie Holeman

#### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Deacon Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Deacon Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Deacon Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the

Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to

judge the living and the dead.

Deacon Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Deacon Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Deacon Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the

Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Deacon Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Deacon Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Deacon Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water

and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his

grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Glorious and Wondrous God, in thankfulness and confidence we lift our hopes and needs to you in prayer as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader Raise up in your church leaders whose lives are centered in the love of Christ and whose hearts yearn for justice and peace. 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.** 

Enter into the hearts of those with authority in our nation that they might work for the fellowship of all people and bring about a world where enemies are reconciled and conflict ceases. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Inspire this assembly through the inbreaking of the Spirit in our lives that our faiths may be bolstered and our commitment to the gospel mission renewed. 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.

Lord and Holy Protector, like the disciples who were caught in their small boat amid a mighty storm, we seek Your help for all in harm's way in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

We pray for you to calm this deadly storm of wind and fire, as we also ask your strong protection for all first responders, all who are evacuated, all offering hospitality, and for all the leaders and people in the region. Be with those who are fearful, who are in danger, who are lost in the fog of disaster.

We pray for your beautiful creation and for all wildlife and livestock in danger. We pray for willing and committed hearts, strong in support and loving response to our suffering neighbors. May we do all we can to be healers in the aftermath.

We know that You hear all prayers, and, confident in your love, we lift our petitions to You, our God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

Bring healing to the sick and hurting, mend the fractured and broken, grant hope to the fearful and anxious, and grant peace and the knowledge of your love to all people. Especially we pray for Chris, Kate, Holly, Jane, Frances, Aleta, 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.

Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love and, welcome us into the resurrection alongside all your saints, we pray especially for the repose of the soul of Jay Glad. 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 Hear our prayers and grant our desires as may be best for us and in ways that show forth your grace and mercy. All this we ask through our only advocate and Lord, Jesus, who in Christ and lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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** Shall We Gather at the River, arr. Carter

**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#380 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 9.)

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, Book of Common Prayer

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**THE SANCTUS** The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #125 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Please join us, music can be found on page 10.*)

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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"

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

## We praise you, we bless you, We give thanks to you, And we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Michael, the Archangel, and all the angels and saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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—S#155 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God (*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** LEVAS—#141 Shall We Gather at the River (*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 God, giver of life, through the broken bread and shared cup, you fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood to fill our hearts with your love. Send us now into the world with compassion to make it a just and merciful place. Give us strength and courage to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

**CLOSING HYMN** LEVAS—#121 Baptized in Water (*Please join us, music can be found on page 13.*)

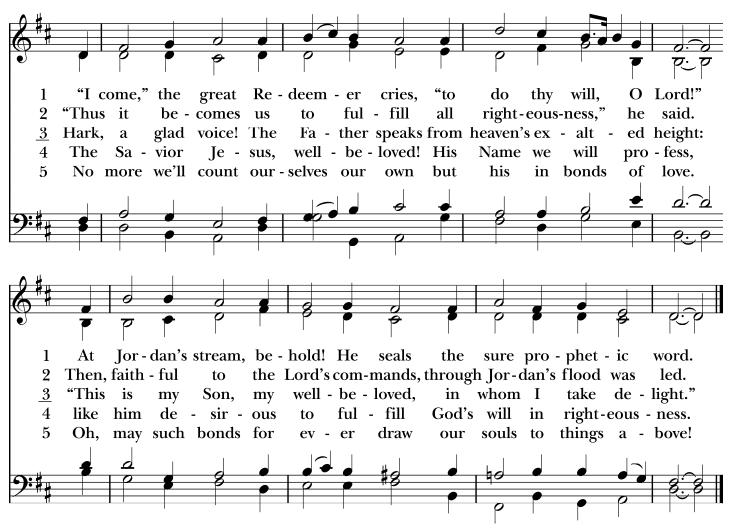
Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** The Church's One Foundation, arr. Purifoy

