

# 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.

## The First Sunday in Lent February 22, 2026

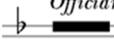
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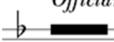
*Please stand in body or spirit.*

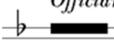
*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

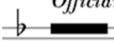
**THE GREAT LITANY** The Hymnal 1982—S#67 *Led by Connie Weichert & David Daigh*

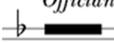
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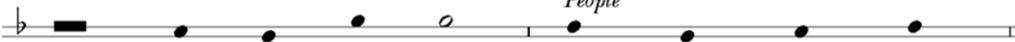
*Officiant*  *People*   
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

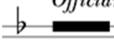
*Officiant*  *People*   
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People*   
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People*   
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*   
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

*People*   
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

*Officiant*   
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

  
devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

*People*   
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

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

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

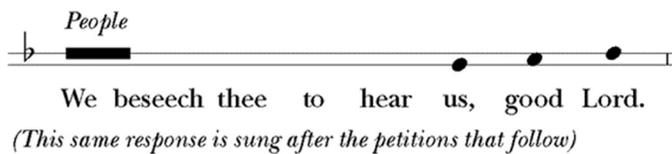
From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Michael the Archangel, all the angels and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**



*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

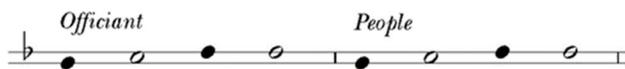


O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Celebrant welcomes the congregation*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN & COMMUNITY HOMILY** The Rev. Mike Ferrito

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

## **THE LESSONS & PSALM**

### **A reading from the book of Genesis (2:15-17; 3:1-7)**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

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

Please pray Psalm 32 responsively by half-verse.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
**and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
**because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
**and did not conceal my guilt.**
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
**I will guide you with my eye.**
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
**but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (5:12-19)**

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the

many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#142 Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days *Please join us.*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system has three lines of lyrics: '1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray, 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win, 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,'. The second system has three lines of lyrics: '1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay. 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin. 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL** Matthew (4:1-11) *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**     The Rev. Katie Holeman

**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.**

**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*     O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.  
*Revelation 4:11*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Come to the Shadows by Martin



**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#488 Be Thou My Vision *Please join us.*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Please stand in body or spirit.*  
*Eucharistic Prayer Enriching Our Worship 2*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**THE SANCTUS** The Hymnal 1982— S#130 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us, cont. on following page.*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

**THE SANCTUS** The Hymnal 1982— S#130 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us, continued.*)

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Michael, your archangel and all angels and saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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

FRACTION ANTHEM The Hymnal 1982— S#164 Jesus, Lamb of God (*Please join us.*)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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## 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.*

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 The Hymnal 1982—#147 Now Let Us All With One Accord *Please join us*

1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so

1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for

1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

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

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#448 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (*Please join us.*)  
*Please stand in body or spirit.*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Prelude in g minor from WTC II, BWV 885 by Bach

*\*Please incorporate our usual list of parishioners and close friends and family of our parish community to your regular prayers this week. Please pray especially for Ellen, Michael, Jim, Bill, Carol, Dave, Holly, Sara, Dorothy, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Liz, Mike, Kay, Hunter, and Billie. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Tina Francesca, Jennine Quiring and Mary Hutchinson and for peace and comfort to their family and loved ones.*

# 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 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

Did you ever notice the QR code in our bulletin? This is a code that takes you directly to our Tithely page for easy online credit card donations. Through this you can set up a one-time donation or a recurring donation for your annual pledge. Please be sure to click on the drop-down box to select where you want your donation to be designated. Pledge cards are still being accepted for the 2026 Pledge Year and can be placed in the offering plate, mailed or set up online through the QR code in the bulletin.

## St. Michael's Learn & Connect *Lenten offerings*

**Just Peacemaking led by John McEntyre**  
**Starting today** - 11:30am in the Friendship Center. In this six week class we'll be raising the ever-timely question: in what ways can the church be a place that fosters and practices peacemaking? We'll consider three different avenues to address this question: (a) Scripture and tradition, (b) lives of peacemakers, and (c) practical applications for peacemaking. Everybody welcome! Y'all come! Drop-ins encouraged!

