



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO

July 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 928 461 1047, Passcode: StMichael

Thursday after the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRESIDER

The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

RESPONDER

Sandy Davis

READER

Nani Banks

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 18:21-50

(BCP p. 604)

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 18:

The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; *
because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

**For I have kept the ways of the LORD *
and have not offended against my God;**

For all his judgments are before my eyes, *
and his decrees I have not put away from me;

**For I have been blameless with him *
and have kept myself from iniquity;**

Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, *
because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

**With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; *
with the forthright you show yourself forthright.**

With the pure you show yourself pure, *
but with the crooked you are wily.

**You will save a lowly people, *
but you will humble the haughty eyes.**

You, O LORD, are my lamp; *
my God, you make my darkness bright.

**With you I will break down an enclosure; *
with the help of my God I will scale any wall.**

As for God, his ways are perfect;
the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; *
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

**For who is God, but the LORD? *
who is the Rock, except our God?**

It is God who girds me about with strength *
and makes my way secure.

**He makes me sure-footed like a deer *
and lets me stand firm on the heights.**

He trains my hands for battle *
and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

**You have given me your shield of victory; *
your right hand also sustains me;
your loving care makes me great.**

You lengthen my stride beneath me, *
and my ankles do not give way.

**I pursue my enemies and overtake them; *
I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.**



I strike them down, and they cannot rise; *
they fall defeated at my feet.

**You have girded me with strength for the battle; *
you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.**

I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; *
they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

**I beat them small like dust before the wind; *
I trample them like mud in the streets.**

You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; *
you put me at the head of the nations.

**A people I have not known shall serve me;
no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; *
strangers will cringe before me.**

The foreign peoples will lose heart; *
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

**The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock! *
Exalted is the God of my salvation!**

He is the God who gave me victory *
and cast down the peoples beneath me.

**You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;
you exalted me above those who rose against me; *
you saved me from my deadly foe.**

Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, *
and sing praises to your Name.

**He multiplies the victories of his king; *
he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.**

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

DEUTERONOMY 3:18-28

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY.

Moses continued to expound the law as follows:

Then I commanded you: Although the Lord your God has given you this land to possess, you must now cross over before the rest of your Israelite relatives as a fighting force ready for battle! However, your wives, children, and herds—I know you have lots of herds!—may remain in the towns that I have given to you. Once the Lord settles your relatives, as you have been settled, and they also possess the land that the Lord your God is giving them across the Jordan River, each of you can return to the property that I have given to you.

It was at that same time that I commanded Joshua: You saw everything that the Lord your God did to these two kings. That is exactly what the Lord will do to all the kingdoms where



you're going! Don't be afraid of them because the Lord your God is the one who will be fighting for you.

It was also at that same time that I begged the Lord: Please, Lord God! You have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. What god in heaven or on earth can act as you do or can perform your deeds and powerful acts? Please let me cross over the Jordan River so I can see the wonderful land that lies beyond it: those beautiful highlands, even the Lebanon region.

But the Lord was angry with me because of you! He wouldn't listen to me. He said to me: That's enough from you! Don't ever ask me about this again! Go up to the top of Mount Pisgah. Look west, north, south, and east. Have a good look, but you will not cross the Jordan River. Instead, command Joshua, strengthen him, and encourage him because he's the one who will cross the river before this people. He's the one who will make sure they inherit the land you will see.

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 24:1-14

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

Now Jesus left the temple and was going away. His disciples came to point out to him the temple buildings. He responded, "Do you see all these things? I assure that no stone will be left on another. Everything will be demolished."

Now while Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?"

Jesus replied, "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I'm the Christ.' They will deceive many people. You will hear about wars and reports of wars. Don't be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn't the end yet. Nations and



kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in all sorts of places. But all these things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end. They will arrest you, abuse you, and they will kill you. All nations will hate you on account of my name. At that time many will fall away. They will betray each other and hate each other. Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because disobedience will expand, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be delivered. This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all the nations. Then the end will come.

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 9 (BCP p. 230)

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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.

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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