



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

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## CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

*September 4, 2022, 10 a.m.*

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18)*

**PREACHER:** The Rev. Canon Anna Carmichael, PhD

**CRUCIFER:** Cassidi Reese

**CELEBRANT:** The Rev. Jorge Pallares

**READER:** Aimee Bryan

**DEACON:** The Rev. Catherine Kline

**ALTAR GUILD:** Renée Westa-Lusk

### Entrance Hymn

*Hymnal 594*

### THE PRESENTATION

*The Bishop's Committee and Wardens, stand before the Canon (on behalf of the Bishop), saying*

Canon Anna, we have come together today to welcome Padre Jorge Pallares who has been chosen to serve as Priest in Charge of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully and lawfully selected. On behalf of the people of St. Michael's, we present ourselves to you and the gathered church to receive God's blessing as we begin a new ministry together.

*The Canon says to the Priest in Charge, Wardens and members of the congregation*

Padre Jorge and people of St. Michael's, do you commit yourselves to lively proclamation of the gospel, working together in love and harmony and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized?

*The Priest, Wardens and members of the congregation respond*

**We do.**

*The Canon says*

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people and especially for Padre Jorge and the people of St. Michael's.

### LITANY FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

*Deacon:* Let us pray to the Lord and Giver of life that the Church of God may be renewed and strengthened for its mission in our day.

*Silence*

That the Church may become alive again with the fire of its first charity, fearless of danger and reckless unto death, in the splendor of that Life which is the light of the world,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That the Church may be worthy of her liberty, persistent in reform, active in benevolence, trusting of her people, and ever faithful to her mission of bringing Christ to the world.

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That the old may dream dreams, and the young see visions; that its sons and daughters may prophesy, bearing eager witness to the beauty of the world,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That all her members, putting self aside, disinterested, and pure in heart, may seek and find God, and rejoice in the truth,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That her clergy may be good and wise, strong, and courageous, faithful in their work and witness,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That her bishops, full of insight and imagination, may venture great things, not exercising dominion, but serving as true leaders of the people,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That her councils and conventions may be keen to go forward, filled with wisdom and eager to make the reign of God known to all,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That her scholars may have disciples; her prophets, hearers; her saints, imitators; and her pioneers, hearty worshippers eager to follow in the steps of her faithful leaders,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That we may forsake all self interest, self righteousness, and rightness in our own eyes, which keeps us from loving one another; that, coming together in friendship, we may find the overpowering love of God which knits us all together in one united Church,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

And, finally, that the Church, with love recovered in her midst, may teach all people to love one another and the nations to dwell together in helpfulness and friendship, reconciled and redeemed,

**Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

God, be with us all.

Christ, be with us all.

Holy Spirit, be with us all.

**Be with us, Holy God, now and evermore.**

*At the end of the litany, the Canon says*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Canon:* Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain the ministers of this congregation, lay and ordained, that they may faithfully follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the good news of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Priest is seated with the Wardens and other Lay Leaders until the hymn following the sermon.*

**THE FIRST READING**

**JEREMIAH 18:1-11**

**AIMEE BRYAN**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring

on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

AIMEE BRYAN

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PORTIONS OF PSALM 139.

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!

**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

**THE SECOND READING**

PHILEMON 1-21

Aimee Bryan

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILEMON.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may

become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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**

*Hymnal 711*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

LUKE 14:25-33

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

THE REV. ANNA CARMICHAEL, PHD

*Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin*

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

## THE COVENANT OF MUTUAL MINISTRY

*Members of St. Michael's stand as the Priest, Wardens and Bishop's Committee gather facing the Canon, who reads a charge to the members of the congregation.*

Good people of St. Michael's, through Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church. Together with your Priest, you have been called to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

I remind you that in Baptism, you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise ministry in Christ's name: to persevere in resisting evil wherever you recognize it, to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Bound together with Christ in Baptism to do this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry and you are called together to be the Body of Christ in this community and the world. Join your Priest in prayer and regular worship, in discerning a mission for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents to carry out that mission. As you love and serve God's people, remember to love, support, and nourish your Priest and her family in your ministry together.