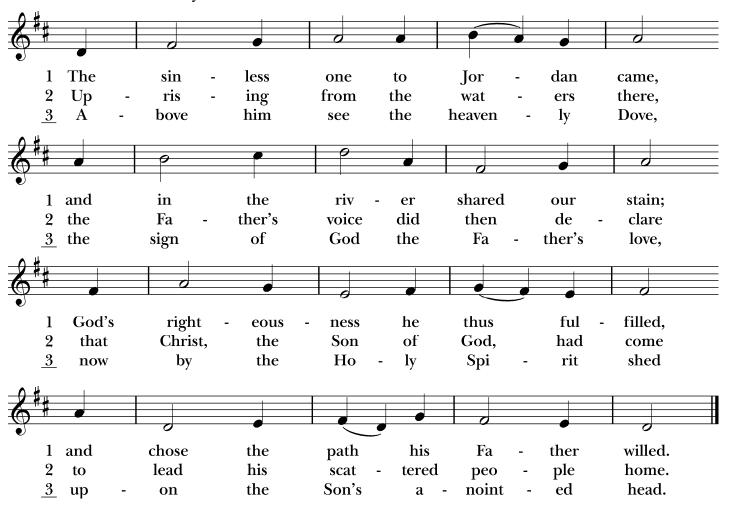
\*Julian of Norwich Liturgy

## **OPENING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#116 "I Come," the Great Redeemer Cries



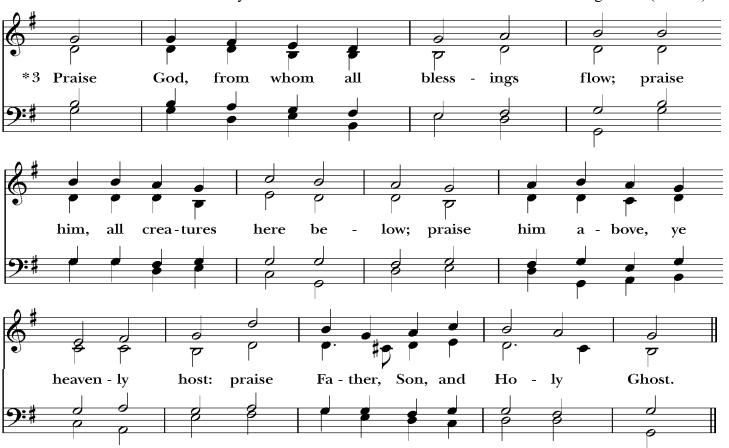
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GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#120 The Sinless One to Jordan Came

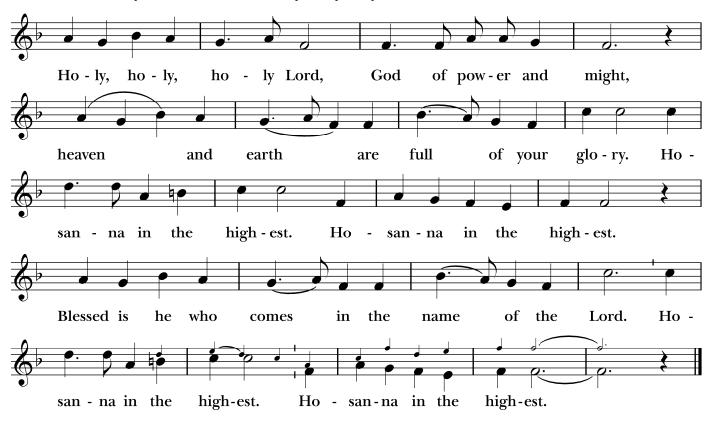


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PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#380 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Verse 3)



**SANCTUS** The Hymnal 1982—S#125 Holy, Holy Holy



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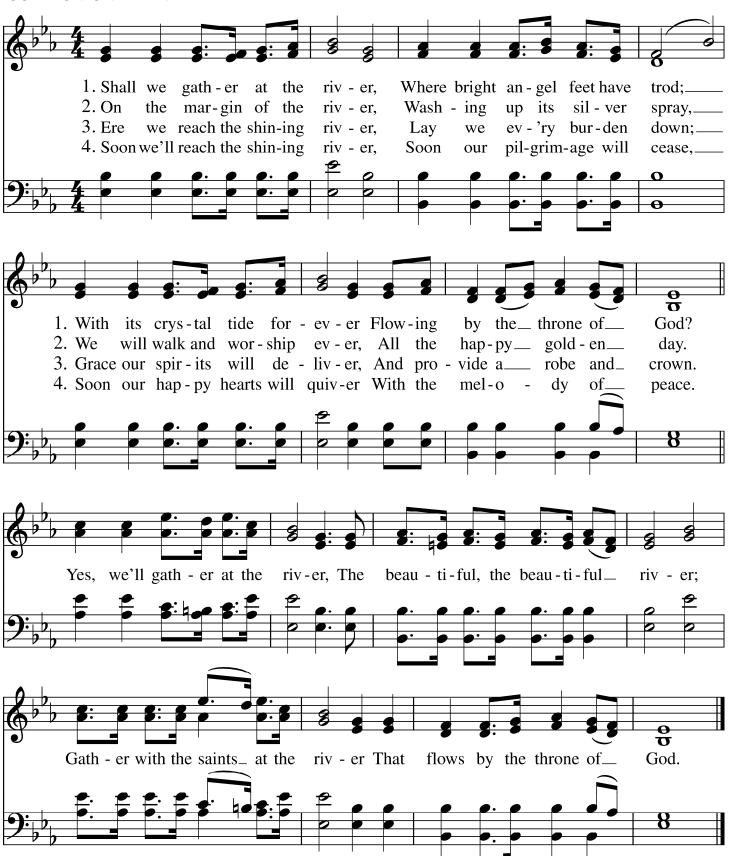
**FRACTION ANTHEM** The Hymnal 1982—S#155 Christ our Passover

This setting is not used in Lent.



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

#### **COMMUNION HYMN** LEVAS—#141 Shall We Gather at the River



Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry.

