

# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Centered in our love for Jesus, we worship God, reach out to those in need, celebrate our blessings, and love and care for each other. We are inclusive and welcoming of all God's people. Together, we strive to faithfully meet the challenges of a changing world.*

## Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

**PRELUDE** Ich ruf zu Dir (I Call to Thee) by Bach, arr. Busoni

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982 - # 68 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers *Please join us.*

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

We ask that you silence any electronics that might make noise during the service.

*Celebrant* Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant welcomes the congregation*

*Celebrant* Gracious God, pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ. **Amen.**

*Leader* Today we add the third candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her, after fear and perplexity, she was then filled with joy. She sang out, "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

*The first, second, and third candle are lit.*

*Leader* Gracious God, in the midst of fear and confusion, let the light of Christ give us comfort from our sorrows and joy in our blessings. Help us feel your presence so that joy can grow from hope and peace in all people. Let these candles be a sign of gratitude for the birth of Christ and help prepare us to receive Jesus as the ultimate gift of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love. **Amen.**

**GENERAL CONFSSION** *Kneel or stand as you are able.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** The Hymnal 1982—#60 Creator of the Stars of Night (*verses 1-3*)

1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
3 When this old world drew on toward night,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
2 should doom to death a - ni - verse,  
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child

1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN & COMMUNITY HOMILY** The Rev. Katie Holeman

*Children are welcome to follow teachers to the Godly Play classroom for a lesson.*

## THE LESSONS & PSALM

### A reading from the book of Isaiah (35:1-10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

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

Please pray Canticle 15 responsively by half-verse.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*

**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### A reading from the Letter of James (5:7-10)

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*verses 5 & 6*) Please join us.

5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL** Matthew (11:2-11) *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**        The Rev. Rodney Davis

**THE NICENE CREED** *Please stand in body or spirit.*

**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* O Lord who has created and loved us and who calls to us be still and wait. Heed our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Help us to hear and to accept gratefully your call to be God's people, ignoring the glory and favor of this world in favor of the glory of the kingdom of God. 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.**

Turn us away from our fears and division and teach us to embrace your promise, that ours might be a nation of hope and generosity. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to the majesty of your creation and strengthen our resolve to preserve its abundance for the sustenance of all future generations. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead us to where your loving presence is most needed and help us to be your agents of love to our neighbors. 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.**

Enter into the lives of all who suffer from body, mind, or spirit, that they might draw strength from your presence. We especially pray for **Dorothy, Kathy, Dawn, Jane, Jennine, Averey, Lynn, Debbie, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Liz, Mike, Tina, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deal tenderly with those who are grieving and with those whose wounds from loss are reopened at this time of year. May we feel the assurance of your promises that we will be reunited in your glorious presence in the new age. We especially pray for the repose of the soul of Marguerite Clugston and for peace and comfort to her family and loved ones. 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, in the face of Christ we see the fullness of your love for us. Help us to be the people you created us to be and to live fully in the light of your countenance. All this we ask in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and always.

**THE PEACE AND OFFERTORY** *Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

 Magnificat by Young

**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#408 Sing Praise to God (*Verses 1 & 3*) *Please join us.*

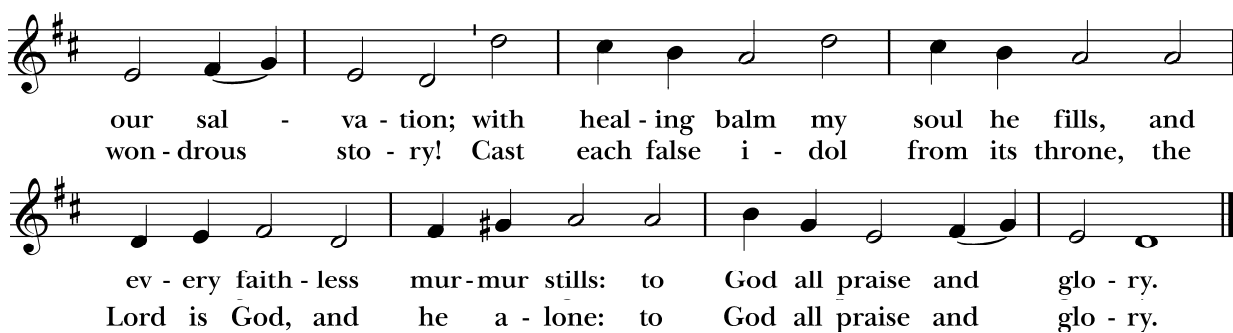


1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the





Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Eucharistic Prayer C, 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy Lord by Rutter (from Music for Holy Eucharist Rite II) *(Please join us.)*

In flowing time ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 80$ ) (SOPRANOS and ALTOS)\*

*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,*

[5] (ALL VOICES) *God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full*

[10] (ALL VOICES) *of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is*

[15] (ALL VOICES) *he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.*

*Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 FRACTION ANTHEM** Lamb of God by Rutter (from Music for Holy Eucharist Rite II)

Quiet and flowing (♩ = c. 60)  
(SOPRANOS and ALTOS) *p dolce e legato* (ALL VOICES) *p* 5

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins\_ of the world: have

(TENORS and BASSES) *mp*

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins\_ of the

10 (ALL VOICES) *mp* (ALL VOICES) *mp cresc.*

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

15 *mp* *p* *pp*

sins\_ of the world: grant us peace.



