



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

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## EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO

*January 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.*

*Thursday after the Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

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

### **PRESIDER**

The Rev. Jorge Pallares

### **RESPONDER**

Sandy Davis

### **READER**

Richard Hendricks

### **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 37.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

**He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.**

The wicked plot against the righteous \*  
and gnash at them with their teeth.

**The Lord laughs at the wicked, \*  
because he sees that their day will come.**

The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, \*  
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

**Their sword shall go through their own heart, \*  
and their bow shall be broken.**

The little that the righteous has \*  
is better than great riches of the wicked.

**For the power of the wicked shall be broken, \*  
but the LORD upholds the righteous.**

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 45:5-17

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the Lord have created it. Woe to you who strive with your Maker, earthen vessels with the potter! Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, "What are you making"? or "Your work has no handles"? Woe to anyone who says to a father, "What are you begetting?" or to a woman, "With what are you in labor?"

Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work of my hands? I made the earth, and created humankind upon it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. I have aroused Cyrus in righteousness, and I will make all his paths straight; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward, says the Lord of hosts. Thus says the Lord: The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the Sabeans, tall of stature, shall come over to you and be yours, they shall follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will make supplication to you, saying, "God is with you alone, and there is no other; there is no god besides him." Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior. All of them are put to shame and confounded, the makers of idols go in confusion together. But Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity.

*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 4:21-34

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK.

Jesus said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*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*

### *Spanish*

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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WULFSTAN OF WORCESTER

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son led captivity captive and gave gifts to your people: Multiply among us faithful pastors, who, like your holy bishop Wulfstan, will give courage to those who are oppressed and held in bondage; and bring us all, we pray, into the true freedom of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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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