

— ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



August 16, 2026
The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 (56:1,6-8)

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them

besides those already gathered.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 67 responsively by half-verse.

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL MATTHEW (15:21-28)

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

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my

daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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, let your love dwell within us and shine through our lives that our prayers might lead us into abundant life as we say Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for the church; that it might be a sanctuary and the wellspring of hope for what is broken in our lives and in our 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.**

We pray for the nation, that it might live into its promise and be a place of safety, justice, and dignity for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local communities, that they might become places inspired by Jesus' vision for human community. 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.**

We pray for our earth; that our land may continue to provide abundantly for our needs and that we might be effective stewards of its riches, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; that they might be delivered from their distress and know your healing power in their lives. Especially we pray for **Mary, Rick, Larry, Diane, John, America, Kathy, Ramiro, Fred, Ellen, Bill, Carol, Holly, Sara, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Mike and Hunter.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dead and the dying; that they might be welcomed into your loving embrace and that they and we might rise again in the glory of your new age. We especially pray for the repose of the souls of Jane Samuelson and Bishop Jerry Lamb 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 God Almighty, creator of all that is, known and

unknown; the entirety of your presence and power are beyond our comprehension, help us understand as best we can and to live lives in accord with your will for us to be laborers for your kingdom. **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 with 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.