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive communion. Communion is offered with gluten free bread that is free of the top 8 allergens. The Bread and Wine is offered at the altar rail, and grape juice is offered at the back of the altar. Communion will be taken by eating the bread and sipping from the cup. If you do not feel able to sip from the cup please allow it to pass by. We believe that if you have received communion in one kind (bread only) you have received a full communion. Cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a blessing in place of consuming. Baptism from any Christian tradition is anticipated for those regularly receiving. Let an usher know if you need to receive at your pew. Ingredients are listed in the back of the bulletin.*

*SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER \* To be prayed on your own as desired.*

*On behalf of anyone who desires to receive Communion but for any reason cannot, including those joining us online, we offer this prayer for spiritual Communion. We thank you, O Christ, that the very desire to commune with you is true and complete Communion. Enter the hearts of all those who wish to receive You but are not able to receive the physical elements of Bread and Wine. Grant them mystical union with You and with the whole Communion of Saints. This we ask in your precious Name. Amen.*

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 #7 I Want to Be Ready

I want\_\_ to be read - y, I want\_\_ to be read - y.\_\_\_\_

I want\_\_ to be read - y\_\_ To walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John. **Fine**

1. John said that Je - ru - sa - lem was four-square,  
2. When Pe - ter was preach-ing at Pen - te - cost,

Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.

1. I hope, good Lord, I'll meet you there,  
2. O he was filled with the Ho - ly Ghost,

Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John. O **D.C.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.*

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**Almighty God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we wait the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us separated from you but engaged with you in your service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant* May God's blessing be with you in the darkness and in the light, while you are awake and while you are sleeping, in your joys and in your sorrows—In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#70 Herald Sound the Note of Judgment (*Please join us.*)



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and  
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is  
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -  
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness  
here; make a path - way through the des - ert  
given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,  
life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.  
for the one who brings God near. Sound the trum - pet!  
and to them new life is given.  
grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

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*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

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

**POSTLUDE** Prelude in d minor, BWV 539 by Bach

*\*Julian of Norwich Liturgy*

**Serving Today**

**The Rev. Mike Ferrito** Celebrant

**The Rev. Rodney Davis** Preaching

**The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin** Deacon

**The Rev. Katue Holeman** Assisting &  
Children's Homilist

**Sue Corbin & Harriette Wharton** Altar Guild

**Connie Weichert & Virginia Henry** Flowers

**The Acolyte Team**

**Laura Quene, Warner Seargeant, Renee Pierce**  
Readers

**Harriet Wharton, Janice Bowdler, Mary Ellen**  
Ferguson Eucharistic Ministers

**Terry Bridges, Jay Bowdler** Ushers  
Greeter

**St. Michael's Chancel Choir**

**John Cozza** Music Director

**Coffee Hour Hosts** Lindsay Way & Mary Seargeant

# Announcements

## Worship

**10am Sunday Morning Worship** Eucharist & Choir  
Godly Play & Nursery available

**5pm Sunday Contemplative Service** on Zoom

**9am Morning Prayer** – Zoom, Monday—Thursday

**8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist**

**Communion Updates** We use baked bread that is free from the top 8 common allergens including gluten and offer the chalice through drinking from the common cup or from a grape juice chalice as an alternative to wine. **Communion Bread ingredients:** Gluten Free Flour (*Rice Flour, Whole Grain Brown Rice Flour, Sorghum Flour, Tapioca Starch, Potato Starch, Cellulose, Vitamin and Mineral Blend [calcium carbonate, niacinamide (vitamin B3), reduced iron, thiamin hydrochloride (vitamin B1), riboflavin (vitamin B2)], Xanthan Gum, Cellulose Gum.*), Water, Avocado Oil, Honey, Baking Powder, Salt.

**Lessons & Carols**—Join us for the service & a coffee & cookie reception directly following the service.

**A Blue Christmas service**—Sometimes called a Longest Night service— will be conducted on **Friday, December 19th, at 8:30 a.m.** It is a gentle, contemplative worship service designed for people who find the holiday season difficult as well as for those attending to provide support for others. More information found in the Weekly messenger.

