

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



November 30th, 2025

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

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

## THE GENERAL CONFESSION

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

*People* **Gracious God,  
we praise you for accepting us as your children  
and making us heirs of eternal life.  
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins  
and made us clean in your sight.  
Yet we still fail to love you as we should  
and serve you as we ought.**

**Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,  
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, who is  
our savior and redeemer. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Isaiah (2:1-5)**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 122 Please pray the psalm responsively by half-verse.

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
**"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**  
2 Now our feet are standing \*  
**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*

**that is at unity with itself;**

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*

**the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*

**the thrones of the house of David.**

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*

**"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls \*

**and quietness within your towers.**

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*

**I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*

**I will seek to do you good."**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to  
Matthew (24:36-44)

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand

this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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* Let us now open our hearts and offer to God our deepest prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Heavenly father, inspire the universal church to be most concerned with living lives inspired by your Son and give us hearts that beat to serve you. We especially pray for Archbishop of Canterbury elect Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Megan, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless those in authority, in this nations and in all the nations, with an urgency to care for all people and to undo systems of injustice. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us opportunities to live into our faith and identify as followers of Jesus. Open our eyes to see those around us, in our neighborhoods, schools, and places of work, who need our loving

support and care. We pray especially 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.**

Grant wisdom and persistence to those who seek cures and relief of pain, and heal and comfort those who suffer from illness or injury in body, mind or spirit. Especially we pray for **Dawn, Jane, Marilu, Jennine, Avere, Lynn, Debbie, Dan, Marguerite, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Kate, Liz, Mike, Tina, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us wisdom and persistence for the care of creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant rest eternal to those who have died and comfort to those who mourn. Grant us daily an awareness that life is precious and fleeting, that we might use our hours to your glory. 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* Almighty God, you lovingly created and care for us, hear now these prayers and answer them as may be best for us and for the furtherance of your redemptive grace. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Officiant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER \***

*Officiant* In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you, and, since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, 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**

May God's blessing be with us in the darkness and in the light,  
while we are awake and while we are sleeping, in our joys and in

our sorrows—In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

CONCLUDING REMARKS, DISCUSSION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
CHECK IN.