



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024, 10 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand if you are able.

PROCESSION

BELL OR GONG SOUND

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Please kneel down if you are able.

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not be a false witness.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:14,16.)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon or Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Clergy and People kneeling say: **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.**

Please stand if you are able.

TRISAGION

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(BCP p. 219)

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

NUMBERS 21:4-9

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED ISA PORTION OF PSALM 107.

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- ² **Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- ³ He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ¹⁷ **Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.**
- ¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- ¹⁹ **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.**
- ²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- ²¹ **Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.**
- ²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO EPHESIANS.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel Proclamation.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 707

Take my life, and let it be

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

JOHN 3:14-21

Deacon or Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand if you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I

DEACON OR CRUCIFER

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our President Bishop, David, our Bishop, Anna, our Canon, Jorge, our Priest, Cathy, our Deacon, for the Diocesan Council, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for Gavin, our Governor, and Eric, our Mayor. For every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, and through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick and Suzie, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for Bishop's Committee members of Saint Michael's, for all its members and their ministries. For the students of Mesquite and Burroughs High Schools, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Ever-Blesse, Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Michael the Archangel, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of *thy* kingdom; and grant that we *thy* servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold *thy* Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Please stand if you are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassidi Reese, Senior Warden.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *(Hebrews 13:15, 16.)*

People may remain seated or standing. during the preparation. Please stand as able for the Eucharistic Prayer.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymn 142

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.

2 As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

3 As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,

*Lord, who throughout these forty days
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.*

4 And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.

5 Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!

(BCP p. 369-372)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and the Virgin Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength, for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

People and Clergy pray together:

**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 THE BREAD

Anthem at the Breaking of Bread

(Psalm 108:5 & 6) (1994 TBOS p.21)

Celebrant Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *

People **and your glory over all the earth.**

Celebrant So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, *

People **save with your right hand and answer me.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

In the Episcopal Church all baptized people are welcome to our Lord's Table to eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ

Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy

mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

(BOS p. 25)

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMISSIONING HYMN

Hymn 488

Be thou my vision

1- Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be naught to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2- Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3- High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

DISMISSAL

Deacon or Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

OUR MISSION

The people of Saint Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL God's children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or developmental disability.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop and David our Bishop. We also pray for Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and Eric our Mayor. *Please remember in your prayers Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Suzie and the students at Mesquite and Burroughs High Schools.*

PLEASE GIVE

Mail your pledges and offerings to:

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 200 W. Drummond Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Contribute to the church online at:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9KQ/hom>

NEWS AND EVENTS

Weekly Services: Services in English: Sundays at 10 am and Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm
Services in Spanish: Sundays at 12 Noon.

Church Game Night. Please join us on Thursday, 14 March at 6 pm in the Parish Hall for some fun and fellowship over classic board and card games. Feel free to bring a snack/treat to share and your favorite game to play, or just come as you are. Drop by for a short round or stay for a whole campaign. Games will include Pandemic, Monopoly, Exploding Kittens, and others.

Bishop David Rice Visitation: Sunday, March 17 in both English and Spanish Worship Services. On Saturday, March 16 at 6:00 pm, we will celebrate, with the Bishop, Rita's 95th Birthday with a Dinner at Casey's BBQ. Please, confirm your attendance with Deacon Cathy.

Cathedral Livestream: As an alternative for those unable to attend our Sunday services in person, St. James Episcopal Cathedral offers a livestream of their service. Link:

www.youtube.com/@StJamesEpiscopalCathedral/streams

Food Ministry Dates

- The Thrift Store Co-Op is normally open every Wednesday, 10 am-1 pm.
- Monday, March 18 - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, March 26 - Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

Episcopal Church Foundation will provide a Webinar at 1:00 pm by Zoom to the Diocese on Planning Giving. It will cover Planned Giving (leaving the church in your will,) Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Pooled Income Funds. You will learn about the importance of a parish vision, building trust among parishioners, and how to invite others to remember your parish through estate gifts and financial planning, considering the many recent tax law changes. Attendees will also learn of the many resources for planned giving from ECF. To register for this event, call ECF at 800-697-2858 or visit https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvdeugrzooGdba-EkO_NW6wIDNjPdk39_o#/registration.

Chrism Mass & Renewal of Vows: March 26, 2024, at 11:00 am., in Saint James Cathedral. Fresno, CA.

Next Bishop's Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00 pm.

Tutu Desk Program: Students in South Africa, especially children, do not have desks in their classrooms. Therefore, Canon Anna Carmichael invites us to support the program to provide them Portable Desks. The cost of each portable desk is \$20.00. Please, donate. We will raise funds through the Day of Pentecost (May 19, 2024). Then our Church will send a check to the Diocesan Office at due time with our contributions. Let's make the difference in the life of children in Africa.

LENTEN SEASON SERVICES AND EVENTS

Lenten Soup on Wednesdays: Please, see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to share soup and time on Lenten Wednesdays after the 6:00 pm, Evening Prayer service. Dates: March 13, and 20.

Stations of The Cross on Next Flex Friday at Noon: March 15.

Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 24; for both Services, English and Spanish, we will gather in the Parish Hall at usual time to bless the Palms and in Procession will go to the Sanctuary. Church will provide the Palms.

Contemplative Day: Wednesday, March 27. Please, Sign the Sign-up Sheet for the time you will be in the Sanctuary. Available time from 7:00 am. to 6:00 pm.

Maundy Thursday: March 28 at 5:30 pm. Our Service will begin with the Agape Meal in the Parish Hall. Please, Sign the Sign-up Sheet for the Ceremony of Foot Washing.

Good Friday Service: March 29 at 5:30 pm, Service in English with Veneration of the Cross. And Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm in Spanish.