

# 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.



## Third Sunday after Easter April 19, 2026

**PRELUDE** Andante from Piano Sonata, D. 557 by Schubert  
*Please stand in body or spirit*

**OPENING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982 - #180 He Is Risen! *(Please join us. Cont. on the following pg.)*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened  
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

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

**OPENING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982 - #180 He Is Risen! (*Continued.*)

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con- quered,  
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion  
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the  
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur- ple east, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.  
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**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 HYMN OF PRAISE** The Hymnal 1982—#205 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing (*Please join us*)

1 Good Chris- tians all, re- joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to- day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic- to- ry that love, that

1 tri- umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a- long his way; let all the earth re- joice and say:  
 3 life which can- not die, and sing with hearts up- lift- ed high:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant welcomes the congregation.*

*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 Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 36-41)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Please pray Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 responsively by half-verse.

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
**"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
**in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
**is the death of his servants.**

14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*

**in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*

**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

### A reading from the first letter of Peter (1:17-23)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

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

### GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#210 The Day of Resurrection (1st & 3rd verse) *Please join us.*

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch... der Herzogl. Württembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)  
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### PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Luke (24:13-35)

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He

asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon* God of constant love, be with us now in our times of uncertainty; hear and respond to our prayers as we say Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Grant creativity and persistence to your church and her leaders as it grapples with new ways to be community and finds new avenues and audiences for its message 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.**

Strengthen the commitment of leaders in our nation, and around the world, to make decisions that prioritize the well-being and sustenance of human life and wellness. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to be the beacons of hope and agents of love to our neighbors and colleagues. 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.**

Strengthen our resolve to push forward policies that align with your vision of our communal life and our stewardship of the natural world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mend what is broken in our lives and in the world, heal what is sick in mind, body or spirit, make whole what is fractured, bring peace where there is fear or acrimony; make our world whole. Especially we ask you presence in the lives of **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.**

Welcome the dying into your loving embrace, grant them growth in the knowledge and love of you; care for those who grieve, and welcome us in our turn into the new life promised through Christ. We especially pray for the repose of the souls of Jerry Tidwell, Mary Francis Kelly-Pho, 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.**

*Celebrant* Your love for us is a magnificent gift, unearned and undeserved. Lead us to grow in our appreciation and help us to reflect that love into the world around us that we might work hand in hand in building the kingdom of God all around us with Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE AND OFFERTORY *Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ and the joy of the resurrection be always with you.

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

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM I Know that My Redeemer Lives by Courtney

### PRESENTATION HYMN Gather—#20 Celtic Alleluia *Please join us.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_



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

*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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**THE SANCTUS** Wonder Love & Praise—#858 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us.*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

*Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Michael, your archangel, and all your angels and saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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#154 Jesus, Lamb of God (*Please join us.*)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

## 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—#186 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for  
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when  
 3 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to  
 4 Then let us feast this ho - ly day on

our of - fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right  
 life and death con - tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re -  
 which the Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the  
 the true bread of hea - ven; the word of grace hath

hand he stands and brings us life from hea - ven;  
 mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;  
 joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us;  
 purged a - way the old and wick - ed lea - ven;

there - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to  
 stripped of power, no more he reigns, an emp - ty  
 by his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal  
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our

God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le -  
 form a - lone re - mains; his sting is lost for  
 sun - shine to the heart; the night of sin is  
 meat and drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 end - ed! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 o - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1564); tr. Richard Massie (1800-1887), alt. Music: Christ lag in Todesbanden, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

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.**

**CLOSING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#306 Come, Risen Lord (*Please join us.*) *Please stand in body or spirit.*



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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*Deacon* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Resurrection.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** Lobe den Herrn ("Praise the Lord") by Flynn

**\*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.

**Serving Today**

**The Rev. Rodney Davis** Celebrant  
**The Rev. Katie Holeman** Preaching  
**The Rev. Mike Ferrito** Deacon & Children's  
 Homilist  
**Tammy Murray, Dianne Robbins, Eileen Thomas**  
 Altar Guild  
**Allison Flower-Arledge** Flowers  
**The Acolyte Team**

**Mary Ellen Ferguson, Sue Corbin & Jan West**  
 Readers  
**Dave Decker, Laura Quené, Holly Yue & Renée**  
 Pierce Eucharistic Ministers  
**Rick Larkey & Lennie Silva** Ushers  
**Sue Corbin** Greeter  
**St. Michael's Chancel Choir**  
**John Cozza** Music Director  
**Coffee Hour Hosts** Catherine Curran

The Flowers are given in loving memory of Diane Gilmore by her family

# 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.

**A Message From Rev. Megan Regarding the Saunders Family**—Today it was announced that the Head of School, Christine Saunders and the School Board decided to move forward with a leadership transition at the end of the 2025-26 school year. It has been a joy to have the Saunders family worship with the St. Michael's congregation. They have shared their vast musical talents as part of the choir, led rich children's homilies, and been a wonderful part of the church family. We are fortunate to have them present with us through June.

