ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



November 22, 2026
CHRIST THE KING

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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (34:11-16, 20-24)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with

your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Please pray Psalm 100 responsively by half-verse.

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Matthew (25:31-46)

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the

nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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 Christ, we offer our selves to your service and love; hear these prayers offered now in your name as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reader The assembly of God's people, the Church, are your hands and feet in this world; grant us courage and wisdom as we seek to continue your mission in the 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.**

Endow our nation with your peace and embolden us to bring the light of your love to our neighbors, that we might dispel the darkness of fear and hatred. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to see and respond to the needs of our neighbors; and to respond with joy and energy so that your love is made manifest in their lives. 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.**

Grant us the spirits of wisdom, curiosity, and persistence, as we seek to weave sustainable practices into our lives; that we might better protect and preserve the bountiful abundance of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deliver us from fear and anxiety, that we might be healers; bring to wholeness all that is broken, and grant peace and deliverance to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Especially we pray for **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.**

Welcome the dying into your arms, envelop the grieving with your strength, and lift the dread of death from our hearts by increasing our faith and securing our hope in your promises. 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 Christ our king and only Lord, we offer you ourselves: our very souls and bodies; that we might participate in the building of your kingdom in our lives and in the world; and we offer you our praise and glory; hosanna in the highest! In Jesus name. **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 you, the one who loves you, and the one who travels the way with you, The

Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you 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.