



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

200 W. Drummond Avenue., Ridgecrest. CA. 93555 ~ (760) 446-5816

Web: www.stmichaelsridgecrest.org ~ E-mail: stmichaelsridgecrest@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Richard Hendricks.

ALTAR GUILD

Patricia Pezzat.

SCRIPTURE READER

Eva Burress.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Stephanie McMains.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II *Last Sunday after Pentecost.*

Christ the King.

November 24, 2024, 10 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand if you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 410 *Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven.*

1- Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2- Praise Him for His grace and favor
To his people in distress:
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

3- Fatherlike He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

4- Angels, help us to adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's 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. 236)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 23:1-7

READER

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 132:1-13

READER

- 1 Lord, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 **How he swore an oath to the Lord ***
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 **I will not allow my eyes to sleep, ***
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 **"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; ***
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 **Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, ***
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 **For your servant David's sake, ***
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 **"A son, the fruit of your body ***
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

THE SECOND READING

REVELATION TO JOHN 1:4B-8

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So, it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 226 *Come, Thou Holy Spirit Bright (2 first stanzas.)*

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Come, thou Holy Spirit bright;
come with thy celestial light;
pour on us thy love divine.
Come, protector of the poor;
come, thou source of blessings sure;
come within our hearts to shine. | 2. Thou, of comforters the best,
thou, the soul's most welcome guest,
of our peace thou art the sign.
In our labor, be our aid;
in our summer, cooling shade.
Every bitter tear refine. |
|--|--|

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

JOHN 18:33-37

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Padre Jorge Pallares.

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 II

DEACON OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, the Diocesan Bishop, the Canon of the Ordinary and our Church Clergy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, **Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Meagan, Ariel, Kay, Jack, Roberto, Beverly, Logan, Julia, Patricia, Rhonda, Steve, Mary and Martin;** the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for the President of this Nation, our Governor, and Mayor. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I ask for your prayers for Saint John's Church in Tulare and that God give us the grace to do his will in all we undertake in his name. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for Bishop's Committee members of Saint Michael's, for all Saint Michael's members and their ministries, for our Diocese in the searching of a New Diocesan Bishop, and for the teachers and students of Mesquite High School and Burroughs High School. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord 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 Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassidi Reese, Senior Warden.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

(1 Chronicles 29:11.)

People may remain seated or stand. 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. 361-363)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth..

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

People and Clergy pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Anthem at the Breaking of Bread

Celebrant 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 died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

In the Episcopal Church all baptized people are welcome to our Lord's Table to receive the Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

Instrumental.

Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

(Enriching Our Worship. 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 205 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing.*

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Deacon or Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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 our Presiding Bishop and our Diocesan Bishop. We also pray for the President of this Nation, our Governor, and Mayor. *Please remember in your prayers Rita, Sandy, Bob, Dick, Meagan, Ariel, Kay, Jack, Roberto, Beverly, Logan, Julia, Patricia, Rhonda, Steve, Mary, Martin, the teachers and students at Mesquite High School & Burroughs High School.*

PLEASE GIVE

Mail your pledges and offerings to: St. Michael's Episcopal Church,
200 W. Drummond Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Contribute to the church online at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9KQ/home>

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.

Food Ministry Dates

- The Thrift Store Co-Op is normally open every Wednesday, 10 am-1 pm.
- Monday, December 16 (Third Monday of the Month) - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, November 26, Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

Today, November 24 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!

Next Bishop's Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm., after our Evening Prayer with Communion.

Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday, November 27 at 6:00 pm., in our Evening Prayer with Communion we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Virgin of Guadalupe Worship: On Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 pm. We will celebrate the Virgin of Guadalupe Day in Spanish. But if some of you want to participate, please let me know and we could have bilingual worship.

South Deanery Posada in Saint Paul's Bakersfield. On Monday, December 16, at 5:00 pm, all churches of South Deanery will gather to celebrate the Posada according to ancient Latino Traditions. If you want to attend, we can make Car-pull. Please, let us know if you are interested in participating in preparing our departure.

Christmas Decoration Sunday: December 22, after 10:00 am. Worship. We invite all our family members to participate in our Church Decoration Day to enjoy the Christmas Season with a sense of community in hope with the Holy Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ for the New Year.

Piñata Sunday: After our 12:00 pm. Worship in Spanish on Sunday, December 22, we will gather to break 2 piñatas for children and share food and candies according to Latino Traditions in before Christmas. Please, come to share time in warm fellowship.

Christmas Eve Worship: We will celebrate Christmas Eve on Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m., in English, and 6:30 pm., in Spanish. We will NOT have Christmas Worship on Wednesday, December 25.