



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 7.

June 23, 2024, 10 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand if you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 552 *Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might.*

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

2. Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3. Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4. Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

(BCP p. 230)

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

1 SAMUEL 17: 32-49

READER

A READING FROM FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 9:920

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS A PORTION OF PSALM 9.

9 The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.

10 **Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.**

11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 **The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

13 Have pity on me, O Lord; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

**14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion.**

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

**16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.**

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget God.

**18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.**

19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
let them be judged before you.

**20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; *
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.**

THE SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO CORINTHIANS.

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

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 4:35-41

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

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do

you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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 Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders;

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, for Farm Workers, 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 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
(Psalm 96:8)

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 God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

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

(Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

(Enriching Our Worship)

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING HYMN 436

Lift up your heads.

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

2 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart

from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

DISMISSAL

Officiant or Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

REFUGE

Rev. Jack Amick, April 21, 2021

My mother used to invite everyone into the house;
"Strays," my Dad called them:
People stuck on the road out front;
Exchange students with nowhere to go for the holidays;
Friends of friends of friends, who shared our address;
And old, lonely people who just needed a break from the retirement home.
We learned about the world that way.
We learned to share:
That we could always squeeze in one more chair at the table,
And pour one more bowl of soup.
The failure of fear
is that rules and walls intended to keep others out
end up preventing us from welcoming
all that we might become.

Without refuge,
there is no healing, no growth,
and love becomes limited and legalistic.

Without a welcoming table,
There is no grace.

Our parents would be shocked
to see we've forgotten our table manners.

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, July 15 (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 and Inyokern. Please help us help!

Diocesan Immigration Month: June is our 2024 Immigration Month. Therefore, we invite you to donate in our Coin Cans (bills and checks are welcome) found on the table in the Church lobby. Be generous in supporting health services for Farm Workers who are heroes. The last day to donate is Wednesday, July 31. Thank you.