



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*September 18, 2022, 10 a.m.*  
*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)*  
*Creation Care Month*

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| <b>PRESIDER</b>         | <b>READER</b> | <b>CRUCIFER</b> | <b>ALTAR GUILD</b> |
| The Rev. Jorge Pallares | Sandy Davis   | Cassidi Reese   | Martha Waller      |

*The service starts on page 355 in the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Entrance Hymn** *Hymnal 390*

**Opening Acclamation** *BCP p. 355*

**Gloria** *BCP p. 356*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** **PROPER 20** *(BCP p. 234)*

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST READING** **JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1** **SANDY DAVIS**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 79:1-9

SANDY DAVIS

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 79.

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
 they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
 they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

**They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, \*  
 and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \*  
 and there was no one to bury them.

**We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
 an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

How long will you be angry, O LORD? \*  
 will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

**Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \*  
 and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**

For they have devoured Jacob \*  
 and made his dwelling a ruin.

**Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
 for we have been brought very low.**

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
 deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

**THE SECOND READING**

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 16:1-13

THE REV. JORGE PALLARES

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as

manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

THE REV. JORGE PALLARES

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

**NICENE CREED**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE HONORING GOD IN CREATION FORM 1**

CASSIDI REESE

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

**Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

*Presider*      Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## A CONFESSION OF SIN AGAINST GOD'S CREATION

*Presider* Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

*Minister and People*

**Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

## THE PEACE

*Priest* 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

**Coffee Hour and Bible Study** in the Parish Hall after service.

**Creation Care Month Zoom Sessions**, each Wednesday in September, 6:30 p.m.  
The Creation Care Commission has set up Zoom sessions for Creation Care Month.

Join us as we discuss "This fragile earth, our island home."

The Zoom Link is available at [www.stmichaelsridgecrest.org](http://www.stmichaelsridgecrest.org).

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

Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael

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

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

Please mail your offerings to the church (at the mailing address below) or give to the church online using [tithe.ly](https://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

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| <b>Offertory Hymn</b>            | <i>Hymnal 488</i>  |
| <b>The Great Thanksgiving:</b>   | <i>BCP pp. 369</i> |
| <b>Eucharistic Prayer C</b>      | <i>- 372</i>       |
| <b>The Lord's Prayer</b>         | <i>BCP p. 364</i>  |
| <b>The Breaking of the Bread</b> | <i>BCP p. 364</i>  |
| <b>The Communion</b>             | <i>BCP p. 365</i>  |

### ***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*

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *Hymnal 594*

**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, and Diane.

Today we pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil, and for the clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin.

A prayer from the Immigration Commission: Lord God, help us to freely open the borders to all who knock. Open the hearts of all those who patrol our boarder so they may show your love and compassion to all who enter.

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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.*