

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



July 12, 2026

Seventh 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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS & PSALM**

### **A reading from the book of Isaiah (55:10-13)**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*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

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it  
very plenteous; \*

**the river of God is full of water.**

10 You prepare the grain, \*

**for so you provide for the earth.**

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*

**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its  
increase.**

12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*

**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*

**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the  
valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*

**let them shout for joy and sing.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL MATTHEW (13:1-9, 18-23)**

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great  
crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat  
there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told  
them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out  
to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the  
birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground,

where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*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* Heavenly Sower, we offer you grateful hearts for the seeds of faith, mercy, compassion and justice that have been planted in us each season. Give us lives that nurture the good news so that we can share the harvest of your love with others and hear us as we pray, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Give to the church universal the ability to thrive in times of change, help those who are seeking a deeper knowledge of you find a church community that will inspire, support and delight them. 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 this nation and all who govern. Bless all nations and all people with health, peace and safety. We especially pray for Olivia, our 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.**

Give us the will to bring peace, justice, and security to all people. Guide us forward that we might end the systems of discrimination and racism so that all your beloved are provided equitable opportunities and safety. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort those who suffer from abuse, discrimination, disease, anxiety, loneliness, unemployment, homelessness, or hopelessness with your sustaining presence. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant healing to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and protect all those who tirelessly work to heal and care for the sick and suffering. Especially we pray for **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**.

Deliver the departed into the joy of your kingdom and blanket the grieving with your comfort and peace. Keep us ever mindful that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours and we are loved. 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**.

*Officiant* We ask all these things through Jesus Christ, our only strength and advocate. **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.