



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

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## EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO

*January 12, 2023, 6:30 p.m.*

*Thursday after the First Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Zoom Meeting ID: 928 461 1047, Passcode: StMichael*

### **PRESIDER**

The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

### **RESPONDER**

Dave Waller

### **READER**

Nani Banks

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*(BCP p. 116)*

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

*A period of silent confession will be observed.*

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.**

### **THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

*Presider:* O God, be not far from us.

*Responder:* **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

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

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### **O GRACIOUS LIGHT**

*(EOW p. 23)*

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,  
Mirror of God's eternal face,  
**Transparent flame of love's free duty,**  
**You bring salvation to our race.**  
Now, as we see the lights of evening,  
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;  
**Worthy are you of endless blessing,**  
**Sun of our night, lamp of our days.**

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 18.

I love you, O LORD my strength, \*

O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

**My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, \***

**my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.**

I will call upon the LORD, \*

and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

**The breakers of death rolled over me, \***

**and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.**

The cords of hell entangled me, \*

and the snares of death were set for me.

**I called upon the LORD in my distress \***

**and cried out to my God for help.**

He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; \*

my cry of anguish came to his ears.

**The earth reeled and rocked; \***

**the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.**

Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; \*

hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

**He parted the heavens and came down \***

**with a storm cloud under his feet.**

He mounted on cherubim and flew; \*

he swooped on the wings of the wind.

**He wrapped darkness about him; \***

**he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.**

From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, \*

burst hailstones and coals of fire.

**The LORD thundered out of heaven; \***

**the Most High uttered his voice.**

He loosed his arrows and scattered them; \*

he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

**The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bare, \***

**at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.**

He reached down from on high and grasped me; \*

he drew me out of great waters.

**He delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me; \***

**for they were too mighty for me.**

They confronted me in the day of my disaster; \*

but the LORD was my support.

**He brought me out into an open place; \***

**he rescued me because he delighted in me.**

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

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## THE READINGS

### THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 41:17-29

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive; I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together, so that all may see and know, all may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Set forth your case, says the LORD; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, so that we may consider them, and that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be afraid and terrified. You, indeed, are nothing and your work is nothing at all; whoever chooses you is an abomination. I stirred up one from the north, and he has come, from the rising of the sun he was summoned by name. He shall trample on rulers as on mortar, as the potter treads clay. Who declared it from the beginning, so that we might know, and beforehand, so that we might say, "He is right"? There was no one who declared it, none who proclaimed, none who heard your words. I first have declared it to Zion, and I give to Jerusalem a herald of good tidings. But when I look there is no one; among these there is no counselor who, when I ask, gives an answer. No, they are all a delusion; their works are nothing; their images are empty wind.

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

*Responder:* **Thanks be to God.**

### THE SONG OF MARY

LUKE 1:46-55

(EOW p. 27)

*Presider and responder alternate by whole verse.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior; \*  
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***

**you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you \*

from generation to generation.

**You have shown strength with your arm, \***

**and scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones, \*

and lifting up the lowly.

**You have filled the hungry with good things, \***

**and sent the rich away empty.**

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*

for you have remembered your promise of mercy,

**The promise you made to our forebears, \***

**to Abraham and his children forever.**

## THE SECOND READING

MARK 2:1-12

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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

*Responder:* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SONG OF SIMEON

LUKE 2:29-32

(BCP p. 120)

*Presider and responder alternate by whole verse.*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*

to go in peace as you have promised;

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***

**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*

and the glory of your people Israel.

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

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

### APOSTLES' CREED

(BCP p. 120)

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.

*(BCP p. 121)*

*Responder:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

### *English*

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.

### *Spanish*

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y libranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

## SUFFRAGES A

*(BCP p. 121)*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

*(BCP p. 124)*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

## **A PRAYER FOR MISSION**

(BCP p. 124)

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Please remember in your prayers Stan, Rita, Sandy, Diane, Eric, Lisa, Jack, Tim, and the students at Mesquite High School.*

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

(BCP p. 125)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

*Responder* **Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING SENTENCE**

(BCP p. 126)

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.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

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