

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



January 25th, 2026  
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

## PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Isaiah (9:1-4)**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

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

**Please pray Psalm 27:1, 5-13 responsively by half-verse.**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
**the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**  
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
**and to seek him in his temple.**

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
**above my enemies round about me.**

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
**I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
**Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

#### **PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL MATTHEW (4:12-23)**

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee  
of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*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* We pray to you Holy God, in the confidence of our belovedness as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We give thanks for the multitude of the faithful who have offered you their lives in faith. Bless the universal church with a resounding chorus of affirmation and fill us with shared affection and true purpose to bring your kingdom nearer still. 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.**

We pray to you for our nation and for our elected leaders in city, state, and national government, that our country and all countries might look to you and your way of love. 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.**

We pray for the welfare of all people, for those we see as allies and for those we fear, that all might know peace in their heart. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the concerns and worries of our hearts. Be present to

us and lead us into faith, contentment, and joy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit that they will seek and find you in their distress. Especially we pray for **Bill, Carol, Dave, Holly, Sara, Dorothy, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Liz, Mike, Tina, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed, for those who are dying and those who watch and weep. Bring peace and comfort to the grieving and the hope of life eternal to those who labor on toward your kingdom. 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* Be our strong shield and certain companion in this and every day, that we might know and love you more: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **GENERAL CONFESSiON**

*Officiant* 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.**

*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* 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**

*Officiant* The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our 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 us, and remain with us always. **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.**