

— ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Officiant Let us pray.

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 responsively by half-verse

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *

deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag
and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who
persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL JOHN (14:1-14)

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be

satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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 Steadfast God, you have never abandoned your promise to be with your people, be present to us now and hear us as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reader Imbue your church with the courage of Stephen, that it may hold steadfast to Christ and uphold always your command to love one another. 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.**

Grant wisdom to those in authority in our lives that they may not be seduced by the expedient or the popular, but strive always to lead us towards true safety, seeking the welfare of all people. 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.**

Embolden us to share our faith with confidence through our actions and choices, and especially in our mercy to those in need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and sustain us as we forge new ways of life to contend with the conflicts of the world and climate changes and help us to hold onto the power of your promises even and especially when we feel hopeless. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your healing presence be known to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, or from any trouble; bring wholeness to all that is broken in our lives and in our world. Especially we pray for **Bryon, Tyson, Ramiro, Jeff, 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.**

Grant peace to the dead and dying, comfort to those who mourn or grieve; let the light of your love dispel the darkness in our hearts. We especially pray for the repose of the souls of Kay Griffin and Lesle Rea, 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 Most glorious God, you have strengthened and sustained your people since first you called Abram to follow you. Lift us up, we pray, and help us to be the people we were created to be that we might fulfill your dream for our human family.

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 our 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 us, and
remain with us 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.