



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## **HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

### ***Second Sunday of Easter***

**CELEBRANT & PREACHER**

Rev. Jorge Pallares.

*April 7, 2024, 10 a.m.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 180**

*Jesus Christ is risen today.*

**1-** He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

**2-** Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.

**3-** Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

**4-** He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **GLORY TO GOD**

**Refrain:**

**- Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**1-**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King.  
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain.**

**2-**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. **Refrain.**

**3-**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Refrain.**

**AMEN.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*(BCP p. 224)**Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for Scripture readings.***FIRST THE READING**

ACTS 4:32-35

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.****THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 133

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED TODAY IS PSALM 133.

- <sup>1</sup> Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
 when brethren live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup> **It is like fine oil upon the head \***  
**that runs down upon the beard,**  
<sup>3</sup> Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
<sup>4</sup> **It is like the dew of Hermon \***  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**  
<sup>5</sup> For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
 life for evermore.

**THE SECOND READING**

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

READER

A READING FROM JOHN'S FIRST LETTER.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so

that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SEQUENCE 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 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE 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 III**

DEACON OR CRUCIFER

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David, our Bishop, Anna, our Canon, Jorge, our Priest, Cathy, our Deacon, and for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially for Joseph, our President, Gavin, our Governor, and Eric, our Mayor;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; especially for The Episcopal Church of Saint John the Baptist in Loid;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially for the sick, for Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick and Suzie;

**That they may be delivered from their distress and illness.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; 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, and for the students of Mesquite and Burroughs High Schools.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask; Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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

### OFFERTORY HYMN 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord.*

1- I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

2- I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3- As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.

That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4- And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.

5- Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

*(BCP p. 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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**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.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread, and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you; we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body, and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint Joseph, Saint Michael the Archangel and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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*

*(2003 BOS p. 17 – Ant. 2)*

*Celebrant* The bread which we break, alleluia, is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We being many are one bread, one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ has been risen for us and let us feed on him in our 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 ever-loving 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.**

## EASTER BLESSING

*(2008 BOS p. 27)*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## COMMISSIONING HYMN 188 *Love's redeeming work is done.*

**1-**Love's redeeming work is done,  
fought the fight, the battle won.  
Death in vain forbids him rise;  
Christ opened paradise.

**2-**Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?

Once he died our souls to save,  
where thy victory, O grave?

**3-**Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following out exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise,  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon or Celebrant* Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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 & 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/home>

## 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](http://www.youtube.com/@StJamesEpiscopalCathedral/streams)

## Food Ministry Dates

- The Thrift Store Co-Op is open every Wednesday, 10 am-1 pm.
- Monday, April 15 - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, April 23 - Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

**Church Game Night:** Please join us on Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. 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.

**Next Bishop's Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 pm.

**April 28 is Alms Sunday.** On the last Sunday of the month, all undesignated loose cash is deposited into the Parish Discretionary Fund.

**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.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Pentecost Sunday Service:** May 19 at 10:00 am. Please come dressed in Red. It is the Birthday of the Church.