

— ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



May 11, 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER & MOTHER'S DAY

PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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. We thank you for having drawn to us several persons 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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the

Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 23 responsively by half-verse

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and

said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Officiant The Gospel 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 When our valleys are full of shadows Lord, send us the light of your son Jesus, that we might find our way. Shepherd of our heart, comfort us with your overflowing love, hear our prayers offered with thanksgiving and sincerity as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader When our cups seem empty Lord, fill them with your love so that our acts of service to the world overflow and benefit others. We especially pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Andy, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. We pray also for wisdom and grace to be given to all those responsible for discerning who will be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. By the

power of the Holy Spirit may an individual who is a strong spiritual leader and unifier of the faithful be selected. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you have blessed mothers and those who are maternal in our lives, with the joy and care of children: Give those caretakers calm strength and patient wisdom as they nurture those in their care, and, help mothers and children learn from each other to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When our nation and other countries walk in darkness Lord, fill our leaders with hearts that beat for peace, justice, and provision for all people. We especially pray for Mary, our head of school, Christine, our incoming 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.**

When our bodies are ill and our minds are full of turmoil Lord, send us the peace of your presence and give us the gift of your healing. We especially pray for **Dave, Dancy, Tom, Cindy, Greg, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Kathy, Chris, Kate, Holly, Frances, Cynthia, Liz, Barbara, Mike, Tina, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When the hungry go unfilled and the hurting are left alone Lord, melt our hearts that we might be your hands at work serving those in need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When our time on earth is ended Lord, guide us into the green pastures of your kingdom that we might live in your kingdom this day and always. We especially pray for the repose of the souls of

David Hadly, Madeleine Dewey and Dale Buchanan. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what else or whom else shall we pray? (*A time of silence is kept.*) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Officiant Accept the prayers of your sheep O Lord and grant us peace in our day that we might live out our lives to the glory of your son Jesus Christ who reigns with you and your Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

***SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER* ***

Officiant 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.**

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.**

Officiant Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**CONCLUDING REMARKS, DISCUSSION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
CHECK IN.**