



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

*July 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 928 461 1047, Passcode: StMichael*

*Thursday after the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**PRESIDER**  
Richard Hendricks

**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*

**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 106:1-18

(BCP p. 689)

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 106:

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures forever.

**Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
or show forth all his praise?**

Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

**Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;**

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

In Egypt they did not consider your marvelous works,  
nor remember the abundance of your love; \*  
they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.

**But he saved them for his Name's sake, \*  
to make his power known.**

He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, \*  
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.

**He saved them from the hand of those who hated them \*  
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.**

The waters covered their oppressors; \*  
not one of them was left.

**Then they believed his words \*  
and sang him songs of praise.**

But they soon forgot his deeds \*  
and did not wait for his counsel.

**A craving seized them in the wilderness, \*  
and they put God to the test in the desert.**

He gave them what they asked, \*  
but sent leanness into their soul.

**They envied Moses in the camp, \*  
and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.**

The earth opened and swallowed Dathan \*  
and covered the company of Abiram.

**Fire blazed up against their company, \*  
and flames devoured the wicked.**



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 9:3-21

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, they on their part acted with cunning: they went and prepared provisions, and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes; and all their provisions were dry and moldy. They went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the Israelites, "We have come from a far country; so now make a treaty with us." But the Israelites said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a treaty with you?" They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you? And where do you come from?" They said to him, "Your servants have come from a very far country, because of the name of the Lord your God; for we have heard a report of him, of all that he did in Egypt, and of all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, King Sihon of Heshbon, and King Og of Bashan who lived in Ashtaroth. So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, "Take provisions in your hand for the journey; go to meet them, and say to them, "We are your servants; come now, make a treaty with us." Here is our bread; it was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey, on the day we set out to come to you, but now, see, it is dry and moldy; these wineskins were new when we filled them, and see, they are burst; and these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey." So the leaders partook of their provisions, and did not ask direction from the Lord. And Joshua made peace with them, guaranteeing their lives by a treaty; and the leaders of the congregation swore an oath to them.

But when three days had passed after they had made a treaty with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and were living among them. So the Israelites set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. But the Israelites did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders. But all the leaders said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, and now we must not touch them. This is what we will do to them: We will let them live, so that wrath may not come upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them." The leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, as the leaders had decided concerning them.

*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 26:69-75

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

*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 11 (BCP p. 231)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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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