## Celebration of Life Services

We will be having a Celebration of Life Service for **Jerry Tidwell on Saturday, April 25, 2026** at 11am at the church with a reception immediately following .

We will be having a Celebration of Life Service for **Kay Griffin on Saturday, May 9, 2026** at 11am at the church with a reception immediately following in Parish Hall.

## St. Michael's Learn & Connect

### St. Michael's Episcopal Church Cinco de Mayo!

Fundraising Dinner—Saturday, May 2 at 5pm  
Tickets are \$65 per person | Join us for an evening of music & fun! All proceeds fund our outreach programs and partnerships.

**Volunteers Needed!** Looking for ways to connect??? Consider volunteering for the fundraiser. We're looking for volunteers for various roles including but not limited to decor, set up, clean up and more! Call or Email [Janice Bowdler](#), [Renée Pierce](#) or [the office](#).

### Consider hosting a Sign Up Party!

The forms for Sign Up Parties are now available in the office, at coffee hour and via PDF below. These can range from Dinners, Game Nights, Day Trips, and more. Get your friends involved and share the fun, cost and/or location. Contact Ellen Cehand, Eileen Thomas or the office (916.488.3550) if you have questions.

### St. Michael's Episcopal Church Scholarship Application

St. Michael's has had a tradition of offering Scholarships to college and trade school students since 2002. These grants assist the student with tuition, books, and/or supplies. Applications, Details & Criteria can be found on our website or the weekly messenger. Applications should be

submitted by May 31st.

### St. Michael's Reads Genesis

This Easter season we are going back to the beginning with a trek through Genesis. Come read the foundational stories of the Hebrew scriptures that shaped the identity and faith of God's people throughout history. We will have our zoom discussion group on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm. We have a Daily Reading Plan printout as well as a handout with tips and tricks for reading the Old Testament in historical and literary context available in the Narthex. Zoom Link & pdfs are on the website & in the messenger.

### Easter Activity Sunday, April 26 during Coffee Hour

Sometimes we forget that Easter is a season. For the Great 50 Days we celebrate Christ's defeat of death, the spread of His kingdom of love on earth, and the fact that we are a part of it! Join us on 4/26 during coffee hour to create a simple craft and pick up a card describing two spiritual practices that you can use at home to celebrate the Easter season.

### St. Michael's Cont. Studies—

**Healing Circle** - 3rd Saturdays 11am in Friendship Center.  
**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

#### Rock the Block - Oak Park—Fri. & Sat., May 8 & 9

St. Michaels will once again join Habitat for Humanity in assisting our Oak Park neighbors improve their homes and community. Volunteer to be a member of St. Michael's Rock the Block team. To volunteer please see Terry Bridges. Sign up soon, we need to submit our team roster to Habitat for Humanity and have all our volunteers registered by April 17

### The Mercy and Social Justice Committee Invitation

The MSJ Committee exists to provide St. Michael's parishioners with opportunities to share God's love and justice. We accomplish this by offering parishioners several ways to participate in outreach to our most vulnerable and marginalized neighbors. The Committee: Meets 7 – 8pm on the following evenings May 4th, June 1st, August 3rd, September 8th, and November 2nd. See Terry Bridges if you are interested in attending .

### 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.

**Sunday April 19—Third Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream  
Nursery & Godly Play 10am  
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall  
Celebration of Life Service for Diane Gilmore 1pm  
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

**Monday April 20**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Centering Prayer 9am Friendship Center

**Tuesday April 21**

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

**Wednesday April 22**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

**Thursday April 23**

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
Finance Meeting 5:30pm Friendship Center  
Circle of Care 4pm  
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

**Friday April 24**

Contemplative Eucharist Prayer Service 8:30am

**Saturday April 25**

Celebration of Life Service for Jerry Tidwell 11am

**Sunday April 26—Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**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