

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.

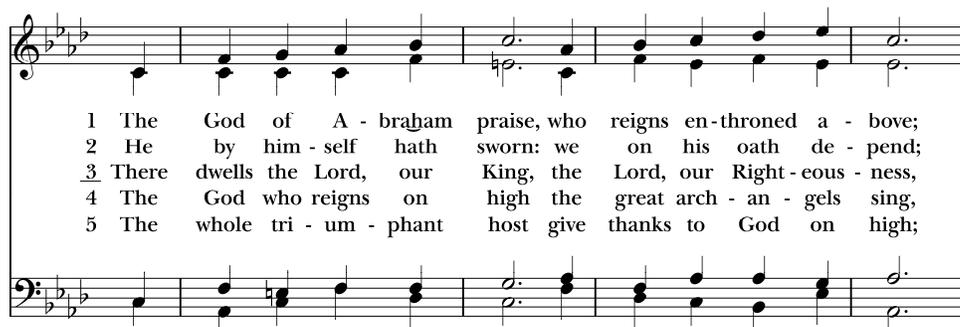
The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

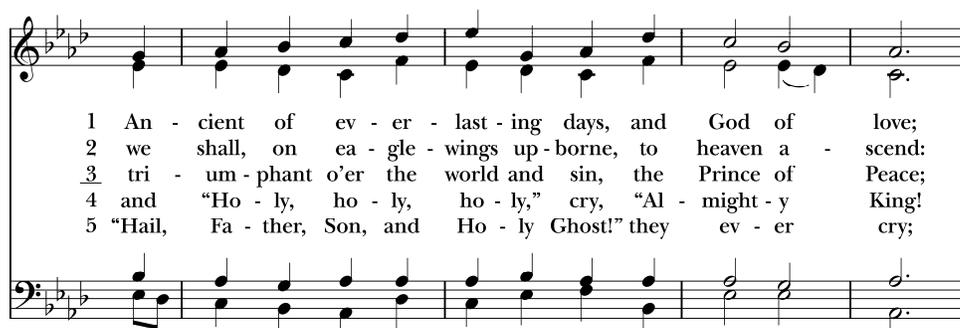
PRELUDE Prelude in f minor from WTC I, BWV 857 by Bach

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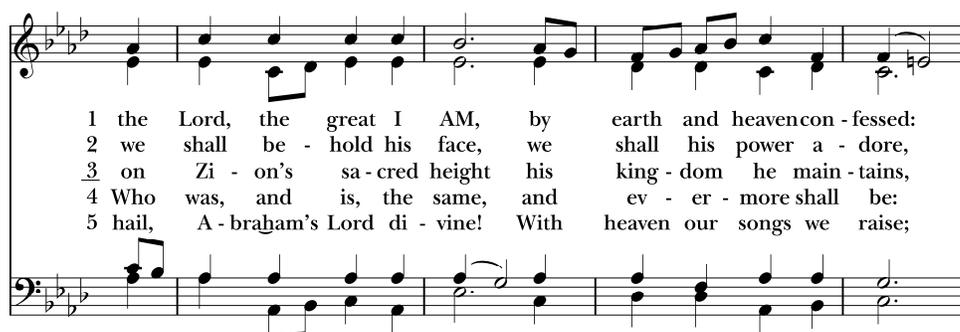
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#401 The God of Abraham Praise



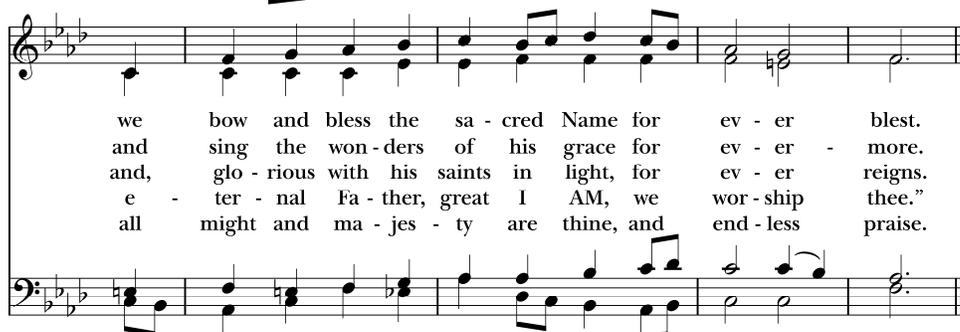
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

GENERAL CONFESSION *Please kneel or stand in body or spirit.*

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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY The Hymnal 1982—S #96

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Celebrant welcomes the congregation.

