



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 23.*

*October 13, 2024, 10 a.m.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand if you are able.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 538

*God of mercy, God of grace.*

**1** God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of thy face.  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,  
fill thy Church with light divine,  
and thy saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

**2** Let thy people praise thee, Lord;  
be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Savior King;  
let all be, below, above,  
one in joy, and light, and love.

### 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. 234-235)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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**

JOB 23:1-9, 16-17

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB.

Then Job answered: 'Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. O that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. 'If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; if only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.****THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 22:1-15

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS A PORTION OF PSALM 22.

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- <sup>2</sup> **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> **Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- <sup>8</sup> **"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup> **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- <sup>12</sup> **Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- <sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup> **I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- <sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

**THE SECOND READING**

HEBREWS 4:12-16

READER

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO HEBREWS.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before

him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10:17-31

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE HOMILY**

*Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline.*

*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 the Immigration Commission;  
**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, Ronda and Steve**; **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.**

## ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE

*SANDRA JEAN DAVIS AND RITA NADINE WILLIAMS-DAVIS.*

*Celebrant* Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with **Sandra Jean Davis and Rita Nadine Williams-Davis**, who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

**Sandra Jean Davis**, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to **Rita Nadine Williams-Davis** in holy matrimony?  
*Sandra Jean Davis answers: I do.*

**Rita Nadine Williams-Davis**, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to **Sandra Jean Davis** in holy matrimony?  
*Rita Nadine Williams-Davis: I do.*

*Sandra Jean Davis and Rita Nadine Williams-Davis, say together:*

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then blesses them, saying*

May God the Father, who at creation ordained that man and woman become one flesh, keep you one. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. Amen.

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

### **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)*

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*

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, Diane, Ariel, Kay, Jack, Roberto, Beverly, Logan, Julia, Patricia, Ronda, Steven 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>

**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

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**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 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. 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!

**Thanksgiving** is just around the corner and our food pantry will once again be giving away turkeys. If you would like to donate a turkey, please keep it under 12-15 lbs. Most of our clients are small families or have small ovens. Keep your eye out for the sales that our grocery stores will be offering for good deals such as buy one get second free or discounted and some do free or discounted with \$100 grocery purchase. We need to have your donations in by November 15<sup>th</sup>, so we know how many more we need to purchase. You can also give money to help us purchase both turkeys and all the other food needed for a family Thanksgiving dinner. Please contact Stephanie with any questions you may have.

I am sorry to announce that the **Senior Tea on October 25th** at St. Michael's has been cancelled due to Deacon Cathy having a family emergency.