



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 6.

June 16, 2024, 10 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand if you are able.

PROCESSIONAL 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.

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. 230)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

1 SAMUEL 15:34-16:13

READER

A READING FROM FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 20

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 20.

¹ May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

² **Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;**

³ Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

⁴ **Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.**

⁵ We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.

⁶ **Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

⁷ Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

⁸ **They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.**

9 O Lord, give victory to the king*
and answer us when we call.

THE SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO CORINTHIANS.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

1- Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be naught to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2- Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3- High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

MARK 4:26-34

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. 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 VI

DEACON OR CRUCIFER

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

(BCP p. 392, 393)

Silence:

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; especially for Joseph, our President, Gavin, our Governor, and Eric, our Mayor;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Meagan, Suzie, Emily, Kimberly, Diane, Richard, Ariel, and Ronald;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for Deputies and Alternates to General Convention;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David, our Bishop, Anna, our Canon, Jorge, our Priest, and Cathy, our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

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, and for the students of Mesquite High School and Burroughs High School.

Silence: The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord: **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence: The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence: The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them: **Who put their trust in you.**

Deacon or Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Clergy and People say:

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 the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassidi Reese, Senior Warden.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.
(*Psalm 50:14*)

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Jesus Name Above All Names.

Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

(BCP p. 372)

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

(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 people are welcome to our Lord's Table to eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ

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) (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 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed.

- 1- Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
- 2- He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight
- 3- He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4- Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
- 5- O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

DISMISSAL

Officiant or Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

OUR MISSION

The people of Saint Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL God's children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or developmental disability.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop and David our Bishop. We also pray for Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and Eric our Mayor. *Please remember in your prayers Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Meagan, Suzie, Emily, Kimberly, Diane, Richard, Ariel, Ronald and the students at Mesquite High School & Burroughs High School.*

PLEASE GIVE

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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.

Cathedral Livestream: As an alternative for those unable to attend our Sunday services in person, St. James Episcopal Cathedral offers a livestream of their service. Link:
www.youtube.com/@StJamesEpiscopalCathedral/streams

Food Ministry Dates

- The Thrift Store Co-Op is normally open every Wednesday, 10 am-1 pm.
- Monday, June 17 (Third Monday of the Month) - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, June 25 - Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

Next Bishop's Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 26, at 7:00 pm.

June 30 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 in Inyokern. Please help us help!

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Juneteenth Celebration: This coming Wednesday, June 19, we will celebrate the National Emancipation of Slaves in the USA in our Evening Prayer with Communion Service. The celebration commemorates June 19, 1865, when a military decree informed the people of Texas that all enslaved people were officially free. Issued two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, Granger's decree marked the end of slavery in the rebellious Confederate states. In June 2021, President Joe Biden signed a bill designating Juneteenth—the longstanding commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States—as a federal holiday.