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

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

*Thursday in Easter Week*

<b>PRESIDER</b>	<b>RESPONDER</b>	<b>READER</b>
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**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)

*Presider and responder*

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 149

(BCP p. 807)

*Presider and responder alternate by whole verse.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TONIGHT IS PSALM 149:

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \***

**let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \***

**and adorns the poor with victory.**

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*

let them be joyful on their beds.

**Let the praises of God be in their throat \***

**and a two-edged sword in their hand;**



To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

**To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;**

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

**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

EXODUS 13:3-10

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS.

Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.' It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the Lord may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt. You shall keep this ordinance at its proper time from year to year.

*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 28:16-20

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*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 B

(BCP p. 121)

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,  
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of St. Michael and all  
your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK (BCP p. 223)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of  
reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may  
show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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.*

## THE SUPPLICATION

(BCP p. 154 adapted)

*For use at the end of Morning or Evening Prayer; especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.*

O Lord, arise, help us; **and deliver us for your Name's sake.**

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us,  
the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.

**O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for your Name's sake.**



- V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;  
R. **Graciously behold our afflictions.**  
V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;  
R. **Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.**  
V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;  
R. **O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**  
V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;  
R. **Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.**

*The Officiant concludes*

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech you, O God, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*This service conforms to Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two, which begins on page 115 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Daily Office Lectionary and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA or the Common English Bible (CEB), copyright 2011. Psalm texts are taken from the BCP. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled from Episcopal Church publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW), the 2018 Book of Occasional Services (BOS), and the 2018 Lesser Feasts and Fasts (LFF).*

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