



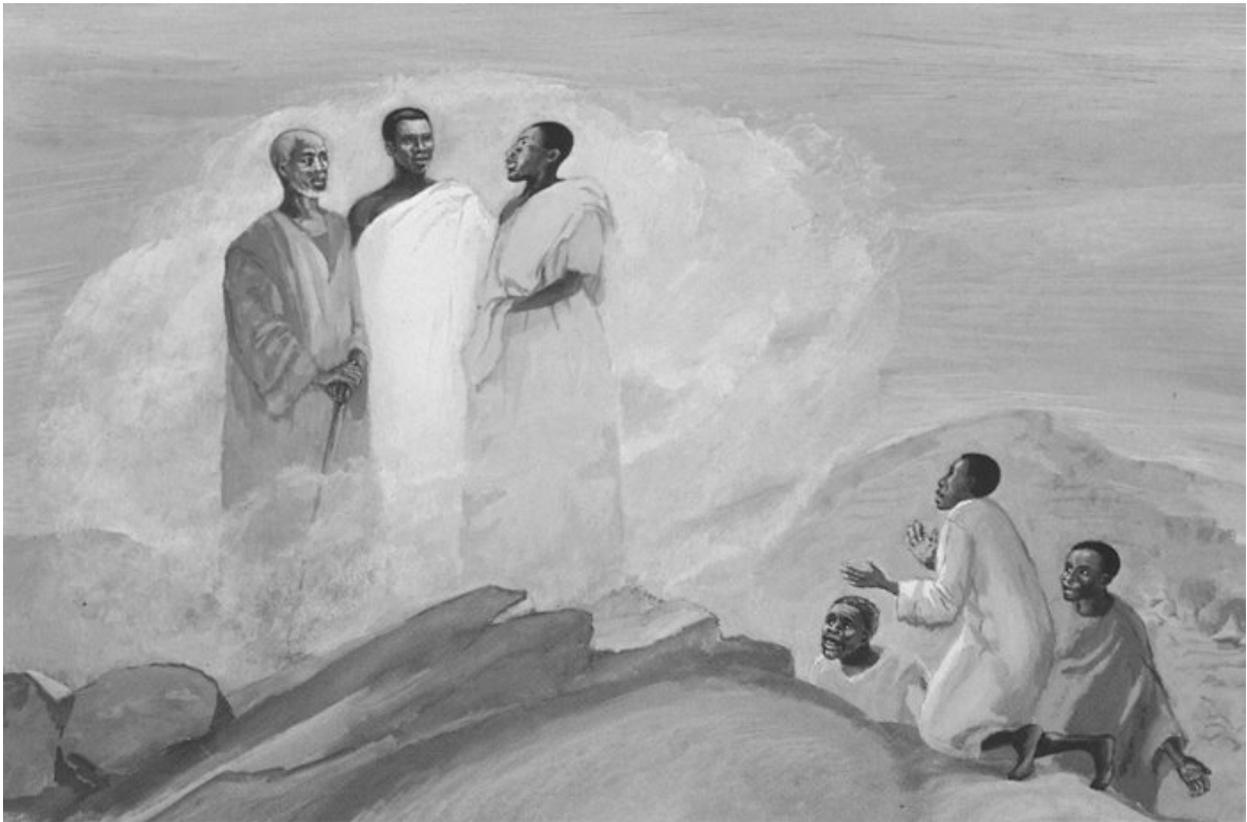
WELCOME TO

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*Transfiguration -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon*

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY + FEBRUARY 23, 2020, 10 AM**



*To allow individuals to prepare their hearts and minds for worship, we kindly ask that the sanctuary be a place of quiet prayer and reflection before the service begins.  
Please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Thank you!*

## **ABOUT THIS SERVICE**

While the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is celebrated annually in the Episcopal Church on the fixed date of August 6, the last Sunday after the Epiphany is often called “Transfiguration Sunday.” In all three years of the lectionary cycle, the appointed Gospel reading for this final Sunday of Epiphanytide recounts an incident—described by three of the four gospel writers—in which Jesus appears to his disciples Peter, James, and John in dazzling, otherworldly glory on a mountaintop. Christ’s dramatic revelation as the Son of God is a fitting culmination to the scriptural arc of the Epiphany season, which focuses on the many ways in which Jesus manifested his divinity while in human form.

