

— ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



October 11, 2026

The Twentieth 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 Exodus (32:1-14)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a

calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 responsively by half-verse.

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
 for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
 or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *

and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *

and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *

that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *

we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *

and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *

for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *

who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *

and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *

to turn away his wrath from consuming them

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL MATTHEW (22:1-14)

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a

wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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, we lift our hopes and desires to you as we pray, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reader Be with your church; move it towards righteousness; lead it to unity in purpose and mission, and guard it from all evils. 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.**

Care for this nation and its people, grant us courage to face up to the ways we fall short of its promises and show us how to work together to increase liberty and dignity for all who live here. 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.**

Deepen our commitment to our neighbors and open our eyes, and hearts and hands to those in need that we might continue Christ's work among them. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Energize us for the work of creation care, that we and all future generations might experience fully the abundance of the world you created and placed us in. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fulfill the longing for healing and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, spirit or in any way; mend what is broken in our lives and in the lives of those we love. Especially we pray for **Clara, 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 rest to those who have died, let them grow in your love, and deliver them and us into the resurrection of your new age. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reader For what else or whom else shall we pray? (*A time of silence is kept.*) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Officiant Holy God, who knows our needs and wants better than we know ourselves, be with your people and sustain us with your promises that we might participate in your salvation. All this we ask through Jesus, your son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and always. **Amen.**

GENERAL CONFESSION

Officiant 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.**

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.**

GENERAL CONFESSION

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

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And may the Divine Mystery—who is beyond our ability to know—the one who made us, the one who loves us, and the one who travels the way with us, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us in peace.

Amen.

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CONCLUDING REMARKS, DISCUSSION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
CHECK IN.