



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO WITH COMMUNION

Commemoration of St. Bartholomew, Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m.

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

EVENING PRAYER PRESIDER

TBA

READER

TBA

ALTAR GUILD

Renée Westa-Lusk

The ministers enter the Sanctuary in silence.

OPENING SENTENCE

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Psalm 96:9

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People together, all kneeling

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 Priest alone stands and 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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Please stand as able.

O God, be not far from us.

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. Alleluia.

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 91

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

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 91.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

**He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.

**Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

**There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

**They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

**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 18:15-18

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

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.**

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING

LUKE 22:24-30

READER

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE.

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

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.

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

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

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW (August 24)

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; 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 III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider concludes with the following collect.

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet those in your pew, and those in front of and behind you, and then be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Priest 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.

Please be seated while the altar is prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

(BCP p. 367-369)

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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:

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 Priest 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 before he died for us, 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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Priest 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Bartholomew, and 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Priest 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.

After communion, the people stand as able, and the Priest says,

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.**

The Priest may bless the people with these words,

May the Holy Spirit, by whose presence Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon or Presider dismisses the people with these words,

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

This concludes our service.

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.

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 remember in your prayers Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dinnie, and the students at Mesquite High School.*

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wed. Evenings at 6 p.m. Sunday services in Spanish start on Sept. 3 at 12 Noon.

CATHEDRAL LIVESTREAM

As an alternative for those unable to attend our Sunday services in person, St. James Episcopal Cathedral offers a livestream of their service. Link: www.youtube.com/@StJamesEpiscopalCathedral/streams

FOOD MINISTRY DATES

- The Thrift Store Co-Op is open every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 29 - Food Pantry is open 9-11 a.m.
- Monday, September 18 - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

DAY OF DISCERNMENT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The next Day of Discernment is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, beginning at 10 a.m. and scheduled to end at 2.30 p.m. at St. James' Cathedral (4147 E Dakota Ave, Fresno, CA 93726). Registration deadline is September 1. You may register by emailing Fr. Luis Rodriguez (frluis@stpaulsbak.org). This event is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin Commission on Ministry.

WELCOME CORPS INTEREST SESSION #3

Saturday, September 16, 3 p.m. at Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church, 633 Las Flores Ave.
Enter through the door marked "Welcome Corps Meeting".

The Welcome Corps is a new service opportunity for communities across the country to welcome refugees seeking freedom and safety in the United States. For questions contact Jackie Brennan, jbrennan@pacbell.net.

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