

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2026

PRELUDE Moment musicaux in D-flat, Op. 16/v by Rachmaninov

Please stand in body or spirit

OPENING HYMN The Hymnal 1982 - #660 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (*Please join us*)

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN & COMMUNITY HOMILY The Rev. Mike Ferrito

THE LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the book of Exodus (16:2-15)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

Please pray Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 responsively by half-verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
 in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

A reading from the Philippians (1:21-30)

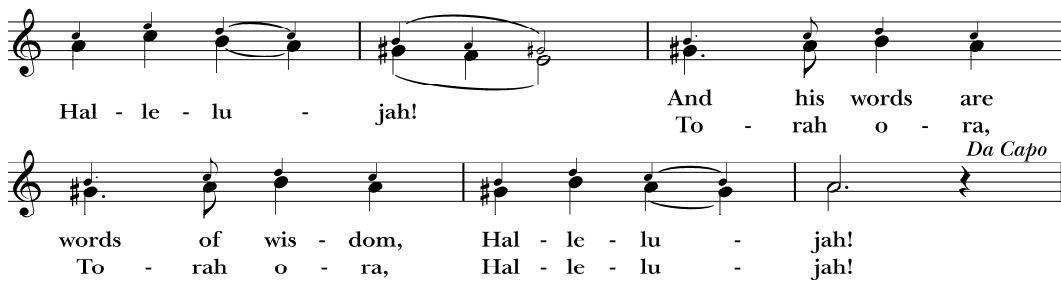
To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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.*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of six lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine' above it. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The fifth line ends with a double bar line. The sixth line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 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. 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,



“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

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PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Matthew (20:1-16)

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

SERMON The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin

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 God, keep us ever mindful of your role in our lives and lead us into the generosity, compassion, and fulfillment of your kingdom as we pray for ourselves and the world, as we say Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Give all congregations, churches, and houses of worship the desire to be generous in time, talent and treasure and especially in forgiveness. 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 this nation eyes that are open to the truth that your ways are more loving and merciful than ours and create generations of leaders and servants who will strive to bring this lens to how we act in the world and with each other. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give each person a calling to live life in a way that brings joy and peace to others; that the same joy and peace may be reflected in our own hearts and souls. 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 courage and strength to those who advocate for others, work to cure or stand for justice. Bless our world with the spirit of your love and the vision of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give healing and peace to those who are ill, anxious, imprisoned, alone or in despair and all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. 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.**

Give hope to the dying for the kingdom life that is to come, comfort those who grieve loss and restore relationships to those now separated, whatever the reason. 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 All this we ask in the name of your embodied love, Jesus the Christ, our only strength, and advocate, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **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.**

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 Seek the Lord by Carter

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,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



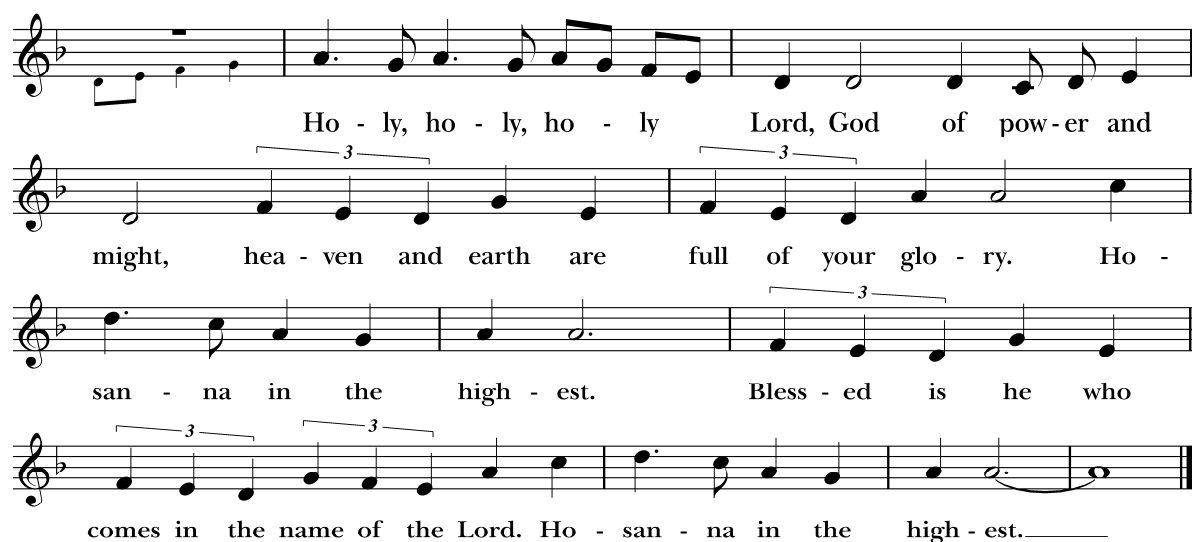
The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.
Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (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.*)



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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.]

