



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

*July 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 928 461 1047, Passcode: StMichael*

*Thursday after the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**PRESIDER**  
 The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

**RESPONDER**  
 Dave Waller

**READER**  
 Sandy Davis

**OPENING SENTENCE**

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

**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.**

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. 689)

THE PSALM APPOINTED 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 for ever?

**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

JOSHUA 3:14-4:7

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

*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 26:1-16

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

*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

PROPER 10 (BCP p. 231)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

(BCP p. 126)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **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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