



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO WITH COMMUNION

*Eve of St. Matthew, Wednesday, September 20, 6 p.m.*

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

**EVENING PRAYER PRESIDER**  
The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

**READER**  
TBA

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Renée Westa-Lusk

*The ministers enter the Sanctuary in silence.*

### OPENING SENTENCE

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

### 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 119:33-40

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

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 119.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \***  
**I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees \***  
**and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant, \***  
**which you make to those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

**Behold, I long for your commandments; \***  
**in your righteousness preserve my life.**

**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

PROVERBS 3:1-6

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS.

My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;

for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them round your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

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**

MATTHEW 9:9-13

READER

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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 MATTHEW (September 21)

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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. Matthew, 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,*

God give you grace to share the inheritance of his saints in glory; 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**

Services in English: Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wed. Evenings at 6 p.m.

Services in Spanish: Sundays 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](http://www.youtube.com/@StJamesEpiscopalCathedral/streams)

## **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

Continues through Sunday, October 8.

## **FOOD MINISTRY DATES**

- The Thrift Store Co-Op is open every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 26: Food Pantry is open 9-11 a.m.
- Monday, October 16: CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## **WELCOME CORPS INTEREST SESSION #3**

Saturday, September 23, 3 p.m. at Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church, 633 Las Flores Ave.  
Enter through the door marked "Welcome Corps Meeting".

## **UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

## **NEXT BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m.

## **ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 1, 2023**

On October 1 we encourage our members, if able, to wear orange in remembrance of the 200,000 victims and survivors of Indian boarding schools.

## **OCTOBER EVENTS**

Sunday, October 1: Saint Michael's Sunday, potluck lunch at 11 a.m. (after the 10 a.m. service)

Saturday, October 7: Bilingual Blessing of the Animals Service in the Courtyard, 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 8: Francis of Assisi Sunday

## **PLEASE GIVE**

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