

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



July 5, 2026  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

## PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 book of Zechariah (9:9-12)**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

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

Please pray Psalm 145 :8-15 responsively by half-verse

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
**and his compassion is over all his works.**

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
**and speak of your power;**

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
**he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL MATTHEW (10:40-42)**

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*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*    Wonderful and almighty God, you have always desired that we, your creation, might live into the potential you have crafted for us; hear now our prayers and fulfill our desires that

we may be wholly and enthusiastically your people as we say,  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Bless your church; give us courage to overcome our divisions, and faith to fulfill our call to bring good news and healing to the world. We especially pray for Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan, our Bishop, Megan, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the people of our nation; inspire our very best that we might live into the promise of our founding. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all the places that are home to us; grant us peace, health, and the true safety that only your grace can bring. We especially pray for Olivia, our incoming interim head of school, for all the staff, teachers and students of St. Michael's Episcopal Day School and Starr King TK-8. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless those whose work supports the healing of our environment and the pursuit of a sustainable way of life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless those in need of healing and care and bless those whose work supports their welfare. For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, we especially lift up **Rick, Larry, Diane, John, America, Kathy, Tyson, Ramiro, Jane, Fred, Ellen, Bill, Carol, Holly, Sara, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Mike and Hunter.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless those who stand on the threshold of death, grant them a

loving welcome and care tenderly with those who grieve their loss. We especially pray for the repose of the souls of Ed Linn and Billie McPhillips, 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* God of grace and glory, you have crafted us lovingly in your own image that we might be sustained through relationship with you and one another; make us continually aware of your presence and grant us confidence to reflect your radiant love into the world. All this we ask through our Lord and advocate, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, now and always. **Amen.**

## **GENERAL CONFESSION**

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins unto against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **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* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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