

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



October 25, 2026

The Twenty-second 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 and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS & PSALM**

### **A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (34:1-12)**

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 responsively by half-verse.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*

**from one generation to another.**

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \*

**from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*

**"Go back, O child of earth."**

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*

**and like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*

**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*

**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \*

**be gracious to your servants.**

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*

**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us  
\*

**and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

16 Show your servants your works \*

**and your splendor to their children.**

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*  
**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL MATTHEW (22:34-46)**

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*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* God of deliverance, hear our prayers and deliver us into your kingdom as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Deliver your church from arrogance and fear; lead us into the places you wish us to go and into the work you wish us to do. 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.**

Deliver this nation from division and anger; bend our hearts that, united we might work towards justice and dignity for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deliver our world from indifference to the welfare of others as we negotiate new ways of being to overcome our global challenges. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deliver all of us who hear these words from indecision and doubt, that we might boldly take up Christ's work of healing and

reconciliation as our own. 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**.

Deliver all who suffer in body, mind or spirit from their distress and grant them peace and a sense of well-being. Especially we pray for **Craig, Jenn, Clara, Kyle, Denise, Mary, Rick, Larry, Diane, 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**.

Deliver the dead into your kingdom, comfort those who grieve with the hope of reuniting again one day in the resurrection. 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* Loving God who time and again has heard your people's cry and lifted them from their despair, hear our prayers and lift us up that we might, more fully, be the people you created us to be and empower us for your mission of love. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.**

## **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.