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 Genesis (12:1-4a)

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 121 responsively by half-verse.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (4:1-5, 13-17)

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his

descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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.*

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,

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.

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 John (3:1-17) *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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 Holy God, fill all those who lift their hearts to you with a spirit of rebirth, that we might find your joy and pour it out for others in your name. Answer us as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the church universal, for our understanding of your holy word to increase and our ability to live the life of service you demand of us to be a source of peace and joy. We especially pray for Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Megan, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for justice and peace throughout the earth, following the way of Jesus, seeking to serve him in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and respecting the dignity of every human being. God hear the cry of the oppressed. Send your Spirit upon all those who grieve and sit in fear, and grant wisdom to those in authority to act with wisdom and grace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world itself, for this earth and all your creation, that we may all work together to repair the harm we have done and to discover new, more sustainable ways of life. 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 those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, for those in trouble and despair, for those who are ill and frightened, for those who are grieving, anxious or hopeless. We pray that those in greatest need may feel you

close about them. Especially we pray for **Jane, Fred, Diane, Ellen, Michael, Jim, Bill, Carol, Dave, Holly, Sara, Dorothy, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Liz, Mike, Kay, Hunter, and Billie**. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for our own lives and the needs of those we love. We pray for those we do not know and for those we have neglected or harmed. Be mercifully present to us and to all. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for the departed, for those who are dying and for all those who watch and wait with them. May light perpetual and joy unending be theirs to claim. We especially pray for the repose of the souls of Jennine Quiring, Mary Hutchinson and Sr. Tina Francesca Ferriot and for peace and comfort to their families 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 Lord, like Nicodemus we do not fully understand the mysteries of your love and we sometimes willfully ignore the truth of your word. Bring us again into new life lived in you and share with us the joy of your eternal kingdom. To you, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit we pledge our lives. **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 I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes by Rutter

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

I 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.*)

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 -
 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 on pg. 10.

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—#668 I to the Hill Will Lift Mine Eyes *Please join us*

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe - ly keeps;
3 Thy faith - ful guard-ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;
4 From e - vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store

My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.
with watch - ful and un - tir - ing eye he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.
nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.
and guard thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

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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—#473 Lift High the Cross (*Please join us. Music can be found on the following page*)

Please stand in body or spirit.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Prelude in c minor, BWV 549 by Bach

Serving Today

The Rev. Katie Holeman Celebrant & Children's Homilist

The Rev. Rodney Davis Preaching

The Rev. Mike Ferrito Deacon

Laura Quené, Dancy Dobrenick, Jackie Linn & Patty Green Altar Guild

The Acolyte Team

Marilyn McEntyre, Sue Davis & Jan West Readers
Ann Hall, Laura Quené & Harriet Wharton, Jan Bowdler Eucharistic Ministers

Jack Carr, Dawn & Tyson Wright Ushers

Harriette Carr Greeter

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music Director

Coffee Hour Hosts Julie Linderman, The Rojeks & Lindsay Way

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#473 Lift High the Cross

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



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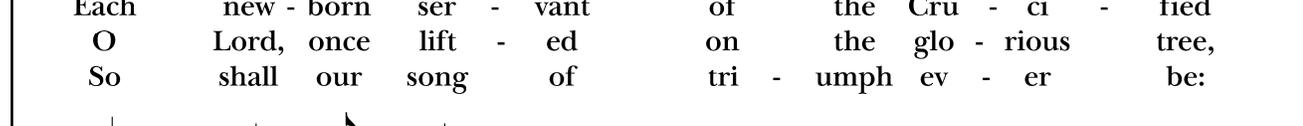
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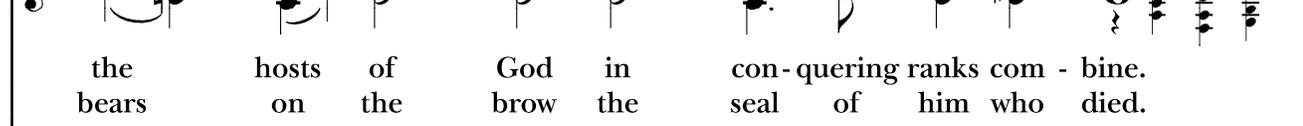
Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



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***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.

