



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 10.*

*July 14, 2024, 10 a.m.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### PROCESSIONAL 462

*The Lord will come and not be slow.*

1. The Lord will come and not be slow,  
his footsteps cannot err;  
before him righteousness shall go,  
his royal harbinger.
2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
shall bud and blossom show;  
and justice, from her heavenly bower,  
look down on us below.
3. Rise, God, and judge thou the earth in might,  
this wicked earth redress;

- for thou art he who shalt by right  
the nations all possess.
4. The nations all whom thou hast made  
shall come, and all shall frame  
to bow them low before thee, Lord,  
and glorify thy Name.
5. For great thou art, and wonders great  
by thy strong hand are done:  
thou, in thy everlasting seat,  
remainest God alone.

#### 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 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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*(BCP p. 231)*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19

READER

A READING FROM SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

PSALM 24

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 24.

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup> **For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

<sup>3</sup> "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

<sup>4</sup> **"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

<sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>8</sup> **"Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>10</sup> **"Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

## THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO EPHESIANS.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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

### SEQUENCE HYMN 711

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God.*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God.  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Allelu, alleluia!**

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Allelu, alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

MARK 6:14-29

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

*Rev. Deacon Cathy Klien.*

*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 I

*(BCP p. 383-385 & Enriching Our Worship)*

*Deacon or Crucifer:* In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ, have mercy."

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray. **Christ, have mercy.**

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 the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For Joseph, our President, Gavin, our Governor, and Eric, our Mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For both cities, Ridgecrest and Inyokern, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for **Stan, Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Meagan, Suzie, Emily, Kimberly, Diane, Ariel, Ronald and Kay**; let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For Holy Trinity Church in Madera, 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, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially for Richard, let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

In the communion of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Sain Michael, the Archangel and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* Lord, hear the prayers of *thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon or Celebrant* We also pray to you, O Lord, for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept. Then 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 321 *My God, thy table now is spread.*

**1.** My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

**2.** O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests:  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

**3.** Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless numbers let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

**4.** Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light of feel the sun.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

*(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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so, we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Ever-Blessed, Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Michael, the Archangel, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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**

*(Psalm 145:22)*

*Celebrant* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*

*People* **let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

*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. Source: Celtic.)*

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **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

*Deacon or Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit..  
**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, Ariel, Ronald, Kay and the 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.

**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](http://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, July 23, Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

**Next Bishop's Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, July 24, at 7:00 pm.

**July 28 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.

**Documentary of The Philadelphia 11:** Let us gather to share time on Saturday, July 27 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will have Pizza and Ice Cream (Salad) to watch the Philadelphia 11 Documentary starting at 6:30 for a 90-minute film, in regard to women rights and gender equality in the church and country. Please, sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet which is on the round lobby's table of the Church.

**Church Polity Lessons:** On August 11 and 18 at 11:10 am, the Chancellor of our Diocese, Michael Glass will present interesting Lessons about Church Polity for 45 or 50 minutes. Please, head over the Parish Hall Library after the Sunday Worship. Let us learn together by attending these two lessons with time for questions to our Chancellor.

**2024 Stewardship Campaign:** Saint Michael's 2024 Stewardship Campaign will be on the last 4 Sundays of September. We invite any of our members to come and speak for 3 or 5 minutes at our Sunday Worships to testify saying, "Why you support Saint Michael's with your Annual Pledge." It is our intention to encourage all our members to become pledge members in order for us to become financially self-sufficient. If you are interested, please sign the Sign-Up Sheet which is on the round lobby's table of the Church.