

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.

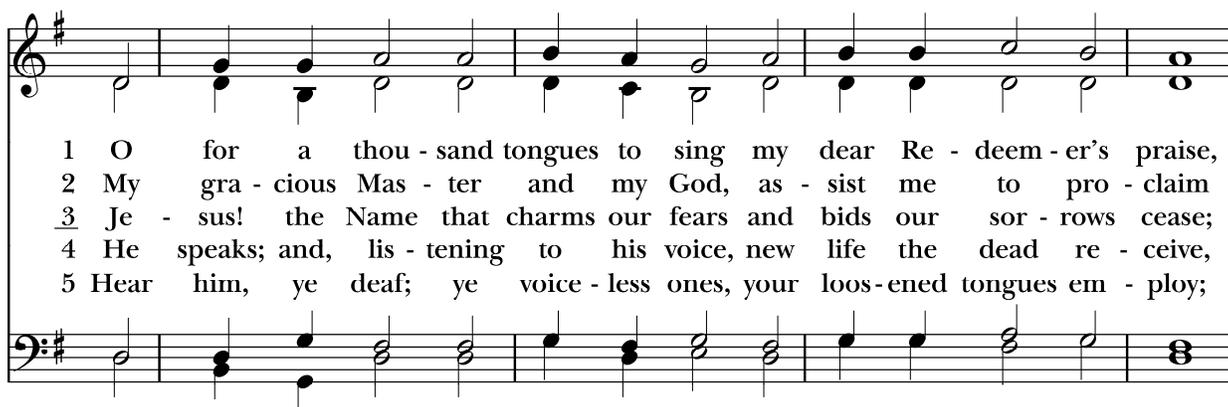
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

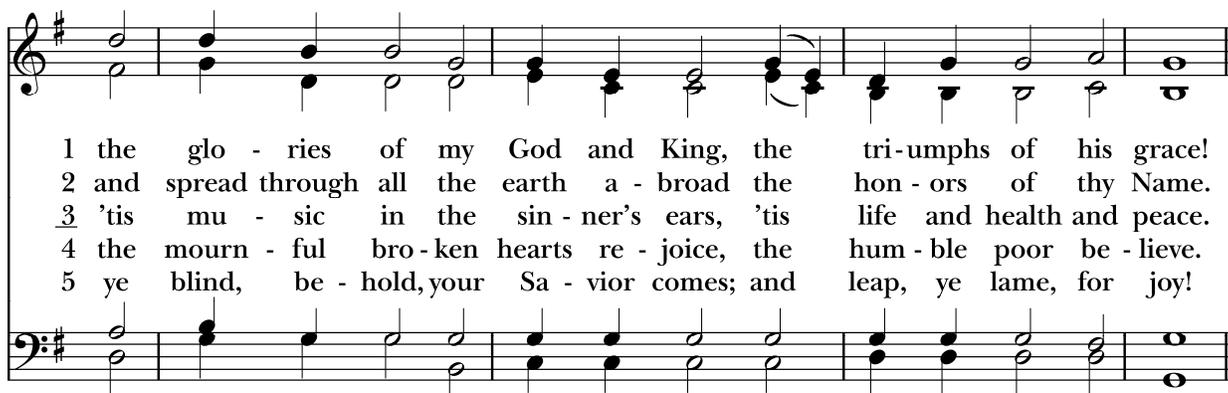
PRELUDE Andante from Italian Concerto, BWV 971 by Bach

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#493 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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."

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

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 for 'Lord Have Mercy' is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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. 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. have mer - cy. have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.'

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant welcomes the congregation.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN & COMMUNITY HOMILY Peter Saunders

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

THE LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from 1 Samuel (16:1-13)

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 23 responsively by half-verse.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-14)

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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 (9:1-41) *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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 God of glory, be present as you have promised; hear our prayers and respond swiftly to the yearnings of our hearts as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Awaken your church to its mission of healing and reconciliation, that it might be a beacon of hope. 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.**

Stir the leaders of this nation to pursue justice and peace so that all who live here might live with dignity and the confidence of a better tomorrow. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Arouse in us the desire to be engaged with our local communities that they might be places where the potential of all might have a chance to be discovered and nurtured. 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.**

