



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*September 25, 2022, 10 a.m.*  
*Commemoration of St. Michael*  
*Creation Care Month*

<b>PRESIDER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>CRUCIFER</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>
The Rev. Jorge Pallares	Dave Waller	Alana Spurling	Nani Banks

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

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Entrance Hymn** *Hymnal 423*

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

**Gloria** *BCP p. 356*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS *(BCP p. 244)*

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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** GENESIS 28:10-17 **DAVE WALLER**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 103:19-22

DAVE WALLER

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 103.

The LORD has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.

**Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.**

Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.

**Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the LORD, O my soul.**

**THE SECOND READING**

REVELATION 12:7-12

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN:

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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**Thanks be to God.**

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN***Hymnal 711***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

JOHN 1:47-51

THE REV. JORGE PALLARES

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

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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 2**

ALANA SPURLING

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning, **God was.**

Here and now, **God is.**

In the future, **God will be.**

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider*      Holy God, you alone are unutterable,  
from the time you created all things that can be spoken of.  
You alone are unknowable,  
from the time you created all things that can be known.  
All things cry out about you:  
those that speak, and those that cannot speak.  
All things honor you:  
those that think, and those that cannot think.  
For there is one longing, one groaning,  
which all things have for you.  
All things that comprehend your plan  
pray to you and offer you a silent hymn.  
In you, the One, all things abide,  
and all things endlessly run to you who are the end of all. **Amen.**

*source: Gregory of Nazianzus*

## 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 with cake** 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

**Preconvention Deanery Meeting**, Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 885 9222 1732, Passcode: 177500

**Blessing of the Animals**, Saturday, October 1, 2 p.m. at the Church Patio

**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

Offertory Hymn	<i>Hymnal 705</i>
<b>The Great Thanksgiving:</b>	<i>BCP pp. 367</i>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer B</b>	<i>- 369</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 Church of Burundi, and for St. James Episcopal Church, Sonora.

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.*