## **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

### **PRELUDE**

PHILIP RANDOLPH, MUSICIAN

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

*Blue Hymnal #362*

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

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

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.**

### **GLORIA**

GLORY TO GOD

*Blue Hymnal #S280*

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
7. 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**

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 24:12-18

STAN HAYE

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS:

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE RESPONSE

PSALM 2

CASSIDI REESE

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

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, \*  
against the Lord and against his Anointed?**

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

**4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.**

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.

**6 "I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy hill of Zion."**

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

**8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**



11 Submit to the Lord with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;

**12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

## **THE SECOND READING**

2 PETER 1:16-21

ALANA SPURLING

A READING FROM PETER'S SECOND LETTER:

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD!

*Blue Hymnal #372*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **HOMILY**

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

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



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## 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

ROD DITZLER

Dear Heavenly Father; Creator of heaven and earth, we praise you for your loving kindness  
in all you have created and all you have granted for us.

**We praise you, Lord**

For the gift of Jesus, and his gift of salvation through his sacrifice on the cross.

**We thank you, Lord**

For our Baptism by your Holy Spirit who frees us and guides us according to your will,  
baptizing us through the church to be your people.

**We thank you, Lord**

Empower us Lord, to show your love to others even as we pray.

**We pray to you, Lord**

For your church in this place and all over the world.

**We pray to you, Lord**

For our Bishops and for all clergy and leaders of our church communities that they may be  
faithful ministers of your will.

**We pray to you, Lord**

For Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Madera;

**We pray to you, Lord**

For the world you so love that we may be ever so mindful of your creation.

**We pray to you, Lord**



For the leaders of this nation and for all those in authority that they may show equal justice and serve with love for all your people.

**We pray to you, Lord**

For the needs of this community and its people that we may provide for their needs and come to their aide.

**We pray to you, Lord**

For those in need of special care, those who are sick, without jobs, despair, depression, that we may hear their call and respond to their needs.

**We pray to you, Lord**

For those who have passed on to your everlasting kingdom and for the families who are mourning their loss.

**We pray to you, Lord**

Jesus, as we follow in your footsteps to make God's kingdom known to man; let us pray for our immigrant sisters and brothers who have left their homes and lives in search of a better world.

**We pray to you, Lord**

For all you have provided and all the blessings of our lives.

**We thank you Lord**

For the special prayers of your people:

*Please add your prayers and thanksgivings at this time.*

**We pray to you and we thank you, Lord**

*Priest:* God eternal, keep us in communion with your saints of all time, that we may worthily serve you as people of your everlasting covenant until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven, for to you, through Jesus Christ your Son and the Holy Spirit, we offer all praise and honor. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

(BCP pp. 360)

*The Celebrant says*

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.**

*The Celebrant says*

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.**



## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please be seated afterwards.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Birthday Prayer*

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Anniversary Prayer*

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on N. and N., as they celebrate the covenant they have made with each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

*(BCP p. 376)*

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

*[Ephesians 5:2]*

*Please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

*Blue Hymnal #410*

*Today we are collecting a special offering for the Five Talents Organization.*

*All loose cash will go to this organization.*

### DOXOLOGY

*Blue Hymnal #380 Verse 3*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*(BCP p. 367/378)*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant*      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 everywhere 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:



## SANCTUS

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Blue Hymnal #S130*

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

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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, according to his command, O Father,

*All:*    **We remember his death,  
          We proclaim his resurrection,  
          We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Celebrant* 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.***

**THOSE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:** It is the custom to come forward and place the palm of one hand in the other to receive the bread. The unleavened bread is given first, followed by the wine. You may receive the wine either by guiding the chalice to your mouth, or by carefully dipping the bread into the wine. If you wish to receive only bread, consume the bread and then cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches you.

