



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*January 8, 2023, 10 a.m.*

*Commemoration of The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles*

CLERGY	READER	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD	PIANIST
The Rev. Jorge Pallares	Dave Waller	Cassidi Reese	Renée Westa-Lusk	Stephanie McManis

*The service is in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 355-366.*

### BEGINNING OF SERVICE

*Please stand as able for the Opening Hymn*

#### Opening Hymn *Blue Hymnal #616*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of Love.

*The people standing, the Presider says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*           **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The following is said, all standing*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

THE EPIPHANY (JAN. 6)

*(BCP p. 214)*

*Presider*           God be with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

*Presider*           Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

**THE FIRST READING**

ISAIAH 60:1-6

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.   **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 72:1-7,10-14

DAVE WALLER

*Remaining seated, the Reader and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PORTIONS OF PSALM 72.

Give the King your justice, O God, \*

and your righteousness to the King's son;

**That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice.**That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.**He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.**He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.****THE SECOND READING**

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the

eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel Proclamation.*

**Sequence Hymn** *Blue Hymnal 93*

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| 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,<br>wing your flight o'er all the earth;<br>ye, who sang creation's story,<br>now proclaim Messiah's birth: | 3 Sages, leave your contemplations;<br>brighter visions beam afar:<br>seek the great Desire of nations;<br>ye have seen his natal star: |
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*Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Refrain*

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| 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,<br>watching o'er your flocks by night,<br>God with you is now residing;<br>yonder shines the infant Light: | 4 Saints before the altar bending,<br>watching long in hope and fear,<br>suddenly the Lord, descending,<br>in his temple shall appear: |
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*Refrain*

*Refrain*

**THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION**      MATTHEW 2:1-12      THE REV. JORGE PALLARES

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

THE REV. JORGE PALLARES

*Priest in Charge*

*A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as able*

*(BCP pp. 358-359)*

*The Nicene Creed is on page 358 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

CASSIDI REESE

*The Prayers of the People Form IV are on page 388 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*(BCP p. 360)*

*The Confession of Sin is on page 360 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please stay in your pew. Waving, bowing, and peace signs are appropriate. Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

RICHARD HENDRICKS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn*

### Offertory Hymn *Blue Hymnal 128*

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| 1 We three kings of Orient are,<br>bearing gifts we traverse afar,<br>field and fountain,<br>moor and mountain,<br>following yonder star. | 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume<br>breathes a life of gathering gloom;<br>sorrowing, sighing,<br>bleeding, dying,<br>sealed in the stone-cold tomb. |
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*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Refrain*

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| 2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,<br>gold I bring to crown him again,<br>King forever,<br>ceasing never<br>over us all to reign. | 5 Glorious now behold him arise,<br>King and God and Sacrifice;<br>heaven sings alleluia:<br>alleluia the earth replies. |
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*Refrain*

*Refrain*

- 3 Frankincense to offer have I:  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising,  
gladly raising,  
worship him, God Most High.

*Refrain*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

(BCP p. 367-369)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 364)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(BCP p. 364)

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***All are welcome at God's table.***

*Please come up to the altar rail. The priest will wear a mask. Gluten free wafers are available.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(BCP p. 365)

*After communion, the Presider says,*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, **heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn *Blue Hymnal 544*

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| 1 | Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br>doth his successive journeys run;<br>his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br>till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 4 | Blessings abound where'er he reigns:<br>the prisoners leap to lose their chains,<br>the weary find eternal rest,<br>and all who suffer want are blest. |
| 2 | To him shall endless prayer be made,<br>and praises throng to crown his head;<br>his Name like sweet perfume shall rise<br>with every morning sacrifice.      | 5 | Let every creature rise and bring<br>peculiar honors to our King;<br>angels descend with songs again,<br>and earth repeat the loud amen.               |
| 3 | People and realms of every tongue<br>dwell on his love with sweetest song;<br>and infant voices shall proclaim<br>their early blessings on his Name.          |   |  |

## DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***This concludes our service.***

*If you are new to St. Michael's, please sign our guest book and we'll be in touch.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Removal of the Christmas decorations**

immediately after today's service.

**St. Michael's Zoom Evening Prayer, Thursdays** at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Sunday, January 22, 2023, in the Parish Hall

We will elect one Bishop's Committee Member  
and two Diocesan Convention Delegates

*Ministry Reports due to Richard Hendricks by January 15.*

### **Bulletins are available for download at**

[www.stmichaelsridgecrest.org/service-programs.html](http://www.stmichaelsridgecrest.org/service-programs.html)

**CAP-K Senior Box Day:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Exceptions: Tues., Jan. 17, Tues., Feb. 21, and Tues., June 20**

**Food Pantry Open:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 9-11 a.m.

**Thrift Store Open:** Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please mail your offerings to the church (at our mailing address) or give to the church online using [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) (<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2212452>).

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## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop and David our Bishop. We also pray for Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and Eric our Mayor. Please remember in your prayers Stan, Rita, Sandy, Diane, Eric, and the students at Mesquite High School.

Today we pray for The Anglican Church of Mexico, and for the Diocesan Staff.

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## OUR MISSION

The people of Saint Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL God's children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or developmental disability.

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*This service conforms to The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, which begins on page 355 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and unless otherwise noted 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.. Psalm texts are taken from the BCP. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled from publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW) and the 2018 Book of Occasional Services (BOS).*