



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO WITH COMMUNION

*Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent ~ March 15, 2023, 6 p.m.*

The Rev. Jorge Pallares, Priest in Charge of St. Michael's, *Presider*

**EVENING PRAYER PRESIDERS**

Cassidi Reese

**READER**

Dave Waller

**ALTAR GUILD**

TBA

**PIANIST**

Stephanie McManis

*The ministers enter the Sanctuary in silence.*

### OPENING SENTENCE

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
and repents of evil.

*Joel 2:13*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*(BCP p. 116)*

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

*A period of silent confession will be observed.*

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.**

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Presider:* O God, be not far from us.

*People:* **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### O GRACIOUS LIGHT

*(EOW p. 23)*

*Presider and people alternate by whole verse.*

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,  
Mirror of God's eternal face,  
**Transparent flame of love's free duty,  
You bring salvation to our race.**  
Now, as we see the lights of evening,  
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;  
**Worthy are you of endless blessing,  
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.**

*Please be seated.*

## PSALM APPOINTED

PSALM 78:1-6

*Presider and **people** alternate by whole verse.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 78.

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

**We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.**

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;

**That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## THE READINGS

### THE FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2,5-9

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

**THE SONG OF MARY**

LUKE 1:46-55

(EOW p. 27)

*Presider and **people** alternate by whole verse.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior; \*  
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***

**you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you \*  
from generation to generation.

**You have shown strength with your arm, \***  
**and scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and lifting up the lowly.

**You have filled the hungry with good things, \***  
**and sent the rich away empty.**

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,

**The promise you made to our forebears, \***  
**to Abraham and his children forever.**

**THE SECOND READING**

MATTHEW 5:17-19

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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

**THE SONG OF SIMEON**

LUKE 2:29-32

(BCP p. 120)

*Presider and **people** alternate by whole verse.*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***  
**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

(BCP p. 120)

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

God be with you.      **And also with you.**      Let us pray.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Give ear to our prayers, O Lord, and direct the way of your servants in safety under your protection, that, amid all the changes of our earthly pilgrimage, we may be guarded by your mighty aid; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I

CASSIDI REESE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community,  
and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us,  
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans,  
and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute,  
for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection,  
and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,  
let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope,  
without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Michael and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one  
another, and all our life, to Christ our God.      **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Presider* Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Presider may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page 376 in the Book of Common Prayer, or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

**Offertory Hymn**     *Blue Hymnal 142*     *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

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| 1 Lord, who throughout these forty days<br>for us didst fast and pray,<br>teach us with thee to mourn our sins,<br>and close by thee to stay. | 4 And through these days of penitence,<br>and through thy Passiontide,<br>yea, evermore, in life and death,<br>Jesus! with us abide. |
| 2 As thou with Satan didst contend,<br>and didst the victory win,<br>O give us strength in thee to fight,<br>in thee to conquer sin.          | 5 Abide with us, that so, this life<br>of suffering overpast,<br>an Easter of unending joy<br>we may attain at last!                 |
| 3 As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,<br>so teach us, gracious Lord,<br>to die to self, and chiefly live<br>by thy most holy word.          |  |

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**     EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C     *(BCP p. 369-372)*

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:

**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,

*English*

*Spanish*

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y libranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(BCP p. 364)

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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.

***All are welcome at God's table.***

*Please come up to the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*Returning to your pew after receiving communion; you may kneel and/or be seated.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as able*

(BCP p. 365)

*After communion, the Presider says,*

Let us pray.

**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.

*The people may kneel.*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

***This concludes our service.  
Please join us in the Parish Hall for Soup Supper  
and a time of reflection on tonight's readings.***

### **CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop and David our Bishop. We also pray for Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and Eric our Mayor. *Please pray for Stan, Rita, Sandy, Diane, Eric, Lisa, Jack, Tim, Becca, Robert, and the students at Mesquite High School.*

### **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.

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