**FOR THOSE RECEIVING A BLESSING** in lieu of Communion: It is the custom to come forward and to fold your arms across your chest in an X-fashion, which indicates that you are not receiving the sacrament. The Priest will offer a prayer of blessing for you.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, PLEASE ASK THE MINISTER DURING COMMUNION.

PLEASE INFORM THE USHER IF YOU WOULD LIKE COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOU WHERE YOU ARE SEATED.

**COMMUNION HYMN**                      **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**                      *Red and Black Hymnal #151*

*Chorus:* One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1: Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Verse 2: Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Verse 3: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

## CONCLUDING RITE

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(BCP p. 365)

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* 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

(BCP p. 359)

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

*Blue Hymnal #7*

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People's response:* **Thanks be to God.**

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



*If you are visiting with us for the first time, please sign our guest book and we'll be in touch.*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant:	The Rev. Paul Clark
Eucharistic Minister:	Cassidi Reese
Musician:	Philip Randolph
Altar Guild:	Rod Ditzler
1st Reading:	Stan Haye
2nd Reading:	Alana Spurling
Prayers:	Rod Ditzler
Usher:	David Waller
Counters:	Richard Hendricks David Waller



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Today	<b>World Missions Sunday</b> <i>The loose cash offerings will be designated for the Five Talents Organization.</i> <b>Good Book Club - Gospel of John</b> <i>During Coffee Hour</i>	
Wed., Feb. 26	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> <i>The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding</i>	6:00 PM
Sun., Mar. 1	<b>Sunday Morning Prayer Service</b> <i>The loose cash offerings will be designated for Episcopal Relief and Development</i>	10:00 AM
Sat., Mar. 7	<b>Clocks Spring Forward One Hour</b>	Before Bedtime
Sun., Mar. 8	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <i>The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding</i>	10:00 AM
Mon., Mar. 9	<b>Kern County Senior Box Day</b> <i>St Michael's Parish Hall, must be 60 years old or over, bring picture ID</i>	Noon-1 PM
Sun., Mar. 15	<b>Sunday Morning Service</b> <b>Monthly Bishop's Committee Meeting</b> <i>Parish Hall Library</i>	10:00 AM ~11:30 AM
Tue., Mar. 17	<b>Food Pantry Open</b> <i>St Michael's Parish Hall</i>	9-11 AM
Sun., Mar. 22	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <i>The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding</i>	10:00 AM
Sun., Mar. 29	<b>Sunday Morning Prayer Service</b> <b>Alms Sunday</b> <i>The loose cash offerings will be designated for the Parish Discretionary Fund.</i>	10:00 AM

For assistance in obtaining pastoral care please contact our Senior Warden, Richard Hendricks (phone: 760-608-0396, email: richard.w.hendricks@gmail.com).

To receive the weekly e-mail newsletter, please contact Richard Hendricks (phone: 760-608-0396, email: richard.w.hendricks@gmail.com).

Family and friends who are ill or recovering from an illness or hospitalization may like to know that they are remembered in the church's prayers. Saint Michael's starts each month with a new prayer list. If you want to add a name to the prayer list, or have a name stay on the prayer list for another month, please contact Richard Hendricks (phone: 760-608-0396, email: richard.w.hendricks@gmail.com).



## 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.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10 AM  
Girl Scouts: Mondays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Senior Box Day, Second Monday of the Month, 12 Noon  
Food Pantry Open, Third Tuesday of the Month, 9-11 AM  
IWW Amateur Radio Emergency Service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the Month, Parish Hall Library, 5:30 PM

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.
9-11 AM	10 AM – Noon	9-11 AM	10 AM – Noon

## LONG TERM SUPPLY PRIEST

The Rev. Paul Clark

## BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

Sr. Warden: Richard Hendricks

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Philip Randolph, Clerk	Cathy Kline	David Waller, Jr. Warden
David Segovia	Cassidi Reese	Sandy Davis
Treasurer: Lisa Kidder		

## 2020 DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES

Philip Randolph and Cassidi Reese

*1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Richard Hendricks      2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate: Alana Spurling*



# EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

THE RT. REV'D DAVID C. RICE, EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF SAN JOAQUIN

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