



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14.

August 11, 2024, 10 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand if you are able.

PROCESSIONAL 51

We, the Lord's people.

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| <p>1. We, the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting, praise him who called us out of sin and darkness into his own light, that he might anoint us a royal priesthood.</p> <p>2. This is the Lord's house, home of all his people, school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner, rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary; all find a welcome.</p> | <p>3. This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making, day of creation, day of resurrection, day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet, day for rejoicing.</p> <p>4. In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered, that Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his people, his own life imparting, food everlasting.</p> |
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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

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| <p>1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.</p> <p>2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.</p> <p>3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,</p> | <p>4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;</p> <p>5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.</p> <p>6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,</p> <p>7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p> |
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

(BCP p. 232)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

READER

A READING FROM SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So, the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 130

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS THE PSALM 130.

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

² **If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, ***
O Lord, who could stand?

³ For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

⁴ **I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ***
in his word is my hope.

⁵ My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁶ **O Israel, wait for the Lord, ***
for with the Lord there is mercy;

⁷ With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 4:25 – 5:2

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO EPHESIANS.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one

another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 6:35, 41-51

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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 Kay and Jack**; 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 Clergy of San Joaquin's Diocese, 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.

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 the Body and drink the 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, Jack, 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=fkrvi9FnLhSSRwjKuIz4Eud7zktja.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.

Hello Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin!

It is time for our "Landscape" Diocesan Survey launch. Please find the link and QR code below to take the survey. Both English and Spanish versions are available. The Survey needs to be taken in one sitting and takes approximately 15-20 minutes. This is time well spent because your responses will help us determine where energy is focused in the future and to allow us to best determine who is a good fit to lead us on our path as our next Bishop Diocesan. We want to hear from as many people in our EDSJ as possible. Only those within the Diocese should complete this Survey. This Survey will be open until Thursday, August 29. We are grateful for your feedback and time. Let's make this information gathering successful as we determine God's plan for our diocese. If you have any questions, please reach out to Standing Committee member Cindy Smith at cindy@kerncomputer.com.

Your Standing Committee

For the Survey in English

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EspDiocSanJoaq>



Eucharistic Ministers Training: Saturday, August 31, beginning at 9:30 am. and ending no later than 3:00 p.m., at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Bakersfield. This training is for training for the first time and for Ministers who require relicensing (every 3 years), being lay people from the Central and Southern Deaneries. All participants will need the express recommendation of their clergy. The registration due day is Wednesday, August 21 and there is a \$15.00 fee to cover lunch and other incidentals. Please talk to Padre Jorge, if you are interested.