



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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MORNING PRAYER RITE II

November 27, 2022, 10 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

PRESIDER

The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

READER

Sandy Davis

The presider is seated informally (no procession).

Please stand as able for the opening hymn.

The service starts on page 80 in the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Invitatory and Psalter

Opening Hymn	<i>Hymnal 54</i>
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>This page</i>
The Preces (<i>Lord, open our lips.</i>)	<i>BCP p. 80</i>
The Gloria Patri	<i>BCP p. 80</i>
The Jubilate	<i>BCP p. 82</i>
The Psalm Appointed	<i>Bulletin p. 2</i>

The Lessons and Canticles

First Reading	<i>Bulletin p. 2</i>
Canticle 15: The Song of Mary	<i>BCP p. 91</i>
Second Reading	<i>Bulletin p. 3</i>
Canticle 20: Glory to God	<i>BCP p. 94</i>
Gospel Reading	<i>Bulletin p. 3</i>
Sermon	<i>The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline</i>
The Apostles' Creed	<i>BCP p. 96</i>

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer	<i>BCP p. 97</i>
Suffrages B	<i>BCP p. 98</i>
The Collect of the Day	<i>Bulletin p. 4</i>
A Collect for Sundays	<i>BCP p. 98</i>
A Prayer for Mission	<i>BCP p. 100 or 101</i>
<i>(Almighty and everlasting God... O God, you have made... or Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched...)</i>	
"Are there any prayers or thanksgivings you wish to offer?"	
<i>The people may offer their petitions.</i>	
Announcements	<i>Bulletin p. 4</i>
Office Hymn	<i>Hymnal 56 v. 1-3</i>
The General Thanksgiving	<i>BCP p. 101</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>Hymnal 436</i>
Dismissal	<i>BCP p. 102</i>

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour.

If you are new to St. Michael's, please sign our guest book and we'll be in touch.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Our King and Savior now draws near: **Come, let us adore him.**

The first Advent candle is lighted.

Lord grant us your light, that being rid of darkness of hearts,
we may come to the true light which is Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 122

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

THE PSALM

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 122.

I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the LORD, *

the assembly of Israel,

to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, *

I will seek to do you good."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 2:1-5

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able..

CANTICLE 15

THE SONG OF MARY

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

Please turn to page 91 in the Prayer Book.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:11-14

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able..

CANTICLE 20

GLORY TO GOD

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

Please turn to page 94 in the Prayer Book.

Please be seated.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 24:36-44

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

The service continues on page 96 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(BCP p. 211)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Padre Jorge is on sick leave. He will be back with us on December 4.

Coffee Hour and Bible Study in the Parish Hall after service.

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St. Michael's Zoom Evening Prayer, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael

Church bulletins are available for download on our website.

Pledge Card Ingathering: Sunday, December 4

Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, December 24, 6 p.m.

Thrift Store Open: Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

CAP-K Senior Box Day: 3rd Monday of each month, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Food Pantry Open: 4th Tuesday of each month, 9-11 a.m.

Please mail your offerings to the church (at the mailing address below) or give to the church online using tithe.ly (<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2212452>).

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CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop and David our Bishop.

Pray for Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and Eric our Mayor.

Please remember in your prayers Stan, Rita, Carey, Diane, and the students at Mesquite High School.

Today we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Episcopal Church In Japan), and for the Deputies and Alternates to General Convention.

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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.

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