



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15.*

*August 18, 2024, 10 a.m.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### PROCESSIONAL 423

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise.*

**1-** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

**2-** Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and  
love.

**3-** To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

**4-** Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

#### 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Scripture readings.*

## THE FIRST READING

1 KINGS 2:10-12; 3:3-14

READER

A READING FROM FIRST BOOK OF KINGS.

David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So, Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

PSALM 111

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS THE PSALM 111.

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are the deeds of the Lord! \***  
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup> His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

<sup>4</sup> **He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \***  
**the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **He has shown his people the power of his works \***  
**in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast for ever and ever, \***  
**because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.**

**THE SECOND READING**

EPHESIANS 5:15-20

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO EPHESIANS.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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! (bis)**

**THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION**

JOHN 6:51-58

*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 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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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; 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 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, 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 Episcopal Church of San Francis in Turlock, 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

*Shine Jesus Shine.*

**1.** Lord the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, light of the World shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Chorus:**

**Shine Jesus Shine,  
fill this land with the Fathers glory,  
Blaze Sprit blaze, set our hearts on fire,  
Flow river flow,  
flood this nation with grace and mercy,**

**Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light.**

**2.** Lord I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus.**

**3.** As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus.**

### 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 344 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing.*

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| <p><b>1</b> Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;<br/>fill our hearts with joy and peace;<br/>let us each, thy love possessing,<br/>triumph in redeeming grace:<br/>O refresh us, O refresh us<br/>traveling through this wilderness.</p> <p><b>2</b> Thanks we give and adoration<br/>for thy Gospel's joyful sound:<br/>may the fruits of thy salvation</p> | <p>in our hearts and lives abound:<br/>ever faithful, ever faithful<br/>to thy truth may we be found;</p> <p><b>3</b> so that when thy love shall call us,<br/>Savior, from the world away,<br/>fear of death shall not appall us,<br/>glad thy summons to obey.<br/>May we ever, may we ever<br/>reign with thee in endless day.</p> |
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## 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, 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!

**Second Church Polity Lesson:** On August 18 at 11:10 am, the Chancellor of our Diocese, Michael Glass will present the second Lesson 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 this last lesson with time for questions to our Chancellor.

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 Worships 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](mailto: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.

**Next Visitation of Bishop David Rice:** On Sunday, October 20, the Bishop will make his 2nd. Visitation to our Church, and he will Celebrate Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Receptions. It is necessary that those interested approach Father Jorge or Deacon Cathy or Cassidi as soon as possible so that they meet the requirements, and their documents can be sent to the Bishop's Office before October. Classes and orientation will be held during the month of September, there will be no time to do them afterward. Thank you.