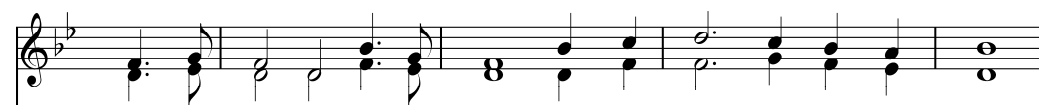
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

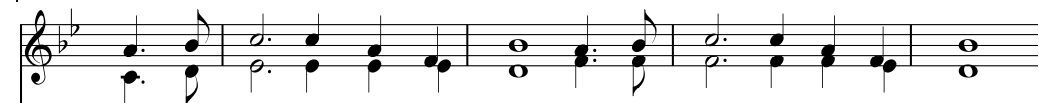
All are welcome to receive communion. Communion is offered with gluten free bread, made in a gluten free space, ingredients are listed in the back of the bulletin. The Bread and Wine is offered around the altar, and grape juice is offered at the back of the altar. Communion will be taken by eating the 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.

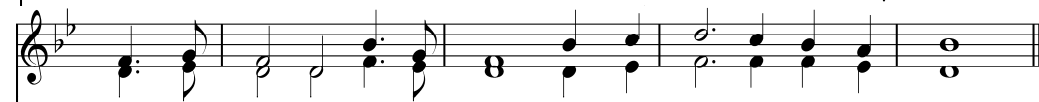
COMMUNION HYMN The Hymnals 1982—#685 The Rock of Ages (*Please join us.*)



1 Rock of a-ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev-er flow, should my zeal no lan-guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye-lids close in death,



let the wa-ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a-tone: thou must save, and thou a-lone;
when I rise to worlds un-known and be-hold thee on thy throne,



be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim-ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a-ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

***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.

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—#527 Singing Songs of Expectation *(Please join us)*

Please stand in body or spirit.

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

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

POSTLUDE Italian Hymn by Flynn

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

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** with a reception immediately following in Parish Hall.

St. Michael's Learn & Connect

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.

Bible Study - The Gospel of John. Starting Thursday October 1st with John McEntyre at 9:45am in the Friendship Center & on zoom. Continuing weekly.

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 centercossa@gmail.com

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

Realm Directory Sign-up

Starting in October, we will be helping you build a Log-in/profile in Realm which hosts our online Directory. Due to privacy issues, we will no longer be printing directories. Our Welcome Table at coffee hour will be available to help you set up a profile and download the app on your phone. For those of you who may not be able to get to church, alternate instruction and assistance is available. For any questions, please contact the office or Renee Pierce.

Trunk or Treat—Thursday, October 29 Calling all our wonderful volunteers to help us invite our community to a night of Fun, Friendship and Food for our annual Trunk or Treat! This year we are hosting the event on Thursday, October 29th from 6 to 8pm. We're hoping this change will give our neighbors (and parishioners) an additional chance to celebrate without conflicting with other Halloween plans. As an added treat, the St. Micheal's Day School 5th Grade class will be helping run our games! We may even have a visit from a Fire Truck if time allows. As always, costumes & decorated trunks are encouraged but not required to participate in the fun! See messenger for the sign up form.

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. Please see Terry Bridges if you are interested in future Rock the Block or Habitat for Humanity events.

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. Check out the messenger for more info. Contact Laura Quené with 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.

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

Serving Today

The Rev. Mike Ferrito Celebrant &
Children's Homily

The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin Preaching

The Rev. Rodney Davis Deacon

Tammy Murray, Eileen Thomas & Marilu
Fresquez Altar Guild

The Acolyte Team

**Mary Ellen Ferguson, Catherine Curran &
Jennifer Franz** Readers

**Dianne Robbins, Harriet Wharton, Sue Davis &
Dave Decker** Eucharistic Ministers

Jay Bowdler & Lennie Silva Ushers

Sue Corbin Greeter

The Chancel Choir

Dr. John Cozza Music Director

Coffee Hour Hosts Catherine Curran & Dana Kelly

Sunday September 20 —The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

Monday September 21

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Centering Prayer 9am Friendship Center
Executive Meeting 4pm Zoom

Tuesday September 22

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Staff Meeting 9:30am Zoom
EfM 6:30pm Zoom

Wednesday September 23

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Thursday September 24

SMEDS Feast of St. Michel's Eucharist 8:10am
Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

Friday September 25

Contemplative Eucharist Prayer Service 8:30am

Saturday September 26

Centering Prayer Retreat 9am Friendship Center

Sunday September 27 —The Feast of St. Michael's

Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Halls
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday October 4—The Feast of St. Francis

Sunday October 25—Ingathering Sunday

Thursday October 29—Trunk or Treat

Sunday November 1—All Saints Day

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