



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20.*

*September 22, 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. 234*

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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**

**PROVERBS 31:10-31**

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE RESPONSE**

**PSALM 1**

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 1.

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \***  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked; \***  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \***  
**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## **THE SECOND READING**

**JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A**

READER

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly,

unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so, you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*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 9:30-37**

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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 Saint Clare of Assisi Aberly, for the teachers and 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, Diane, Ariel, Kay, Jack, Roberto, Beverly Logan and Julia**, 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

*David Waller, Junior Warden.*

## 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 393

*Praise our great and gracious Lord.*

**1** Praise our great and gracious Lord,  
call upon his holy Name;  
raising hymns in glad accord,  
all his mighty acts proclaim:  
how he leads his chosen  
unto Canaan's promised land,  
how the word we have heard  
firm and changeless still shall stand.

**2** God has given the cloud by day,  
given the moving fire by night;  
guides his Israel on their way  
from the darkness into light.  
God it is who grants us  
sure retreat and refuge nigh;  
light of dawn leads us on:  
'tis the Dayspring from on high.

## DISMISSAL

*Officiant or Deacon*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**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, Diane, Ariel, Kay, Jack, Roberto, Beverly, Logan, Julia, the teachers and 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, October 21 (Third Monday of the Month) - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, September 24, Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

**Next Bishop's Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, October 23, 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!

**Bessing of Animals. Celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi Day.** The service for blessing our pets will be on Saturday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m., in Church Patio. Bring your beloved pets to be blessed and pray for God's Creation.

**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.