



**ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

*May 8, 2022, 10 a.m.*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

CLERGY	READER	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD
<b>PRESIDER:</b> The Rev. Paul Clark	Sandy Davis	Cassidi Reese	Nani Banks
<b>DEACON:</b> The Rev. Cathy Kline			

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Please stand as able for the Opening Hymn*

**OPENING HYMN #205**

GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL REJOICE AND SING

**OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*(BCP p. 355)*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

**GLORIA**

*(BCP p. 356)*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
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. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*(BCP p. 225)*

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



## THE FIRST READING

ACTS 9:36-43

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

PSALM 23

SANDY DAVIS

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

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 23.

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,



“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE MUSIC**

*Please stand as able for the Gospel Reading.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

JOHN 10:22-30

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

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



**THE NICENE CREED**

*Please stand as able*

*(BCP pp. 358-359)*

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**

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for David our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the Anglican communion for the Anglican Church of Rwanda, and in our diocese for the work and ministry of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Turlock, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and Eric our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**



For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Stan, Rita, Robert, and Carey, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Presider:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Please stay in your pew. Waving, bowing, and peace signs are appropriate. Please be seated.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

RICHARD HENDRICKS

**Coffee Hour and Bible Study**  
In the Parish Hall after service.

**St. Michael's Zoom Evening Prayer, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**  
Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael

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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*Birthday Prayer – Prayer 50 or 51, BCP p. 830*

*Anniversary Prayer – BCP top of p. 431*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

[EPHESIANS 5:2]

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn*

### OFFERTORY HYMN #366

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*(BCP p. 361)*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues*

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.**



*The Presider continues*

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

*(BCP p. 364)*

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Presider says*

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.

### **WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE.**

*Please come up to the altar rail for communion. The priest will wear a mask.*

*The Bread is given to the people using these words* The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

*The response is:* **Amen.**

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request, please ask the minister during Communion.*

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*(BCP p. 365)*

*The people may stand or kneel.*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **EASTERTIDE BLESSING**

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.**



**OPENING HYMN #707**

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

*Presider:* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People's response:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

***~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.*



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