



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## **HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II** *Celebration of First Women's Ordination.*

*July 28, 2024, 10 a.m.*

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### **PROCESSIONAL 433**

*We gather together.*

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
sing praises to His Name; he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;

so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

#### **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**

*(BCP p. 231)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Holy God, we give you thanks you for the many courageous women who have offered themselves to your service as priests, and for all those who have defended their ministry and assisted them in answering your call. By your grace and inspired by their example may we continue the work of inviting, blessing, and utilizing the gifts of all persons for the building up of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Scripture readings.*

**THE FIRST READING**

**ECCLESIASTICUS 1:4-15**

READER

A READING FROM ECCLESIASTICUS.

Wisdom was created before all other things, and prudent understanding from eternity. The root of wisdom – to whom has it been revealed? Her subtleties – who knows them? There is but one who is wise, greatly to be feared, seated upon his throne – the Lord. It is he who created her; he saw her and took her measure; he poured her out upon all his works, upon all the living according to his gift; he lavished her upon those who love him. The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation, and gladness and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord delights the heart, and gives gladness and joy and long life. Those who fear the Lord will have a happy end; on the day of their death they will be blessed. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; she is created with the faithful in the womb. She made among human beings an eternal foundation, and among their descendants she will abide faithfully.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE**

**PSALM 126**

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS THE PSALM 126.

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \***  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord has done great things for us, \***  
**and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who sowed with tears \***  
**will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**THE SECOND READING**

**GALATIANS 3:23-29**

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO GALATIANS.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*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. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
And His righteousness. **Allelu, alleluia!**  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
Seek, and ye shall find. **Allelu, alleluia!**  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

## THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

LUKE 24:1-11

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

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

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE HOMILY

*Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline.*

*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 and Kay**; let us pray to the Lord. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For All the Women Ordained as Deacons and Priests in our Church, for Saint Raphael's Episcopal Church in Oakhurst, 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 all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, 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* Holy and gracious God, hear our prayers for the renewal of your church and the healing of the world. Unite your people in the bonds of love that our common life may be a witness to the love you bear for all people; through him who in love called us friends and taught us to serve, even your Son, 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 340 *For the bread which you have broken.*

**1** For the bread, which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

**2** By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

**3** As our blessed ones adore you,  
seated at our Father's board,  
may the Church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

**4** In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward,  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*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 a good and joyful thing that we give you thanks, at all times and in all places, in times of gladness and of sadness, Holy One, eternal and all-powerful God, through Christ our Lord.

Loving and maternal God, you are indeed full of surprises, always bringing to birth a new creation. You visited Mary and made of her a model for all women. Touched by grace she magnified you in words of praise and proclaimed the ways of your kingdom where the lowly are uplifted, the powerful overthrown, the hungry offered sustenance, and the resources of the wealthy given to the underprivileged class.

Therefore, with the whole Church on earth, with angels and saints, we proclaim your glory and with one voice sing:

**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.**

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness. Over the waters of creation, you brought light from darkness. Out of the waters of the flood, you brought life from death. Through the waters of the Red Sea, you brought freedom from bondage. In the waters of baptism, you bring communion from isolation.

We thank you for creation, for redemption, and for your love that will reconcile and rule all in all. Especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus, who is one with you and makes us one in him and one in the faith of your Church. May we be strengthened to stand up for justice, offer comfort and forgiveness, and love the world as you love us.

On the night before he suffered death, as Jesus gathered his friends around the table, he took bread and, offering thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to all of them saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After all of them had eaten, he again took the cup and, offering thanks to you, he gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes again.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son, his prayer that we may be one, his death and resurrection, his ascension and continual intercession for us, and his sending of the life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives and the lives of those around us, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send your Holy Spirit to bless us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break may be a communion in the body of Christ, and that the cup we share may be a communion in the blood of Christ.

In the waters of baptism, you have made us one with God; give us unity in faith and love and enable us to grow in all things in Christ.

Join our prayers with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Michael, the Archangel, and those of your servants throughout the ages, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Almighty God, now and for 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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*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.

**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 525 *The Church's one foundation.*

- 1 The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed;
- 4 yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon or Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*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, Ariel, 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, August 19 (Third Monday of the Month) - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, August 27, Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

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

**Today, 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.

**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.

Time: **Aug 11, 2024 11:00 AM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85898938359?pwd=fkrvi9FnlLhSSRwjKulz4Eud7zktja.1>

**Meeting ID: 858 9893 8359**

**Passcode: j2rvfg**

Time: **Aug 18, 2024 11:00 AM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85810410466?pwd=iUQA892xAlcVP5ss1LaSrpAyjXma5l.1>

**Meeting ID: 858 1041 0466**

**Passcode: Wizc72**

**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 Worship 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.