



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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 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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(BCP p. 225)

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

READER

A READING FROM JEREMIAH.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 51:1-13

READER

The Psalm appointed is a portion of Psalm 51.

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

⁵ And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

⁶ **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸ **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰ **Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹ Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

**12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
**13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 5:5-10

READER

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO HEBREWS.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 12:20-33

Rev. Cathy Kline, Church Deacon.

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Right Reverend David Rice, Diocesan Bishop.

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

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 School of Deacons and Staff, 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.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect from Book of Common Prayer pages 394 – 395.

Please stand if you are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME

Rev. Jorge Pallares, Priest in Charge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassidi Reese, Senior Warden.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on pages 376 and 377,
or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymn 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

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,

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!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

(BCP p. 369-372)

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

(2003 BOS p. 26)

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; 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 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.

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/tZcvdeugrzoGdba-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 20.

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.

EASTER SEASON SERVICES AND EVENTS

Easter Sunday Service: March 31 at 10:00 am, Service in English and 12:00 pm, Service in Spanish. Please come dressed in white.