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# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

January 2, 2021, 10 a.m.

**PRESIDER**

Cassidi Reese

**READER**

Richard Hendricks

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

RICHARD HENDRICKS

**During Coffee Hour we will take down the Christmas decorations.**

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

Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael

**Visitation by Bishop David and Canon Anna, Sunday, January 16 at 10 a.m.**

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

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### THE OPENING RITE

*The presider is seated informally (no procession).*

#### OPENING SENTENCE

REVELATION 21:3

(BCP p. 75)

*Presider:* Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.

*Please stand as able.*

#### OPENING HYMN

WE THREE KINGS

*Blue Hymnal #128*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

(BCP p. 79)

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silent confession will be observed, followed by the congregation saying together:*  
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.**

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**



## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### VENITE

*(BCP p. 82)*

*The Presider and the People read responsively.*

Alleluia. To us a child is born: **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
**and a great King above all gods.**  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Alleluia. To us a child is born: **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PSALM

PSALM 84:1-8

*(BCP p. 707)*

*Remaining seated, the Leader and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**



5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 **They will climb from height to height, \***  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 **Behold our defender, O God; \***  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH:

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the Lord.

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

**Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand as able.*

## CANTICLE 16

## THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

*(BCP pp. 92-93)*

*The Presider and the **People** read responsively.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, \***

**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \***

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \***

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-6,15-19A

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS:

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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## **CANTICLE 21**

**YOU ARE GOD**

*(BCP pp. 95-96)*

*The Presider and the **People** read responsively.*

You are God: we praise you; **You are the Lord; we acclaim you;**

You are the eternal Father: **All creation worships you.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

**Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

**When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE GOSPEL READING**      MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

CASSIDI REESE

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW:

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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## THE HOMILY

[www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/whose-voice-do-we-hear-2-christmas-january-2-2022/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/whose-voice-do-we-hear-2-christmas-january-2-2022/)

*A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*(BCP p. 96)*

*Please stand as able.*

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

*Presider:* God be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(BCP p. 97)*

**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.**

## SUFFRAGES B

*(BCP p. 98)*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## A COLLECT FOR PEACE

(BCP p. 99)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR MISSION

(BCP p. 100)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Are there any prayers or thanksgivings you wish to offer?  
*The people may offer their intercessions and thanksgivings.*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

(BCP p. 101)

Almighty God, **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

(BCP p. 102)

*Presider:* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING HYMN

HOW BRIGHT APPEARS THE MORNING STAR

*Blue Hymnal #497*

## CLOSING SENTENCE

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

(BCP p. 102)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*~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.*

## OUR MISSION

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

*This service conforms to Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two, which begins on page 75 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Psalm texts are taken from the BCP. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled from publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW) and the 2018 Book of Occasional Services (BOS).*