## Living Compass: Living Well Through Lent

You are invited on a transformative Lenten journey exploring the theme of Healing and Wholeness, for yourself and for the world. Booklets are available, free of cost, at the church. Sign up on the Living Compass website (<https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>) for additional offerings or download the new Living Compass app.

**Dinner & Documentary**—Sunday March 1 at 6pm  
Please join us for our next Dinner & Documentary session. Next month's session will be off-site at a regular member's home. Please contact Marilyn McEntyre or the church office to receive updates.

## St. Michael's Cont. Studies—

**Healing Circle** - 2nd Saturdays 11am in Friendship Center.  
**Thursday Open Bible Study** at 10am via Zoom.  
**Sacred Circle** - Last Wednesday of the month 6pm via zoom.

**Centering Prayer** - Mondays in Friendship Center at 9:00am & Thursdays on Zoom at 7pm.

**St. Michael's Reads the Acts & Epistles of the Apostles**—Tuesdays at 6:30pm via Zoom

## St. Michael's Serves in the Community

### Rise Against Hunger

#### Saturday February 28 - Parish & Johnstone Halls

Come pack meal bags that reach hungry people throughout the world. It is a very fun event and a great opportunity to gather as community to do something for those in need. Last year we packed over 10,000 meals that went to support those in need in Philippines. Come be a part of this super fun event! Please sign up on their website. If you have questions or need help please contact the office. If you are willing to help with set up or clean up please let us know!

### Regular Outreach opportunities

**River City Food Bank** Center at St. Matthew's - Distribution Prep every Tuesday—Friday & Distribution every Wednesday & Friday

**Carmichael HART** Carmichael Presbyterian Church - Lunch program every Thursday & the Shower Ministry every Saturday

**God's Helping Hands Laundry** Will not operate this month. Starting in March it will be located at Mega Wash on Fair Oaks Blvd. at El Camino. Volunteers are needed every 3rd Saturday of the month, and donations are appreciated.

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

## Serving Today

**The Rev. Mike Ferrito** Celebrant & Children's Homilist  
**The Rev. Katie Holeman** Preaching  
**The Rev. Rodney Davis** Deacon  
**Jan Bowdler, Mary Ellen Ferguson & Ann Hall** Altar Guild  
**The Acolyte Team**

**Dave Decker & Sue Corbin** Readers  
**Kate Muris, Mary Ellen, Sue Davis & Harriet Wharton** Eucharistic Ministers  
**Jay Bowdler, Dave Claugus & Molly Hoever** Ushers Greeter  
**St. Michael's Chancel Choir**  
**John Cozza** Music Director  
**Coffee Hour Hosts** Linda Comeau & Pat Cole



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## Sunday February 22—The First Sunday in Lent

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

## Monday February 23

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

## Tuesday February 24

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Staff Meeting 9:30am Friendship Center  
EfM 6:30pm Zoom  
St. Michael's Reads the Epistles Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom

## Wednesday February 25

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Sacred Circle 6pm Zoom

## Thursday February 26

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

## Friday February 27

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

## Saturday February 28

Rise Against Hunger 12pm Johnstone & Parish Hall

## Sunday March 1—The Second Sunday in Lent

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

### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday May 2—St. Michael's Fundraiser**

## 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 Falcu** Parish Administrator  
**Jack Cozza** Videographer  
**John Quené** Treasurer  
**Kate Muris** Bookkeeper  
**Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin, Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen Ferguson**  
Office Volunteers

## VESTRY

**Greg Dewey** Senior Warden  
**Sue Davis** Junior Warden  
**Elizabeth Dolezal** Clerk  
**Harriette Carr** Member  
**Mary Ellen Ferguson** Member  
**Mary Kessler** Member  
**Rick Larkey** Member  
**Christina Manning** Member  
**Suzanne Phinney** Member  
**John Rojek** Member  
**Todd Stone** Member  
**Holly Yue** Member  
  
**John Quené** Treasurer  
**Constance Weichert** Music Director Emeritus