



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 13.*

*August 4, 2024, 10 a.m.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand if you are able.*

### PROCESSIONAL 391

*Before the Lord's eternal throne.*

**1** Before the Lord's eternal throne,  
ye nations, bow with sacred joy;  
know that the Lord is God alone;  
he can create, and he destroy.

**2** His sovereign Power without our aid  
formed us of clay and gave us breath;  
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,  
he saved us from the power of death.

**3** We are his people, we his care,  
our souls, and all our mortal frame:

what lasting honors shall we rear,  
almighty Maker, to thy Name?

**4** We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,  
high as the heavens our voices raise;  
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

**5** Wide as the world is thy command,  
vast as eternity thy love;  
firm as a rock thy truth must stand,  
when rolling years shall cease to move.

### ACCLAMATION

*(Enriching Our Worship)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* 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.**

### GLORY TO GOD

*Hymn S280 Gloria in excelsis*

**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

*(BCP p. 232)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 for the Scripture readings.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

2 SAMUEL 11:26-12:13A

READER

A READING FROM SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 51:1-13

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS A PORTION OF THE PSALM 51.

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

<sup>5</sup> And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

<sup>6</sup> **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

<sup>7</sup> For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup> **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 **Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 **Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**THE SECOND READING**

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO EPHESIANS.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel Proclamation.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*How great is our God!*

1. The splendor of a King,  
clothed in majesty.  
Let all the Earth rejoice,  
all the Earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light,  
and darkness tries to hide.  
It trembles at His voice,  
trembles at His voice.

2. Age to age He stands,  
time is in His hands.  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, Three in One,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb,  
Lion and the Lamb. **Refrain.**

**Refrain:**  
**How great is our God!**  
**Sing with me: How great is our God!**  
**And all will see how great, how great is our God!**  
**How great is our God!**  
**Sing with me: How great is our God!**  
**And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

## THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

JOHN 6:24-35

*Deacon or Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

*Rev. Jorge Pallares.*

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

*Please stand if you are able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**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 Form V

*(BCP p. 389-391)*

*Deacon or Crucifer:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying; "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David, our Bishop, Anna, our Canon, Jorge, our Priest, and Cathy, our Deacon; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially for Joseph, our President, Gavin, our Governor, and Eric, our Mayor; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in these communities of Ridgecrest and Inyokern, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; especially for **Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Meagan, Suzie, Emily, Kimberly, Diane, Ariel and Kay**; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation of Saint Michael's, for its Bishop's Committee, its members and their ministries, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, for the Church of the Savior in Hanford, the students of Mesquite High School and Burroughs High School, for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Michael, the Archangel and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Deacon or Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept. Then Clergy and People say:*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Cassidi Reese, Senior Warden.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*(BCP P. 377)*

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*People may remain seated or standing. during the preparation. Please stand as able for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 304

*I come with joy to meet my Lord.*

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.

- That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

*(Enriching Our Worship)*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed, and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Ever-Blessed, Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Michael, the Archangel, all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

*People and Clergy pray together:*

**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 ANTHEM OF THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*(Psalm 108:3)*

*Celebrant* I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; \*

*People* **I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ dies for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **COMMUNION**

*In the Episcopal Church all baptized people are welcome to our Lord's Table to eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*(Enriching Our Worship)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth to the world as a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

*(Enriching Our Worship. Source: Celtic.)*

Live without fear: our Creator has made us holy, has always protected us, and loves us as a mother. Therefore, go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

### **COMMISSIONING HYMN 516** *Come down, O Love divine.*

**1.** Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing.

O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

**2.** O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.

And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

**3.** And so the yearning strong, with which the soul  
will long,  
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place  
where-in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

### **DISMISSAL**

*Officiant or Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## 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, Dick, Meagan, Suzie, Emily, Kimberly, Diane, Ariel, Kay, the Farm Workers, the students at Mesquite High School & Burroughs High School.*

## PLEASE GIVE

Mail your pledges and offerings to: St. Michael's Episcopal Church,  
200 W. Drummond Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
Contribute to the church online at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9KQ/home>

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**Weekly Services:** Services in English: Sundays at 10 am and Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm  
Services in Spanish: Sundays at 12 Noon.

## Food Ministry Dates

- The Thrift Store Co-Op is normally open every Wednesday, 10 am-1 pm.
- Monday, August 19 (Third Monday of the Month) - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, August 27, Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

**Next Bishop's Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, August 21, at 7:00 pm.

**August 25 is Alms Sunday:** On the last Sunday of the month, all undesignated loose cash is deposited into the Parish Discretionary Fund to help those most in need in the community, Ridgecrest and Inyokern. Please help us help!

**Church Polity Lessons:** On August 11 and 18 at 11:10 am, the Chancellor of our Diocese, Michael Glass will present interesting Lessons about Church Polity for 45 or 50 minutes. Please, head over the Parish Hall Library after the Sunday Worship. Let us learn together by attending these two lessons with time for questions to our Chancellor.

Time: **Aug 11, 2024 11:00 AM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85898938359?pwd=fkrvi9FnlLhSSRwjKulz4Eud7zktja.1>

**Meeting ID: 858 9893 8359 Passcode: j2rvfg**

Time: **Aug 18, 2024 11:00 AM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85810410466?pwd=iUQA892xAlcVP5ss1LaSrpAyJXma5l.1>

**Meeting ID: 858 1041 0466 Passcode: Wizc72**

**2024 Stewardship Campaign:** Saint Michael's 2024 Stewardship Campaign will be on the last 4 Sundays of September. We invite any of our members to come and speak for 3 or 5 minutes at our Sunday Worship to testify saying, "Why you support Saint Michael's with your Annual Pledge." It is our intention to encourage all our members to become pledge members in order for us to become financially self-sufficient. If you are interested, please sign the Sign-Up Sheet which is on the round lobby's table of the Church.