*Canon:* Do you commit yourselves to this task?

*People:* **We do, by the grace of God.**

*Canon:* May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

*The Wardens, Bishop's Committee members, and parishioners are seated. The Priest remains standing as the Canon then reads a charge to the new Priest.*

Jorge, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your diocesan leaders and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been called to serve God in St. Michael's Church, in the Diocese of San Joaquin.

This charge is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop.

Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and actions, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, empower them for ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

*Canon:* Do you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

*Priest:* I do, by the grace of God.

*Canon:* Will you who enter into this covenant and you who witness it, support and uphold Padre Jorge and St. Michael's in their mission and ministry?

*People:* **We will, by the grace of God.**

*The Canon continues*

Holy Scripture records that when God and God's people enter into a covenant with each other, God establishes a sign to mark the new relationship. When a priest and people enter into a new covenant with one another, the exchange of symbolic gifts is an appropriate way to mark the occasion.

*The Canon presents the new Priest with **a vessel of water** saying:*

Padre Jorge, take this water and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

*People: **Amen.***

*A **vial of oil** is presented to the Priest by Sandy Davis, a member of the Bishop's Committee, with these words:*

Padre Jorge, use this oil and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

*People: **Amen.***

*A **Bible** is presented to the Priest by Alana Spurling, a member of the Bishop's Committee, with these words:*

Padre Jorge, accept this Bible and be among us as one who proclaims the gospel and helps us to do the same.

*People: **Amen.***

*A **stole** is presented to the Priest by Martha Waller, a member of the Bishop's Committee, with these words:*

Padre Jorge, receive this stole and be among us as a pastor and priest.

*People: **Amen.***

***Bread and wine** to be used at Eucharist are presented to the Priest by the Deacon with these words:*

Padre Jorge, take this bread and wine and be among us to break the bread and bless the cup.

*People: **Amen.***

*The Canon continues*

Padre Jorge and People of St. Michael's, let all these be signs of the ministry we share in this place, in our diocese and in the church throughout the world.

*People: **Amen.***

## **BISHOP'S COMMITTEE**

*Priest:* I present to you these persons to be recognized as the ministry of Warden and Members of the Bishop's Committee in this congregation.

*Canon:* O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Bishop's Committee of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you in this ministry.

## **ALL MEMBERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S** *(all stand)*

*Priest:* I present to you the community of St. Michael's to be recognized as ministers to the world through their daily life and work.

*Canon:* Almighty God, look with favor upon this community: Be present with all who go forth in the name of Christ. Let your love shine through their witness, so that the blind may see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dead be raised up, and the poor have the good news preached to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The new Priest in Charge stands in the midst of the people and says:*

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit.

Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do.

Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The members of the congregation remain standing and say together*

**Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us at our Baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Canon then presents the new minister to the congregation saying:*

Greet your new Priest in Charge [and his family].

*Priest:* Acknowledging the one mission of Jesus our Lord, which we share in unity, let us greet one another in the name of Christ. The peace of the lord 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**

**Potluck Lunch with Cake** in the Parish Hall after service.

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

Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael

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

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

### **September is Creation Care Month**

The Creation Care Commission has set up Zoom sessions each Wednesday in September from 6:30 - 8:00 PM for Creation Care Month. Join us as we discuss "This fragile earth, our island home." More info at <http://www.stmichaelsridgecrest.org/news>.

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

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

*Anniversary Prayer – BCP top of p. 431*

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Hymn** *Hymnal 493*

*The loose offering will be given  
to the Priest's discretionary fund.*

**The Great Thanksgiving:** *BCP pp. 361*

**Eucharistic Prayer A** - 373

**The Lord's Prayer** *BCP p. 364*

**The Breaking of the Bread** *BCP p. 364*

**The Communion** *BCP p. 365*

***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. 366*

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *Hymnal 423*

**Dismissal** *BCP p. 366*

***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.*

## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop and David our Bishop.

Pray for Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and Eric our Mayor.

Please remember in your prayers Stan, Rita, Carey, Diane,  
and the students of Mesquite High School.

Today we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia,  
and for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Madera.

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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.*