



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO WITH COMMUNION

*Commemoration of St. Mary the Virgin, Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m.*

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

**EVENING PRAYER PRESIDER**

Cassidi Reese

**READER**

Dave Waller

**ALTAR GUILD**

Martha Waller

*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 34

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

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 34.

I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the LORD; \***  
**let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me \***  
**and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \***  
**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

**Taste and see that the LORD is good; \***  
**happy are they who trust in him!**

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \***  
**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**Who among you loves life \***  
**and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.

**Turn from evil and do good; \***  
**seek peace and pursue it.**

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

**He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

**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**

ISAIAH 61:10-11

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise

to spring up before all the nations.

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 1:46-55

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE.

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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 MARY THE VIRGIN (August 15)

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 stay in your pew. Waving, bowing, and peace signs are appropriate.*

## **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.*

<b>THE GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B</b>	<i>(BCP p. 367-369)</i>
The Lord be with you.	<b>And also with you.</b>	
Lift up your hearts.	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>	

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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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. James, 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, Dave, Martha, and the students at Mesquite High School.*

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wednesday Evenings at 6 p.m.

Sunday services in Spanish start on Sept. 3 at 12 Noon.

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