

The Feast of the Presentation

February 2, 2025

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 ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PRELUDE Adagio from Piano Quintet in A, Op. 81 by Dvorak
Paolo Reyes, Joan Shalit, violins / Emily Svendsen, viola / Jia-mo Chen, cello

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#257 O Zion,
Open Wide Thy Gates (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 7.*)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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—#390 Praise to the Lord
(*Music can be found on page 8.*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Together, let us pray

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Malachi (3:1-4)

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 84 responsively by half-verse

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (2:14-18)

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN Celtic Alleluia (All stand as able. Music can be found on page 9.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Luke (2:22-40)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the

law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

SERMON The Rev. Andy Lobban

THE NICENE CREED *All stand as 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 Let us pray to the Lord who enlightens the nations and gives us hope by praying, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader The church has a mission to light the nations with love and hope. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Andy, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. Lord, send us out to do your will. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our nation has resources and abundance like no other country Lord. Show us the way to share what we have with our own brothers and sisters in the United States and to help our neighbors around the world. 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.**

Our world was a gift from you, and we are the stewards of your creation. Give us wisdom to conserve and protect all that you have made. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our community has the problems of homelessness, hunger, poverty, injustice, unemployment, and loneliness. Give us the courage to address them as a church and as your disciples. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our friends and families are in need of healing. Give your grace, peace, protection, and healing to those we offer to you now. Especially we pray for **Andrea, Kathy, Chris, Kate, Holly, Frances, Cynthia, Liz, Barbara, Mike, Tina, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in the plane and helicopter crash in DC. For the families and loved ones of those who were involved, we pray for solace and peace. We pray that those who mourn their passings have your blessed assurance of life everlasting wash over them. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our life ends with new life in you. Bless the dying with peace, especially Margaret Wiggins, and the grieving with comfort. 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 Our lives and wellbeing are held in your hand O Lord. Give us trust and faith in you and bless us this day and every day with the peace that only you provide. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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 The Ground (from *A Sunrise Mass*) by Gjelo

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 10.*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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—S#125 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us, music can be found on page 11.*)

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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—S#155 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover (*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 ANTHEM Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach

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

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 The Hymnal 1982—#259 Hail to the Lord Who Comes (*Please join us, music can be found on page 12.*)

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go into the world to love and serve Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE Allegro moderato from Piano Quintet in A Op. 81 by Dvorak

Paolo Reyes, Joan Shalit, violins/Emily Svendsen, viola/Jia-mo Chen, cello

**Julian of Norwich Liturgy*

Serving Today

The Rev. Andy Lobban Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Mike Ferrito Deacon

Pastor Katie Holeman Assisting Priest

Dancy Dobrenick, Jackie Linn, Patty Green & Laura Quené Altar Guild

Sr. Tina Francesca Ferriot Acolyte

Rick Larkey, Jim Dodds & Marilyn McEntyre Readers

Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen Ferguson & Sue Davis Eucharistic Ministers

Harriette & Jack Carr Ushers

Sue Corbin Greeter

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music Director

Please join us for our Annual Meeting Luncheon immediately following the service in the Parish and Johnstone Hall.

OPENING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#257 O Zion, Open Wide Thy Gates

1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let
 2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the
 3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his
 4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all

1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,
 2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with
 3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes
 4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things
 5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly

1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
 2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
 3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
 4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
 5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. Music: *Edmonton*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760; harm. *Hymnal 1982*; alt. melody and bass from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.

HYMN OF PRAISE The Hymnal 1982—#390 Praise to the Lord

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971). Descant, Copyright © 1953, Novello and Company Limited. Used by permission.

GRADUAL HYMN Celtic Alleluia (*Repeated 3 times*)

This musical score is for a Celtic Alleluia, repeated three times. It is written for voice and piano in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The score is organized into three systems, each corresponding to one of the three repetitions. Each system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment is written in grand staff notation, with the right hand playing chords and moving lines, and the left hand providing a steady bass line. The vocal line features a simple melody with lyrics in Latin. The first system begins with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -'. The second system continues with 'lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,'. The third system concludes with 'al - le - lu - ia!'. The piano accompaniment includes chord markings: A, E, D, E, A in the first system; D, E, A, E in the second; and Bm, E, A, D, E, A in the third. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia!

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#380 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly half and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line and ends with a double bar line.

