

— ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



July 6, 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

O shepherding God, guide the hearts and minds of our Vestry and Transition Team as we seek to discern the role of Rector for St. Michael's Church. We thank you for having drawn to us 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 Isaiah (66:10-14)

Thus says the Lord:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-- that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your

bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 66:1-8 responsively by half-verse

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *

sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *

sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, *

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, *

and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; *

let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke (10:1-11, 16-20).

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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 God of joyous love, hear our prayers and be swift to answer us as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Embolden your church. Let it be ever in the world seeking to bring the healing power of the living Christ to a wounded world. 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.**

Hold our nation in your care, grant courage to those who stand for the equality of all persons and advocate justice for all, and guide us in becoming a more perfect reflection of our founding promises. We especially pray for Christine, 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.**

Strengthen the faith of those gathered here today and grant us to see the fruits of our ministry that we might be encouraged in the work you have called us to. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for the rich bounty of your creation. Guide us in working to ensure its abundance is shared equitable and sustainably. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Relieve the suffering of those impacted by illness, injury, and impairment, and grant them a share in the peace which passes understanding. Especially we lift up **Jon, 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.**

Embrace the dying in your eternal love, shroud them with your grace, and grant them entrance into the place of light and life at your side. 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 Throughout history, you have empowered your people to make your love manifest in the lives of those who have known suffering. Empower us to today to be agents of your love and heralds of your gospel to a world in need of both; and all this we ask through our Lord, Jesus who is your Christ and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit eternally. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
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.**

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 Officiant will pronounce a Blessing over the people. Response will be “Amen.”

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CONCLUDING REMARKS, DISCUSSION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
CHECK IN.