



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

May 29, 2022, 10 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

PRESIDER	READER	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD
The Rev. Paul Clark	Sandy Davis	Alana Spurling	Martha Waller

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(BCP p. 226)

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



THE FIRST READING

ACTS 16:16-34

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Thanks be to God.



THE RESPONSE

PSALM 97

SANDY DAVIS

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

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 97.

The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.**

Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

**The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.**



THE SECOND READING REVELATION 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE MUSIC

Please stand as able for the Gospel Reading.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 17:20-26

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "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.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

ALANA SPURLING

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 Church of South India, and in our diocese for the work and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bakersfield, 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: O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share in the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Heroic Service (BCP p. 839)

BISHOP CURRY'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you, let us pray

Giver of Life and love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in peace. Surround us with your love as we face again the tragedy of gun violence. For the children and adults who were killed at the Rob Elementary School, the many who were wounded and hospitalized, the traumatized and grieving survivors and those known to you alone. God of righteousness, you have granted our leaders, our president, the governor, members of congress the courts and legislatures power and responsibility to protect us and uphold our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Strengthen their devotion and our devotion to our common life. To clarity of purpose for all God of compassion, we give you thanks for those first responders and those who are struggling; the police officers, firefighters, EMTs, doctors, nurses, counselors, clergy, and people of good will. Give them courage and sound judgement in the heat of the moment and grant them compassion for the victims. Dear God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence; those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them Lord with your presence. Help them with your hope. Dear Lord, for all lives that have forever been changed and broken by the scourge of gun violence; all who from malice or illness are instruments of violence and death, for all who have died today, those who will die tomorrow. God of tender mercy, please be with those who are overwhelmed, enraged, frustrated, and demoralized by the plague of gun violence. Give us all a sense of your presence. Plant with us the seed of hope and the courage of love and resolve. For those who hope for life in this world that is shattered and broken. Loving God, make us instruments of your peace. God of justice, help us, your church; help us as a country to find voice to do what is right for the sake of life. For your dream is of a world



where children are safe and where all live together without fear. All this we pray in the name of the one who offered his life so that we might live, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Oh God, whose blessed son took children into his arms and blessed them. Give us grace now to entrust these innocents to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom. Through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, deal graciously with those who grieve and are filled with sorrow and heart ache. Lord surround them with your love that somehow they may not be overwhelmed by their loss but have confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the needs ahead. **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

DAVE WALLER

Day of Pentecost – Sunday June 5

The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline will preside and preach.

We will have cake during Coffee Hour
to celebrate the birthday of the Church.

Remember to wear RED.

Coffee Hour 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

HYMN #366 (v. 1-4)

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.

BLESSING

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING 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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