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#259 Hail to the Lord Who Comes

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;
 2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
 3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;
 4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;
 watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,
 and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands
 Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;
 thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heaven - ly guest.
 takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.
 be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Old 120th*, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1570; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), after Richard Allison (16th cent.); adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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

Shrove Tuesday—Evensong & Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4th—**Evensong Service at 5pm**

St. Michael's will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a service of Evensong this year followed by our annual pancake supper in the Parish Hall. Questions, want to volunteer & flip some pancakes? Connect with Renée Pierce or Michelle in the office.

Ash Wednesday Services , March 5th

7am Eucharist & Ashes

12pm Eucharist & Ashes

7pm Eucharist & Ashes with Livestream

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent.

Transitions

Annual Meeting Today! Join us in Johnstone Hall

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.

Rev. Canon Julie Wakelee Visiting St. Michael's!

On Sunday, February 9, St. Michael's will welcome as our preacher the Rev. Canon Julie Wakelee, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Northern California. Canon Julie plans to visit for the purpose of encouraging the Rector search here at St. Michael's as well as to get to know our congregation better. She will remain after the service for fellowship and coffee hour as well as to meet with our Vestry and search committee. We look forward to welcoming her!

St. Michael's Learns & Connects

Rereading Lent:

New Reflections on a Storied Season

Sundays, March 9th to April 6th

11:45am in Friendship Center (in-person only)

In this year's Lenten series, Rev. Andy and Marilyn McEntyre will be leading reflections on the purposes and themes of the season, the ways we can reclaim ancient words for our own historical moment, and the question of how to read--and reread-- biblical stories. Please contact Rev. Andy with questions.

Living Compass - Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit

The Living Compass Lenten booklets provide a rich opportunity for self reflection throughout Lent. They are available, free of cost, at the church before Lent begins. We will not have a weekly group this season but there are multiple other ways you can engage with this material through Living Compass at <https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>.

Continuing Studies

Sacred Circle Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm via zoom. For info 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 info, email Chris Chamness at chrischamness@hotmail.com.

Mardi Gras Fundraiser Dinner!

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

An evening of Music, Southern Comfort Food & Fun! RSVP Using the link on our website. Tickets can be purchased online, by check or Cash. Please note in the memo of checks or cash envelopes—for Mardi Gras Fundraiser Dinner.

Mardi Gras Mask Making Party!

Wednesday, February 19th at 4:30pm

Friendship Center—Join us as we prepare for our Mardi Gras Dinner Fundraiser by making some festive masks! Light refreshments will be provided. Masks and embellishments will be supplied but donations are welcomed. Please contact Laura Quené to RSVP and for more information.

Consider hosting a Sign Up Party!

The forms for Sign Up Parties are due today! Contact Ellen Cehand for info.

St. Michael's Serves in the Community

Rise Against Hunger

Saturday March 29th, 12 - 2pm

Parish & Johnstone Halls

Come pack meal bags that reach hungry people throughout the world. It is a very fun event and a great opportunity to gather as community to do something for those in need. Please sign up on their website. If you have questions or need help please contact the office. If you are willing to help with set up or clean up please let us know!

River City Food Bank needs your reusable grocery bags. Sturdy, clean plastic bags and large paper bags & 1 dozen egg cartons can be recycled right here in the Food Barrel. Contact Julie Linderman with questions.

Announcements

St. Michael's Children & Youth

Theater Camp 2025 registration is open!

Students entering 2nd grade-8th grade are invited to join us June 16-20 and June 23-27 from 9am-3pm (June 27 9am-1pm). This year we will be performing 101 Dalmatians on June 27 at 6pm. The cost for camp is \$400. Students need to be able to attend both weeks to participate. To register visit <https://stmichaelscarmichael.org/learn/children-youth-education/>. If you are interested in volunteering contact Pastor Katie.

St. Michael's Episcopal Day School News

School Auction—Saturday March 2, 2025

[Tickets are live!](#)

To make your evening even more enjoyable, let us know if there is a specific group or class you would like to sit with (for example: "I would love to sit with 1st or 3rd grade parents"). We will make sure to arrange the seating so everyone feels comfortable and can enjoy the evening together with friends.

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

Nominees for 2025 Vestry Bios

Elizabeth Dolezal

When I was searching for a church home eight years ago, St. Michael's spoke to me for two reasons: First, because of its values of Social Justice, Outreach and Inclusivity, and second, because of the variety of opportunities it provides for worship. In my case, the Contemplative services on Friday morning and Sunday evening have provided me the setting in which to sit in silence and feel God's presence. Because of the joy this practice has brought me, I would like to give back to the Church through service on the Vestry. My professional background includes 34 years as an Administrator in State Government, primarily in the Human Resources field. Since retirement, I have been involved in a variety of volunteer experiences, including 15 years of membership on a statewide healthcare workforce policy commission, where I served as both Chair and Vice Chair. I believe all these experiences have provided me with a technical background in the Human Resources area, as well as the ability to understand and evaluate program issues.

