



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22.

October 6, 2024, 10 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand if you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Are Welcome.

1- Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live. A place where
saints and children tell how hearts learn to
forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace.

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

**Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.**

2- Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true.

Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and a symbol of God's grace;

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **Refrain.**

3- Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:

A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space.

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
Refrain.

4- Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone.

To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bears the image of God's face:

Let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain.**

5- Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard.

And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. **Refrain.**

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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 S 280 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

JOB 1:1; 2:1-10

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 26

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS THE PSALM 26.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O Lord, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 **Whose hands are full of evil plots, ***
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

**12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.**

THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

READER

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO HEBREWS.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 213 LEVAS *Children of the Heavenly Father.*

1 Children of the heav'nly Father, Safely in
His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in
heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His
holy courts they flourish. From all evil things
He spares them; In His mighty arms He
bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the
Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace

He showeth, And their sorrows all He
knoweth.

4 Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, Your
protector never slumbers; At the will of your
defender Every person must surrender.

5 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His
children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving
purpose solely To preserve them pure and
holy.

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

MARK 10:2-16

Deacon or Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 III

DEACON OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David, our Bishop, Anna, our Canon, Jorge, our Priest, Cathy, our Deacon, and for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially for Joseph, our President, Gavin, our Governor, and Eric, our Mayor;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; especially for Saint Paul's Modesto;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially for the sick, for **Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Meagan, Diane, Ariel, Kay, Jack, Roberto, Beverly, Logan, Julia, Patricia and Ronda; that they may be delivered from their distress and illness.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for Bishop's Committee members of Saint Michael's, for all its members and their ministries, for our Diocese in the searching of a New Diocesan Bishop, and for the teachers and students of Mesquite High School and Burroughs High School.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask; Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassidi Reese, Senior Warden.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord.

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| <p>1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.</p> <p>2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.</p> <p>3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.</p> | <p>That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.</p> <p>4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.</p> <p>5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.</p> |
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

(BCP p. 361-363)

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Anthem at the Breaking of Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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

COMMUNION

In the Episcopal Church all baptized people are welcome to our Lord's Table to eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ

COMMUNION HYMN

INSTRUMENTAL.

Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

(Enriching Our Worship)

The Celebrant Blesses the People.

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 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 vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead
till ev'ry 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, each piece put on with
prayer;

where 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 him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

DISMISSAL

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, Patricia, Ronda and 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, October 29, Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

2024 Stewardship Campaign: Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign Commitment Sunday is October 27. Please, be generous for 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.

Halloween Costume Giveaway: CAPK Oasis Family Resource Center and Saint Michael's will give for free to Children and Youth of our community Costumes for Halloween in the Parish Hall of the Church, 210 W. Drummond Ave., Ridgecrest, CA. 93555, on Wednesday, October 16, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Parents must accompany children.

Next Visitation of Bishop David Rice: On Sunday, October 20, the Bishop will make his 2nd Visitation to our Church, and he will Celebrate Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Receptions. It is necessary that those interested approach Father Jorge or Deacon Cathy or Cassidi as soon as possible so that they meet the requirements, and their documents can be sent to the Bishop's Office before October. Thank you.

Next Bishop's Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, at 7:00 pm.

Game Night: Thursday, October 24, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite board/card game, a treat to share, or just yourself as we share fun and fellowship with each other.

October 27 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!