



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16.

August 25, 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. 232-233)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

1 KINGS 8: 22-30, 41-43

READER

A READING FROM FIRST BOOK OF KINGS.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 84

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS THE PSALM 84.

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² **The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

⁴ **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶ **They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

⁷ Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸ **Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹⁰ **For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

¹¹ No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

¹² **O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO EPHESIANS.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 6:56-69

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is

useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So, Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline.

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, Jack, Roberto, Beverly and Logan;** 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 Saint Clare of Assisi, Avery; for 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 are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the Communion of bread and wine.

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 561

Stand up, stand up for Jesus.

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss;
from victory unto victory
his army he shall lead
till every foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict

in this his glorious day;
ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own;
put on the Gospel armor,
and watching unto prayer,

when duty calls, or danger,
be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day, the noise of battle;
the next, the victor's song.
To valiant hearts triumphant,
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

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, Roberto, Beverly, Logan, the students at Mesquite High School & Burroughs High School.*

PLEASE GIVE

Mail your pledges and offerings to: St. Michael's Episcopal Church,
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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, September 16 (Third Monday of the Month) - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, August 27, Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

August 25 is Alms Sunday: On the last Sunday of the month, all undesigned 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!

Game Night: Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm., we will have a Game Night in the Parish Hall. Come and have fun participating in the Board Games. You can bring your favorite game and some food and drink to share. Everyone is welcome.

Save the Date: The church polity lesson with Chancellor Glass has been rescheduled to a Zoom only session on Monday, 16 September at 6:00 pm. Login details to follow.

2024 Voter Registration Center: Our Church will participate in 2024 National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 17. Encourage people in your neighborhood to register to vote. Our Parish Hall will be open for registration. Interested in volunteering, please speak with Deacon Cathy Kline.

Next Bishop's Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, at 7::00 pm.

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.

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 Communion, 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.