Lee Robbins

I am newer to the community at St. Michael's and have felt spiritually invested in the future of our church. I have been involved in worship and outreach ministries and wish to be a part of growing our membership and community. I have over twenty years of experience in social work, social justice and social change agencies that I feel will be helpful in my service on vestry.

Todd Stone

St. Michael's has been an important part of my life since my youth, I was confirmed here in 1970 and we have baptized all of our children here. As a real estate investor and CEO of a 2nd generation company, I have experience in real estate, finance and business organization that will be beneficial to my service on vestry.

Holly Yue

Since joining St. Michael's almost four years ago, I have been involved in a number of our ministries. When I was asked to consider joining vestry, I considered it prayerfully for a few weeks and God said yes! This service is not new to me. I spent multiple terms on the vestry at my previous church, St. Luke's, and liked having a voice in decision making on the mission committee there. Having been an engaged and productive member of many committees over the years I have learned a great deal about working with others in "the way of love." My heart is for youth ministry, social justice, outreach and the environment and I often find myself in the role of fundraiser and other creative endeavors.

Nominee's for 2025 for Diocesan Delegates Bios

Sue Corbin

I was honored to have the opportunity to represent St. Michael's last year. I was impressed by the many positive ideas that developed into ministries to improve all lives and felt the Holy Spirit nudging me to serve again. I am humbled to be a part of the different ministries here, especially co-founding the Scholarship Fund, the Sages Ministry and mailing the Sunday bulletins to the homebound parishioners. If elected to serve again, I will do my best to go in with an open mind.

Sr. Tina Francesca Ferriot

I am interested in the life of the wider church family and the ministries that draw the world to know the Trinity. It is exciting to experience the wider Episcopal Church through listening, seeing, and working with others to spread the gospel, while engaging in corporate worship, and ministry in representing St. Michael's.

Kate Muris

I have been a delegate several times. I choose to put my time and energy in the work of a delegate because I believe it is extremely important to have a bigger picture and wider knowledge of our Diocese and the church beyond. It also allows us the opportunity to meet people around the Diocese and forge new friendships and alliances through our common ministries and actions for our future church.

Tammy Murray

I have not served as a delegate but was able to serve on the Episcopal Diocese of Northern CA as a Board of Trustee and had the opportunity to attend the Conventions. It is very interesting to be a part of this event. I would be happy to serve as a St. Michael's Delegate.

Suzanne Phinney

As a long time and committed member of St. Michael's, I have served as a Diocesan Delegate in the past. During my career I have served on multiple Boards and Commissions. I was a facilitator / moderator for the League of Women Voters and I have been on the Diocesan Board of Trustees and Diocesan Property Committee. I have a strong love for and understanding of our church and my prior experience will aid in my service of our congregation at the Diocesan Convention.

Renee Pierce

I have been a delegate/alternate to the convention for the last five years. I am committed as a member of this church to be a leader in promoting the best practices of our faith, and that includes being involved in the active leadership of the diocese for the interests of our congregation.

Holly Yue

I have prior experience as a delegate and find that catching up on what is happening in all the Diocesan ministries is a joyful thing. Learning from the convention speaker is always beneficial, as is spending time with our clergy and fellow parishioners. Worshipping together with brothers and sisters in Christ from the entire Diocese is a spirit filled experience. The business sessions tell us where the Diocese is financially and it's our opportunity to vote on delegates to the General Convention every 3 years and the resolutions brought forth during each year. I would be honored to represent in this way again in 2025.

We are still looking for another delegate and an alternate for the Diocesan Convention. If you are interested in this opportunity [please contact the office.](#)

Sunday February 2—The Feast of Presentation

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream

Godly Play & Nursery 10am

Annual Meeting 11:15am Parish Hall

Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

Monday February 3

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Mercy & Social Justice Meeting 7pm

Tuesday February 4

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Staff Meeting 9:30am

EfM 6:30pm Zoom

Wednesday February 5

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Thursday February 6

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center

Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Friday February 7

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Sunday February 9—The Fifth 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

Saturday February 22, 2025 **Mardi Gras Fundraiser Dinner**
5pm

Tuesday March 4, 2025 **Shrove Tuesday Evensong &
Pancake Supper** 5pm

Wednesday March 5, 2025 **Ash Wednesday Services**
7am | Noon | 7pm

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The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest

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