

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



April 12, 2026  
Second Sunday after Easter

## PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS & PSALM**

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a,22-32)**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’  
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

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

**Please pray Psalm 16 responsively by half-verse**

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*

**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."**

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**

8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*

**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*

**my body also shall rest in hope.**

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*

**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; \*

**in your presence there is fullness of joy,**

**and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL JOHN (20:19-31)**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and

stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CANDLE LIGHTING AND SILENT PRAYER

You are invited to light a candle and observe a period of silent personal prayer time.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Officiant* Lord God, we are your people, and we confess our need for you in our lives, hear now our prayers as we say Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We pray for your church and all those who follow you and serve the world in your name. May they be strengthened, energized, and comforted by the knowledge of your constant love. 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.**

We pray for those who serve and govern in this nation. May they act wisely with compassion, mercy, and selfless concern for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the sustenance and viability of the earth and its creatures and resources, for the eradication of disease, for the health and livelihood of all people, for those who suffer persecution, homelessness, starvation, imprisonment, and oppression; so that all may be made new. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors, that we might live in peace and safety, that all might have everything they need to live a full and abundant 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 all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and those in trouble, for those who are anxious and frightened, for those who must face danger as a part of their work in the world. We pray for those who are in hospitals, for those who tend them in their illness. Especially we pray for **Michael, Ramiro, Jeff, Liz, George, Jackie, Perry, Jane, Fred, Ellen, Jim, Bill, Carol, Dave, Holly, Sara, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Liz, Mike, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dead and for those who are dying that the love of God might be a strong comfort as they depart this world and for that same comfort to sustain those who mourn. We especially

pray for the repose of the souls of Jerry Tidwell, Kay Griffin and Diane Gilmore, 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.**

*Officiant* You are our strength Lord God, and we gladly lean on you in times of trouble. Take these burdens now and offer us your grace and remind us of your promise that you are always with us. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Officiant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER \***

*Officiant* In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you, and, since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

*\*Julian of Norwich liturgy*

*Officiant* Together, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever  
and ever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*Officiant* The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Resurrection.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**CONCLUDING REMARKS, DISCUSSION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
CHECK IN.**