## CLOSING HYMN LEVAS—#121 Baptized in Water



Words: Michael Saward (b. 1932). Music: Eugene Hancock (b. 1929).

# 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

#### **Celebration of Life Service**

The Celebration of life service for Jay Glad has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 10am.

#### **Transitions**

## Sunday February 2, 2025

St. Michael's annual meeting will be in person only on Sunday February 2nd immediately following the 10am service. We will serve lunch as usual and the nursery will be available for ages 0 - 6. During the meeting we will be voting for Vestry Members and Diocesan Delegates and taking a look at 2024 and look to the future.

## 2025 Vestry & Diocesan Delegates

If you feel called to serve on the St. Michael's Vestry or as a Diocesan Delegate, please contact the Church Office (916) 488-3550 for a copy of the application. Applications are due **January 19, 2025**.

#### St. Michael's Learns & Connects

## **Continuing Studies**

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

Thursday Open Bible Study meets every Thursday in the Friendship Center (and on Zoom) at 10am - 11:30am. We study the scriptures for the following Sunday. For more Bible Study information, please email Chris Chamness at chrischamness@hotmail.com.

#### SAVE THE DATE

#### Join us for our Mardi Gras Fundraiser Dinner!

Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 5pm Tickets \$65

An evening of Music, Southern Comfort Food & Fun!

More Details and Ticket Links coming soon!

## Consider hosting a Sign Up Party!

The forms for Sign Up Parties are now available in the office, at coffee hour and via PDF below. Please put those creative juices together to come up with fun ways to host an event. Get your friends involved and share the fun, the cost or the location. Remember, all the money we raise during our fundraisers helps finance the wonderful outreach projects that St. Michael's supports every year.

## St. Michael's Serves in the Community

Habitat for Humanity: Build for Unity Seeking Build for Unity Volunteers! Build for Unity is a Habitat for Humanity program where multi-faith communities come together to build houses for low-income families. St. Michaels was one of the original faith groups that started this amazing program (in 2016). Our three scheduled workdays are

- Saturday, February 1
- Friday & Saturday February 7 & 8

There are sign-up sheets located on the board in Johnstone Hall. We have 10 spots open each day. Please feel free to invite your friends and family to join us in this wonderful program. If you have questions, please connect with Terry Bridges.

## Office of the Bishop

## Message from Bishop Megan

It was with sorrow and alarm that I learned last night of the historic fires in the Diocese of Los Angeles. It is a place where many of us have family, friends, and shared history. I write to call you to join me in prayer and compassionate action around this unfolding disaster....(Full Article in this weeks Messenger) I also call you to compassionate action:

- Contribute to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for Fire Recovery. Use this link: https://bit.ly/givetofirerelief, the QR code below, or send checks to our new office address: 2394 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95825.
- Make time today to review disaster preparedness plans for your family and congregation.

Rev. Andy can be reached at revandy@stmichaelscarmichael.org.

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

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# **Serving Today**

The Rev. Andy Lobban Celebrant Pastor Katie Holeman Preaching The Rev. Mike Ferrito Deacon

The Rev. Rodney Davis Assisting

Sue Corbin, Sr. Tina Francesca, & Harriet Wharton Altar Guild

Allison Flower-Arledge Flowers

Sr. Tina Francesca Ferriot Acolyte

Sue Davis, Catherine Curran & Sue Corbin Readers

Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen Ferguson & Ann Hall Eucharistic Ministers

Terry Bridges, Barbara & Hunter McIntyre Ushers

Molly Hoever Greeter

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music Director

David Tribble & Laura Quené Coffee Hour Hosts

The flowers are given in loving memory of **John Karsten** from his family.

## Sunday January 12—The First Sunday after Epiphany, The Baptism of Jesus Christ

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

## **Monday January 13**

Winter Respite 7:30am Carmichael Presbyterian Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

## **Tuesday January 14**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom Staff Meeting 9:30am EfM 6:30pm Zoom

## Wednesday January 15

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

## **Thursday January 16**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center Circle of Care 5pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

## Friday January 17

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

# Sunday January 19—The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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



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# **SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday February 2, 2025 Annual Meeting

# CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair Bishop,
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
The Rev. Andy Lobban Interim Rector
Pastor Katie Holeman Assisting Priest
The Rev. Rodney Davis Associate Priest
The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Associate Priest
Andy Chamness Sexton
John Cozza Music Director
Michelle Falcy Parish Administrator
Jack Cozza Videographer
John Quené Treasurer
Kate Muris Bookkeeper
Diane Gilmore, Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Sr. Tina

Francesca Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin, Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen Ferguson Office

Volunteers

#### **VESTRY**

Rick Larkey Senior Warden
Tammy Murray Junior Warden
Chris Chamness Clerk
Sue Davis Member
Doug Davy Member
Greg Dewey Member
Mary Ellen Ferguson Member
Mary Kessler Member
Suzanne Phinney Member
Renée Pierce Member
Jane Samuelson Member
Dawn Wright Member

**Constance Weichert** Music Director Emeritus

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