



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST
EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO

May 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 928 461 1047, Passcode: StMichael

Thursday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRESIDER

The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

RESPONDER

Nani Banks

READER

Dave Waller

OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider: O God, be not far from us.

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

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

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.

PSALM APPOINTED

PSALM 74

(BCP p. 667)

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TONIGHT IS PSALM 74:

O God, why have you utterly cast us off? *

why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, *

the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion where you dwell.

Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; *

the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

Your adversaries roared in your holy place; *

they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; *

they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.

They set fire to your holy place; *

they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name and razed it to the ground.

They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." *

They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.



**There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left; *
there is not one among us who knows how long.**

How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? *
will the enemy blaspheme your Name forever?

**Why do you draw back your hand? *
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?**

Yet God is my King from ancient times, *
victorious in the midst of the earth.

**You divided the sea by your might *
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;**

You crushed the heads of Leviathan *
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

**You split open spring and torrent; *
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.**

Yours is the day, yours also the night; *
you established the moon and the sun.

**You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; *
you made both summer and winter.**

Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed, *
how a foolish people despised your Name.

**Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; *
never forget the lives of your poor.**

Look upon your covenant; *
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

**Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; *
let the poor and needy praise your Name.**

Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

**Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, *
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.**

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



THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

LEVITICUS 19:26-37 (TEV)

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS.

“Do not eat any meat with blood still in it. Do not practice any kind of magic. Do not cut the hair on the sides of your head or trim your beard or tattoo yourselves or cut gashes in your body to mourn for the dead. I am the Lord.

“Do not disgrace your daughters by making them temple prostitutes; if you do, you will turn to other gods and the land will be full of immorality. Keep the Sabbath, and honor the place where I am worshiped. I am the Lord.

“Do not go for advice to people who consult the spirits of the dead. If you do, you will be ritually unclean. I am the Lord your God.

“Show respect for old people and honor them. Reverently obey me; I am the Lord.

“Do not mistreat foreigners who are living in your land. Treat them as you would an Israelite, and love them as you love yourselves. Remember that you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

“Do not cheat anyone by using false measures of length, weight, or quantity. Use honest scales, honest weights, and honest measures. I am the Lord your God, and I brought you out of Egypt. Obey all my laws and commands. I am the Lord.”

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

MATTHEW 6:25-34

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 121)

Presider: God be with you.

Responder: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (BCP p. 225)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.



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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