



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

*June 2, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 928 461 1047, Passcode: StMichael*

*Thursday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**PRESIDER**

The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

**RESPONDER**

Dave Waller

**READER**

Sandy Davis

**OPENING SENTENCE**

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

**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 101

(BCP p. 730)

**PSALM APPOINTED**

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 101:

I will sing of mercy and justice; \*  
to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.

**I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? \***  
**I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.**

I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; \*  
I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

**A crooked heart shall be far from me; \***  
**I will not know evil.**

Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; \*  
those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

**My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, \***  
**and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.**

Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, \*  
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

**I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, \***  
**that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.**

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

ZECHARIAH 4:1-14

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH.

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." He said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'" Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. "These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth."

Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" And a second time I said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?" He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

*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 9:1-8

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

And after getting into a boat Jesus crossed the sea and came to his own town.

And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Then some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

*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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (BCP p. 226)

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.**

### 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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