



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*Maundy Thursday*

*March 28, 2024, 5:30 p.m.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Please kneel if you are able.*

#### THE COLLECTION OF PURITY

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.**

#### TRISAGION

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

*(BCP p. 218)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

#### THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-14

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down

every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### THE RESPONSE

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 116.

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>10</sup> **How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

<sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup> **O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

<sup>16</sup> **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,**

<sup>17</sup> In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 13:1-17, 31B-35

*Deacon or Celebrant*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 WASHING OF FEET

*The Celebrant says,*

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

***You may come up and have your feet washed. You may also remain seated if you do not wish to come up. Returning to your pew after the foot washing; you may kneel and/or be seated.***

*Following the foot washing, the people stand.*

*The Presider says,*

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

**Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

**Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

## **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 Saint John's Church in Stockton, 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 School. 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-Blessed 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.**

### 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.*

### 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* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *(1 Chronicles 29:11.)*

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

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Hymn 325*

*Let us break bread together*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees;

**Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees; **Refrain.**

3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; **Refrain.**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*(BCP p. 367-369)*

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **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*

*(1994 TBOS; 11 & 12 on p.20)*

*Celebrant* Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

*People* **Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

*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.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The altar guild and ministers will strip the altar as the following psalm is said in unison:*

## **PSALM 22**

*Antiphon:* **They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

- 1 **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \***  
**and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**
- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \***  
**by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 **Yet you are the Holy One, \***  
**enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
- 4 **Our forefathers put their trust in you; \***  
**they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 **They cried out to you and were delivered; \***  
**they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**
- 6 **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \***  
**scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 **All who see me laugh me to scorn; \***  
**they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**
- 8 **"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \***  
**let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
- 9 **Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \***  
**and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**
- 10 **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \***  
**you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
- 11 **Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \***  
**and there is none to help.**

- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*Antiphon:* They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

*This concludes our service. Please exit in silence.*



## AGAPÉ FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

*The Congregation gather in the Parish Hall to share the Agapé Meal.*

*A meatless meal is to be preferred. The setting should be austere and the food sparse and simple.*

*With everyone standing, the Priest blesses the Wine, the Bread, which will be used in the Eucharistic Service, and the dinner appetizers.*

### THE BLESSING

*The Priest says*     Let us pray.

### OVER THE WINE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### OVER THE BREAD

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### OVER THE OTHER FOOD

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*During the meal or toward its close, a person appointed reads the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to John.*

### A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 17

READER

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that<sup>[b]</sup> you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,<sup>[c]</sup> so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Here ends the Reading.

*The Agapé concludes with a psalm, such as Psalm 69:1-23.*

**PSALM 69:1-23**

READER

- <sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, \*  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
- <sup>2</sup> I am sinking in deep mire, \*  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.
- <sup>3</sup> I have come into deep waters, \*  
and the torrent washes over me.
- <sup>4</sup> I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; \*  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head;  
my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. \*  
Must I then give back what I never stole?
- <sup>6</sup> O God, you know my foolishness, \*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.
- <sup>7</sup> Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts; \*  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
- <sup>9</sup> I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.
- <sup>10</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- <sup>11</sup> I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- <sup>12</sup> I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.
- <sup>13</sup> Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- <sup>14</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O Lord:
- <sup>15</sup> "In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.
- <sup>16</sup> Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.
- <sup>17</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- <sup>18</sup> Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me."
- <sup>19</sup> "Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.
- 21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; \*  
my adversaries are all in your sight.”
- 22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; \*  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.
- 23 They gave me gall to eat, \*  
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

*The Congregation silently heads to the sanctuary to continue the service.*

## **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 School.*

## **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 normally 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

**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

**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.

### OTHER EVENTS

**Free movie night:** March 30, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Pastor Jackie Brennan invites us to Movie Night hosted by Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church located at 633 W. Las Flores Ave. The movie is "HOP."