

# 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.*

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2026

**PRELUDE** Prelude for the Left Hand in c# minor, Op. 9/i by Scriabin

*Please stand in body or spirit*

**OPENING HYMN** The Hymnal 1982 - #410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (*Please join us*)

*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant welcomes the congregation.*

**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.**

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE The Hymnal 1936—#S236 Canticle 13, Glory to God (*Please join us.*)

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -

tween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN & COMMUNITY HOMILY** The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin

## THE LESSONS & PSALM

### A reading from the book of Exodus (14:19-31)

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Please pray Psalm 114 responsively by half-verse.

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
    **the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
    **and Israel his dominion.**
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
    **Jordan turned and went back.**
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
    **and the little hills like young sheep.**
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
    **O Jordan, that you turned back?**
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
    **you little hills like young sheep?**
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
    **at the presence of the God of Jacob,**
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
    **and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

## A reading from the showings of Julian of Norwich

Our Lord showed me that we are held in the love of God as a child is held in the arms of a mother. For just as a mother gives birth to her child, feeds the child, protects the child, teaches the child, and cares for the child, so Christ is our true Mother. From Christ we receive our life. Through Christ we are nourished. In Christ we are restored when we are wounded. When we fall, Christ does not turn away from us. Christ gathers us up. Christ forgives us. Christ teaches us to walk again. And so Jesus Christ is our true Mother. In Christ we are endlessly born into life. For the love of God is not distant from us. It surrounds us. It carries us. It feeds us. It brings us home. And when we are weak and frightened, our Mother Christ does not abandon us. Instead, Christ draws us closer and says: You are safe. You are loved. You are held. And you shall see for yourself: All shall be well.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#536 Open your ears, O faithful people (*Verse 1*) Please join us.

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you. *Fine*  
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -  
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,  
Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are  
To - rah o - ra, *Da Capo*  
words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

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Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Arrangement Copyright © 1985, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Matthew (18:21-35)

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and

payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**     The Rev. Rodney Davis

**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* Almighty Deliverer, you have heard and lifted up your people again and again; hear us now as we pray saying, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Grant your church wisdom in discerning your call to us that we might be the beacon of hope you have intended us to be. 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.**

Give us courage and determination in our civic life, that we might be witness to the power of repentance, reconciliation, and justice to our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead us into a way of life that is sustainable and equitable, that all might participate in the bounty of your creation. 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.**

Open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to respond to the needs of those around us who suffer from the lack of basic needs; show us how to respond in love to the wants we encounter. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, those who face illness, or who are wounded; mend what has broken in our lives. Especially we pray for **Kyle, Denise, Mary, Rick, Larry, Diane, John, America, 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.**

Embrace the dying in your grace, grant them and us new life in the kingdom to come. 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* Sovereign Lord, grant us deeper understanding and love of you, that we might grow to the stature you intended for us and answer our prayers through Christ, our only Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

## **GENERAL CONFESSION**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **A RITE FOR ASSOCIATE ADMISSION IN THE ORDER OF JULIAN OF NORWICH**

*Please be seated. Fr. Mike is called to stand in front of the altar before Rev. Megan & Fr. Rod.*

*Rev. Megan* I present to you Fr. Michael Ferrito to be admitted as an Associate of the Order of Julian of Norwich.

*Fr. Rod* Dear Friends in Christ, we are gathered here in the sight of God to admit Fr. Michael Ferrito as an Associate of the Order of Julian of Norwich.

As Saint Julian prayed often in silence, so do her followers give priority to silent prayer and intercessions; as Saint Julian advised and counseled those who came to her, so do her followers offer spiritual love and assistance to others; as Saint Julian worshipped daily at the altar, so do

her followers hold in high honor the liturgical prayer of the Church. Associates of the Order of Julian are those who seek a Rule of Life in a spiritual bond with the whole community of the Order in its prayer and work.

We commend Father Michael Ferrito to your earnest prayers that he may have the grace to live the Associate Rule and that his life may be lived to the glory of God and the welfare of all God's people.

Fr. Michael Ferrito what is it that you desire?

*Fr. Mike* I desire the mercy of God and the prayers of my brothers and sisters, as an Associate of the Order of Julian of Norwich.

