



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19.*

*September 15, 2024, 10 a.m.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### PROCESSIONAL 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.

#### 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in  
all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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****PROVERBS 1:20-33**

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS.

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates, she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****THE RESPONSE****PSALM 19**

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 19.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, \***  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, \***  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \***  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \***  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \***  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends? \***  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \***  
**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**THE SECOND READING**

JAMES 3:1-12

READER

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also, the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 8:27-378

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 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 Creation Care Commission, 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 **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.**

## **2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN TESTIMONY**

*Aimee Bryan.*

## **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 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 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

**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 Christian 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 from God. Pledge Cards are available on the round table in the Church Lobby. You may also deposit your Card in the Little Church which is on the same table.

**Thursday, September 26, Meeting for the Searching for the Bishop, in English:** All are invited to participate in this Zoom meeting hosted by the Standing Committee members to hear and discuss our ideas and thoughts for creating the Diocese Profile and New Bishop Profile to launch the call for applications in the search for our next Diocesan Bishop. It will be from 6:30-7:30 pm Pacific Time. Please reserve the date and time. More information will be forthcoming.

**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.