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

Rev. Megan's Maternity Leave

Rev. Megan will be on maternity leave through May 17th, for pastoral and programmatic matters: Associate Rector Pastor Katie Holeman, for church administration: Parish Administrator Michelle Falcy, and for other church Business: Senior Warden Greg Dewey.

STEWARDSHIP Did you ever notice the QR code in our bulletin? This is a code that takes you directly to our Tithe.ly 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.

Gethsemane Watch Sign up for Gethsemane Watch on the board in the narthex. This begins immediately following the Maundy Thursday service until 8:30am on Good Friday.

Giving for Easter Flowers & Music

You can remember your loved ones & celebrate important moments in your life with the gift of flowers and/or music to the church. Check out the Messenger for more info.

St. Michael's Easter Egg Hunt (*Donations Needed*)

We will be hosting an egg hunt Easter morning after our 10am service. We need your help through donations of candy and/or stuffed Easter eggs. We will be stuffing the eggs during Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday, March 29.

Easter Brunch Potluck

Fill out the sign up form online or contact the office if you can bring something and/or help out.

Celebration of Life Services

We will be having a Celebration of Life Service for Sr. **Tina Francesca Ferriot** on **Saturday, March 7, 2026** at 11am with a reception immediately following. If you would like to contribute a dish for the reception please contact Marcie Larkey and if you would like to assist with the reception set up or clean up please contact the office. The service will be livestreamed on YouTube.

We will be having a Celebration of Life Service for **Mary Hutchinson** on **Saturday, March 28, 2026** at 1pm with a reception immediately following in Parish Hall.

We will be having a Celebration of Life Service for **Marguerite Clugston** on **Saturday, April 11, 2026** at 11am with a reception immediately following in Parish Hall.

St. Michael's Learn & Connect

Lenten Coffee Hour Activity Join us on Sunday **March 8** during coffee hour for a Lenten activity. Drop by one of our tables to create a simple craft and pick up a prayer card to use at home during Lent. This is free & open to all ages.

Just Peacemaking led by John McEntyre Sundays at 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? Everybody welcome! 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. Sign up on the Living Compass website (<https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>) for additional offerings or download the new Living Compass app.

Dinner & Documentary—Today at 6pm—off-site, we will be viewing *The Population Bomb Revisited*. Please contact Marilyn McEntyre for updates & RSVP.

Connecting with the Psalms: *A Spiritual Formation Invitation*

—The Psalms have served as a prayer book of the faithful for thousands of years, capturing every human emotion from the heights of joy to the depths of despair. As we begin preparing a special new offering centered on these Biblical songs, we want our collective voices to be part of the journey. Please email Meghan Humlie or the Church office with the psalm or psalms that resonate with you.

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

Easter Gift Cards! We are asking for donations to buy Food Gift Cards to help those in need have a special Easter meal. Please write "Food Gift Card" in check memos. You can also give online or put cash in a pew envelope, mark it with "Food Gift Card" & put it in the plate on Sunday. Please have donations in by **March 29**.

Sharing our Blessings Our food barrel has been empty of food! Please donate non-perishable items for the food barrel, located in the Narthex. These items are taken to River City Food Bank and provide added sustenance to those in need in our community. Fresh fruits (citrus is appreciated) and vegetables may be brought to the office.

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 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.

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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

Monday March 2

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Centering Prayer 9am Friendship Center

Tuesday March 3

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 March 4

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Thursday March 5

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

Friday March 6

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Sunday March 8—The Third 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

Sunday March 29—10am Palm Sunday

Thursday April 2—7pm Maundy Thursday
Dinner at 5:30pm in Parish Hall

Friday April 3—Good Friday Services
8:30am & Noon—Stations of the Cross
7pm The Passion of Christ

Saturday April 4—7pm Easter Vigil

Sunday April 5—10am Easter Sunday
Easter Egg hunt following service

Saturday May 2—St. Michael's Fundraiser

CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair Bishop,
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The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin Rector
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The Rev. Rodney Davis Associate Priest
The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Associate Priest
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