



## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## A PENITENTIAL ORDER OF HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 27, 2022, 10:00 AM

PRESIDER	READER	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD
The Rev. Paul Clark	Sandy Davis	Cassidi Reese	Martha Waller

*Please stand as able for the Opening Hymn*

**OPENING HYMN**                      GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH                      *Hymnal #690*

**THE DECALOGUE: CONTEMPORARY**                      *(BCP p. 350)*

*Presider*        Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*        **His Mercy endures forever.**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not be a false witness.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider:*        If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.                      *(1 John 1:8,9)*

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**                      *(BCP p. 352)*

*Presider:*        Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silent confession will be observed, followed by the congregation saying together:*

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.**

*Priest:*        Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



## KYRIE

(BCP p. 356)

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (BCP p. 219)

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

JOSHUA 5:9-12

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

### THE RESPONSE

PSALM 32

SANDY DAVIS

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

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 32.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \***  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \***  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \***  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**



- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

### THE SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

### SEQUENCE MUSIC

*Please stand as able for the Gospel Reading.*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

*Gospeller*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have



sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **HOMILY**

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

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

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*Please stand as able*

*(BCP pp. 358-359)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CASSIDI REESE

Rejoicing in the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon your Church. Fill with your life and grace Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop, and all your people. May we be good news to those poor in spirit and poor in resources.

God our refuge and our stronghold

**Hear us, and show us your salvation.**

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon us who are called by your name. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Province of Myanmar (Burma), and in our diocese we pray for the work and ministry our own St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Ridgecrest.

God our refuge and our stronghold

**Hear us, and show us your salvation.**

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon the nations of the earth. Challenge them with your justice and mercy. May Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, Eric our Mayor, and all in authority work with integrity for the common good.

God our refuge and our stronghold

**Hear us, and show us your salvation.**

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon this community. Prosper the work of your church. May our lives be signs of your kingdom, and a blessing for those among whom we live and work.

God our refuge and our stronghold

**Hear us, and show us your salvation.**

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon all living in sickness or distress. Make known your healing presence to Stan, Rita, Sandy, and all in need. May earth and heaven resound with your praise.

God our refuge and our stronghold

**Hear us, and show us your salvation.**

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon those whom we love but see no longer. Fulfill in all who have died your promise of resurrection. May we with them come to the fulfillment of your redemption.

God our refuge and our stronghold

**Hear us, and show us your salvation.**

*Presider* Almighty God, hear our prayer and fulfill your purposes in us as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## 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

**Lenten Bible Study during Coffee Hour continues today.**

**Evening Prayer followed by "Bible Study with the Saints"**

Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m. | Zoom ID: 86184998917 | Password: 573597

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86184998917?pwd=Y3BLcnNaUFNCaFlrZThHekFKTnhDZz09>

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

For pastoral care: please call Deacon Cathy at 760-384-8824 or email [countmyblessings1@gmail.com](mailto:countmyblessings1@gmail.com)



*Birthday Prayer – Prayer 50 or 51, BCP p. 830*

*Anniversary Prayer – BCP top of p. 431*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

EPHESIANS 5:2

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH

*Hymnal #448*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

*(BCP p. 369)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS

*(BCP p. 371)*

**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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."



Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and the Virgin Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*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.

**WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE.**

*Please come up to the altar rail for communion.*

*The Bread is given to the people using these words* The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

*The response is:*

**Amen.**

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request, please ask the minister during Communion.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**



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## CONCLUDING RITE

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(BCP p. 366)

*The people may stand or kneel.*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

(BOS p. 11)

Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

*Hymnal #686*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*~Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour. ~*

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

## OUR MISSION

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