**Christmas Music & Flowers**—Remember loved ones and celebrate moments in your life with the gift of flowers and music to the church for Christmas. Please fill out our online form or email the office with your note for the bulletin by Dec. 19th. Donations to “Christmas Flowers & Music” can be dropped off on Sunday, to the office, by mail or online.

## Annual Meeting—Sunday January 25, 2026

Immediately following the 10am service with a lunch. During the meeting we will be electing the 2026 Vestry Members and Diocesan Delegates and taking a look at 2025 and looking to the future. If you feel called to serve on the St. Michael’s Vestry or as a Diocesan Delegate please use the link on the website and Messenger or contact the Church Office (916) 488-3550 for a hard copy.

**Stewardship** Pledge cards are still being accepted for the 2026 Pledge Year. The vestry appreciates your continued support as they plan the 2026 church budget.

## St. Michael’s Learn & Connect

**Welcome Table** ~ Today during coffee hour. Please stop by to enjoy a cup of tea and a cookie.

**Dinner & Documentary**—Sunday January 4, 2026  
As we resume gathering once a month for a dinner & documentary evening, we’d like to hear from those of you who are interested in coming when you can. Please complete the survey found in the messenger.

**What’s in a Beginning ~ Advent Reflections** with *Marilyn McEntyre & Rev. Megan* - Sundays in Advent at 11:30am in Friendship Center. In this series we’ll reflect on Advent as a time to recognize beginnings. Please note all are welcome to attend even if you missed previous weeks.

**Living Compass-Living Well in Advent** booklets are available, free of cost, on the ushers’ table on Sundays. There are multiple ways you can engage with this material through Living Compass at <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>

**St. Michael’s Cont. Studies**—more info online  
**St. Michael’s Reads the Gospels** Tuesdays at 6:30pm on zoom

**Thursday Open Bible Study** at 10am on Zoom.

**Sacred Circle** Last Wednesday of the month 6pm on zoom.

**Centering Prayer** Mondays in Friendship Center at 9am & Thursdays on Zoom at 7pm

**Healing Circle** - Second Saturdays, 11am in the Friendship Center.

## St. Michael’s Serves in the Community

**2025 Parishioner Guided Grants** Congratulations to the nominators and recipients.

- Starr King Office Supplies & Student Rewards
- River City Food Bank
- Arden Arcade Hart
- International Rescue Committee
- PANC Exhibitor
- Parkinson’s Arden Arcade Support
- Sacramento Tree Foundation
- Kairos Prison Ministry Int’l
- Effie Yeaw Nature Center - ARNHA

## Regular Outreach

- **River City Food Bank Center**
- **Carmichael HART**
- **God’s Helping Hands Laundry**

## St. Michael’s Youth & Family

**Christmas Pageant** We will have our Children’s pageant on Christmas Eve at the 5pm Family Service. If you have children interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Katie. Rehearsals immediately following our 10am services today and Sunday December 21.

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

**Sunday December 14—The Third Sunday of Advent**

Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream  
Nursery & Godly Play 10am  
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall  
Advent Reflections 11:30am Friendship Center  
A Service of Lessons & Carols 5pm

**Monday December 15**

Centering Prayer 9am Friendship Center  
Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Vestry Meeting 6:30pm

**Tuesday December 16**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Staff Meeting 9:30am  
EfM 6:30pm Zoom  
Reading the Gospels Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom

**Wednesday December 17**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

**Thursday December 18**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Open Bible Study 10am Zoom  
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

**Friday December 19**

Blue Christmas Service at Friday Morning Eucharist 8:30am

**Sunday December 21—The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream  
Nursery & Godly Play 10am  
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall  
Advent Reflections 11:30am Friendship Center  
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom



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**Wednesday December 24—Christmas Eve Services**

**5pm** Family Service *with Pageant*

**8pm** Choral Service *with Festival of Christmas Music*

**Thursday December 25—Christmas Day Service**  
10am

**Sunday January 25 - Annual Meeting**

**Saturday February 28 - Rise Against Hunger**

**CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

**The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair** Bishop,  
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California  
**The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin** Rector  
**The Rev. Katie Holeman** Associate Rector  
**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 Falcý** Parish Administrator  
**Jack Cozza** Videographer  
**John Quené** Treasurer  
**Kate Muris** Bookkeeper  
**Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Sr. Tina Francesca**  
**Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin, Renée**  
**Pierce, Mary Ellen Ferguson** Office Volunteers

**VESTRY**

**Tammy Murray** Senior Warden  
**Greg Dewey** Junior Warden  
**Doug Davy** Clerk  
**Sue Davis** Member  
**Elizabeth Dolezal** Member  
**Mary Ellen Ferguson** Member  
**Christina Manning** Member  
**Suzanne Phinney** Member  
**Renée Pierce** Member  
**Todd Stone** Member  
**Dawn Wright** Member  
**Holly Yue** Member  
  
**John Quené** Treasurer  
**Constance Weichert** Music Director Emeritus