Stir up in us the courage to confront the challenges of a changing climate, that we might ensure a world where future generations might thrive. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing peace to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and keep us mindful of their needs, that they might know wholeness and healing, resting in the assurance of their beloved-ness. We especially pray for **Perry, Jane, Fred, Ellen, Michael, Jim, Bill, Carol, Dave, Holly, Sara, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Liz, Mike, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dead and the dying and for those who grieve; deliver them from their distress and grant us all a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for the repose of the souls of Diane Gilmore and Mary Hutchinson, 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 Through your Law, your prophets and your Son, O God, you have ever sought to expand our perception and to lead us into deeper relationship with you and your creation. Keep us in your love and show us how we might continue Christ's mission of healing and reconciliation in our own lives. All we ask, we ask through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, indivisible and forever. **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 Credo by Marshall

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

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Be Thou My Vision'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn: 'I Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;'. The second staff contains the second line: 'all else be nought to me, save that thou art—'. The third staff contains the third line: 'thou my best thought,— by day or by night,'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.





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.

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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."

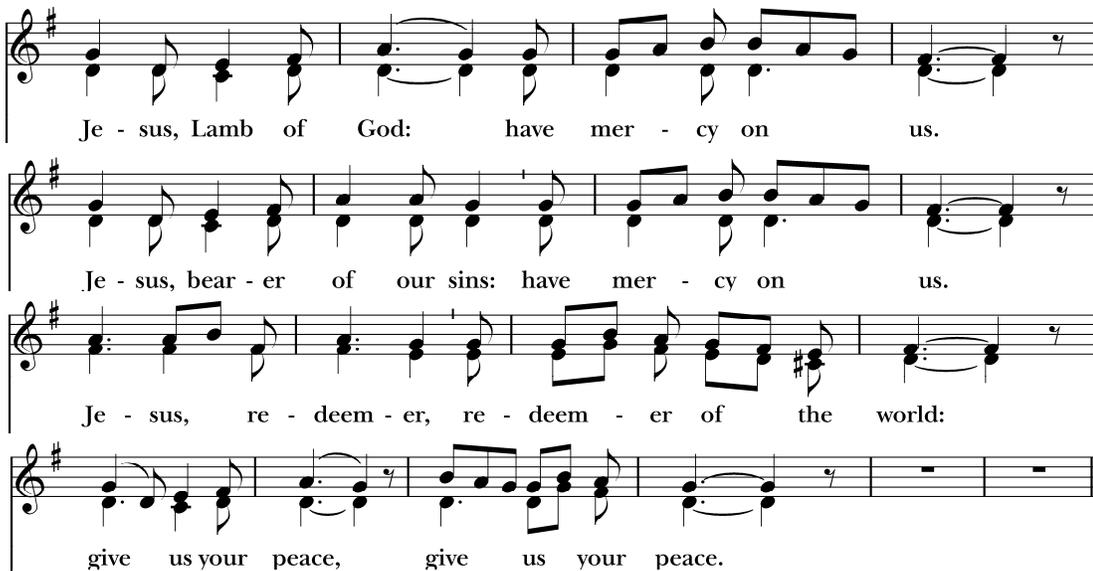
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your 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—#664 My Shepherd will supply my need *Please join us*



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

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—#490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (*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 g minor, BWV 535 by Bach

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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.

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 **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

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

Sign up on the Living Compass website (<https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>) for additional offerings or download the new Living Compass app.

Connecting with the Psalms: A Spiritual Formation Invitation—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. This new offering will begin in April. Exact days and times to be determined.

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 Serves in the Community

Easter Food 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**.

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.

Serving Today

The Rev. Katie Holeman Celebrant

The Rev. Rodney Davis Preaching

The Rev. Mike Ferrito Deacon

Peter Saunders Children's Homilist

Tammy Murray, Eileen Thomas, Dianne Robbins
Altar Guild

The Acolyte Team

Mary Ellen Ferguson, Laura Quené & Kate Muris
Readers

Ann Hall, Dave Decker, Jan Bowdler & Holly Yue
Eucharistic Ministers

Rick Larkey & Lennie Silva Ushers

Sue Corbin Greeter

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music Director

Coffee Hour Hosts Harriet Wharton & Dawn Wright



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Sunday March 15—The Fourth 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 16

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Centering Prayer 9am Friendship Center

Tuesday March 17

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Staff Meeting 9:30am Friendship Center
EfM 6:30pm Zoom

Wednesday March 18

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Thursday March 19

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Open Bible Study 10am Zoom
Finance Meeting 5:30pm Friendship Center
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

Friday March 20

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Sunday March 22—The Fifth 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
Sunday April 12—Vitalant Blood Drive
Saturday May 2—Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser Dinner

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