



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17.*

*September 1, 2024, 10 a.m.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand if you are able.*

### PROCESSIONAL 513

*Like the murmur of the dove's song.*

1. Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

2. To the members of Christ's Body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled,

to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

3. With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

### ACCLAMATION

*(Enriching Our Worship)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

*People* **For ever and ever. Amen.**

### 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. 233*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the

fruit of good works; 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**

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

READER

A READING FROM THE SONG OF SOLOMON.

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS A PORTION OF PSALM 45.

<sup>1</sup> My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

<sup>2</sup> **You are the fairest of men; \***  
**grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.**

<sup>7</sup> Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

<sup>8</sup> **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \***  
**with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

<sup>9</sup> All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

<sup>10</sup> **Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \***  
**on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

**THE SECOND READING**

JAMES 1:17-27

READER

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose, he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

## **SEQUENCE HYMN 707**

*Take my life, and let it be.*

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## **THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION      MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Deacon or Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So, the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE HOMILY**

*Padre 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 IV**

*BCP p. 389-391*

*Deacon or Eucharistic Minister:*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David, our Bishop, Anna, our Canon, Jorge, our Priest, and Cathy, our Deacon.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Especially for Joseph, our President, Gavin, our Governor, and Eric, our Mayor.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth in both the Ridgecrest and Inyokern communities as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and for your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For this congregation of Saint Michael, for its Bishop's Committee, its members and their ministries, for the Church of the Resurrection in Merced, for the students of Mesquite High School and Burroughs High School.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for **Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Meagan, Suzie, Diane, Ariel, Kay, Jack, Roberto, Beverly and Logan**, give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

*Revelation 4:1. BCP p. 377.*

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

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

### OFFERTORY HYMN 340

*For the bread which you have broken.*

**1** For the bread, which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

**2** By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

**3** As our blessed ones adore you,  
seated at our Father's board,  
may the Church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

**4** In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward,  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

*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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**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 and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified, and risen, who was and is and is to come:

**We offer to you, our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Michael the Archangel, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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**

*Enriching Our Worship.*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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

## **COMMUNION**

*In the Episcopal Church all baptized are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive the Communion.*

*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.*

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

## **COMMISSIONING HYMN 662**

*Abide with me.*

**1.** Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.  
**2.** I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's  
power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with  
me.

**3.** I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy  
victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.  
**4.** Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the  
skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain  
shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Officiant or Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*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,  
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, September 16 (Third Monday of the Month) - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, September 24, Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

**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; Meeting ID: 857 1668 1984. And Passcode: 071557. Or Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85716681984?pwd=sba9TIJfabNfGokWP6HGclCcBjxw8H.1>

**2024 Voter Registration Center:** Our Church will participate in 2024 National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 17, starting at 10:00 am. 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:** Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is inspired by the phrase, "**Walk in Love,**" which is contented in the Letter to Ephesians 5:1-2, "*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*" Through our Christina journey we are called to walk in love seeing Christ's face in others. Then, we invite to all our family of faith members to support Saint Michael's Church to continuing serving our communities of Ridgecrest and Inyokern, to spread the message of Love of our Lord Jesus Christ and helping all who are in need. Our Campaign will be developed on Sunday, September 8, 15, 22, and 29. Our Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, October 27. Please, be generous form all that you have received form God. Pledge Cards are available on the round table in the Lobby's Church. You may also deposit your Card in the Little Church which is on the same table.

**September 29 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!

**Next Visitation of Bishop David Rice:** On Sunday, October 20, the Bishop will make his 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.