*Fr. Rod* My brother, will you live faithfully the Associate Rule of Stability, Conversion of Life, and Obedience, and pray regularly for the Order, its members and its work?

*Fr. Mike* I will, with God as my help.

*Fr. Mike kneels at the altar rail. Please remain seated.*

*Fr. Rod* Let us pray. O God, by whose grace your servant Julian, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and shining light in your Church; grant that Fr. Michael Ferrito may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline and walk before you as a child of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Fr. Michael Ferrito we admit you as an Associate of the Order of Julian of Norwich.

Receive this medallion as a symbol of your promises, and this manual as a guide and support to your commitment.

*Fr. Mike* God of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough to me. And I can ask nothing that is less than can be full honor to you. And if I ask anything that is less, I shall always be in want, for only in you have I all, through your Risen Son, and the Spirit of Love, who together with you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Fr. Mike stands.*

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

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ 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** Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around, arr. Dilworth

**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#400 All Creatures of our God and King (*verse 7, continued on the following page*) *Please join us.*

7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -  
7 ncess, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:  
*Refrain*  
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



**PRESENTATION HYMN** The Hymnal 1982—#400 All Creatures of our God and King (*continued*)



*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Please stand in body or spirit. Eucharistic Prayer Enriching Our Worship 1*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

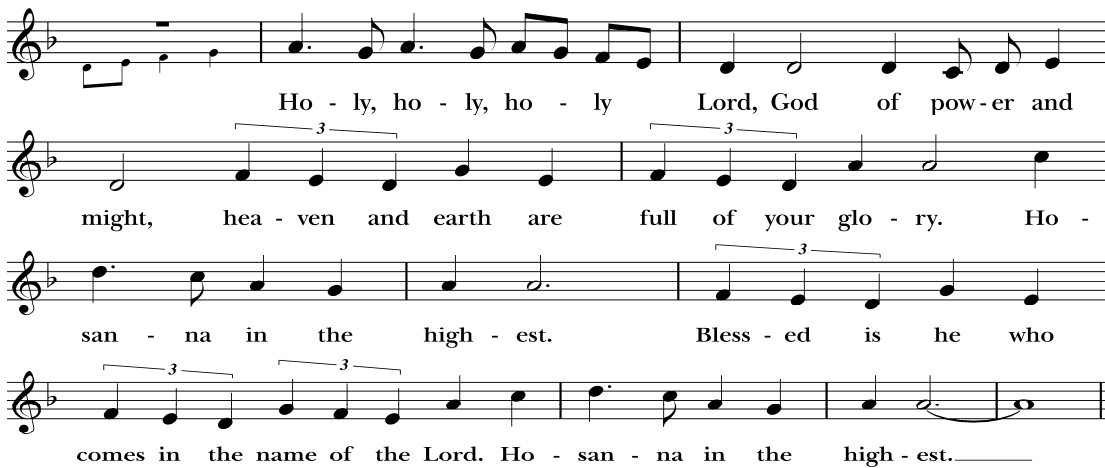
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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** The Hymnal 1982—#S129 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Please join us.*)



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*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 children, 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

The Hymnal 1982—S#167 Jesus, Lamb of God (*Please join us.*)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon*

*Cantor; then All*



The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al-le-lu-ia,



is the com-mun-ion of the bo-dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo-dy are we, al-le-lu-ia,



for though man-y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive communion. Communion is offered with gluten free bread, made in a gluten free space, ingredients are listed in the back of the bulletin. The Bread and Wine is offered around the altar, 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.*

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 ANTHEM** Locus Iste by Bruckner (*English Translation—This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach*)

## 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—#336 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus *(Please join us)*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -  
\*2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and  
\*3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine  
Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry  
voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.  
veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.  
hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy  
Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as  
Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has  
through our prayer; grant us light to see and  
ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.  
know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.  
ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1861-1945) and Charles P. Price (1920-1999). Sts. 2-3, Copyright © 1982, Charles P. Price.  
Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE Toccata in D, BWV 912 by Bach

## Announcements

### Worship

**10am Sunday Morning Worship** Eucharist & Choir

**5pm Sunday Contemplative Service** on Zoom

**9am Morning Prayer** – Zoom, Monday—Thursday

**8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist**

**CHOIR NEWS! Choir is back this Sunday.** If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact John Cozza. All sections are open for new members. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30—8pm in the Sanctuary.

### Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

Join us at our 10am Worship held in the courtyard on Sunday, October 4th. During this service we have our annual Blessing of the Animals where we bless all the family pets you dare to bring!

### Celebration of Life Services

We will be having a Celebration of Life Service for **Jim Dodds on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 11am.** More details will follow soon.

### St. Michael's Learn & Connect

#### Town Hall Meeting—Today during Coffee Hour

Please join us for our Town Hall today. Rev. Megan and church leaders will be updating us on our strategic goals, and some exciting ideas for the future. We are looking for parishioner input and feedback. New members are strongly encouraged to attend.

#### St. Michael's Cont. Studies—

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

**Sacred Circle** - Last Wed. of the month 6pm on zoom.

**Centering Prayer** - Mondays in Friendship Center (or the Sanctuary) at 9:00am & Thursdays on Zoom at 7pm.

#### Centering Prayer Retreat Day—Saturday, Sept. 26

9:30am—3pm in Friendship Center

The Sacramento Area Chapter of Contemplative Outreach invites you to a day of quiet and renewal. We will practice centering prayer and lectio divina. There will be some teaching, community sharing, visioning. Walk the outside labyrinth during lunch break. Registration: email Chuck or Janice at [centercozza@gmail.com](mailto:centercozza@gmail.com)

Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee/tea snacks will be provided.—\$25 Suggested Donation

### St. Michael's Serves in the Community

**Parishioner Guided Grants 2026**—Caring for one another & our Community—You are invited to nominate a non-profit organization to receive a grant in 2026. Grant applications are due October 16, 2026 and available online and on Sundays at the usher's desk. For more information contact Terry Bridges.

#### Rock the Block—West Sacramento Friday & Saturday, October 9 & 10

St. Michaels is once again joining Habitat for Humanity in assisting our West Sacramento 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 September 15.

**Plastic Film Collection** Have you noticed the new addition in Parish Hall by our garbage and recycling bins? St. Michael's is now a collection point for all of your clean plastic film and bags. Please check out the flyer for more details and instructions on what items are taken. Please contact Laura Quené if you have any additional questions.

#### 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.

**\*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.*), Baking Powder, Salt, brown sugar, honey, olive oil, evaporated milk and water. If you have any allergy concerns, contact Rev. Megan.

Additional details on the announcements can be found in this week's Messenger and on our website.

### Serving Today

**The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin** Celebrant &  
Children's Homily

**The Rev. Rodney Davis** Preaching

**The Rev. Mike Ferrito** Deacon

**Sue Corbin, Harriet Wharton, Marilu Fresquez**  
Altar Guild

**Jackie Linn & Dancy Dobrenick** Flowers

**The Acolyte Team**

**Marilyn McEntyre, Dave Decker & Jan West**

Readers

**Renée Pierce, Dave Decker, Sue Davis & Ann Hall**

Eucharistic Ministers

**Terry Bridges & Dave Clausus** Ushers

**Molly Hoever** Greeter

**The Chancel Choir**

**Dr. John Cozza** Music Director

**Coffee Hour Hosts** Marilu & Lucia

**Sunday September 13 —The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream  
 Coffee Hour & Town Hall 11:15am Parish & Johnstone Halls  
 Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

**Monday September 14**  
 Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
 Centering Prayer 9am Friendship Center

**Tuesday September 15**  
 Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
 Staff Meeting 9:30am Zoom  
 EfM 6:30pm Zoom

**Wednesday September 16**  
 Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

**Thursday September 17**  
 Morning Prayer 9am Zoom  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
 Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

**Friday September 18**  
 Contemplative Eucharist Prayer Service 8:30am

**Saturday September 19**  
 Healing Circles 11am Friendship Center

**Sunday September 20 —The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream  
 Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Halls  
 Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom



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### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday September 27**—Feast of St. Michael's  
**Sunday October 4**—The Feast of St. Francis  
**Sunday October 25**—Ingathering Sunday  
**Sunday November 1**—All Saints Day

The Flowers are given in loving memory of **Jane Samuelson** by her family.

### **CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

**The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair** Bishop,  
 Episcopal Diocese of Northern California  
**The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin** 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 Rehner-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