



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday*

*May 19, 2024, 10 a.m.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 516

*Come down, O Love divine.*

1. Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this  
soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart  
appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.  
2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,

and clothe me round, the while my path  
illuminating.

3. And so the yearning strong, with which the  
soul will long,  
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a  
place  
where-in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

#### EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### GLORY TO GOD

**Refrain:**

**- Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

1-We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King.

O God, almighty Father. **Refrain.**

2-Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. **Refrain.**

3-For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Refrain.**

**AMEN.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

PENTECOST DAY: WHITSUNDAY

*(BCP p. 227)**Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for Scripture readings.***THE FIRST READING**

ACTS 2:1-21

READER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.****THE RESPONSE**

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

READER

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS A PORTION OF PSALM 104.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.28 **All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; \***  
**you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
 and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \***  
**may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \***  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
 I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul. \***  
**Hallelujah!**

**THE SECOND READING**

ROMANS 8:22-27

READER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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.*

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 15:26-27; 16:4B-15

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about

righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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 and Richard;

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for the Episcopal Church of Saint Andrew in Taft;

**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.**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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* 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 304** *I come with joy to meet my Lord.*

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| <p><b>1</b> I come with joy to meet my Lord,<br/>forgiven, loved, and free,<br/>in awe and wonder to recall<br/>his life laid down for me.</p> <p><b>2</b> I come with Christians far and near<br/>to find, as all are fed,<br/>the new community of love<br/>in Christ's communion bread.</p> <p><b>3</b> As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,<br/>each proud division ends.</p> | <p>That love that made us makes us one,<br/>and strangers now are friends.</p> <p><b>4</b> And thus with joy we meet our Lord.<br/>His presence, always near,<br/>is in such friendship better known:<br/>we see, and praise him here.</p> <p><b>5</b> Together met, together bound,<br/>we'll go our different ways,<br/>and as his people in the world,<br/>we'll live and speak his praise.</p> |
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## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **EUCHARISTIC 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth, uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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*

*(2003 BOS p. 20 – Ant. 10)*

*Celebrant* The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

*People* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

*Celebrant* One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

*People* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ has been risen for us and let us feed on him in our 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.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING OF PENTECOST**

*(2018 BOS p. 18)*

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **COMMISSIONING HYMN 510**

*Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove.*

**1.** Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.

**2.** See how we trifle here below,  
fond of these earthly toys;  
our souls, how heavily they go,  
to reach eternal joys.

**3.** In vain we tune our formal songs,  
in vain we strive to rise:  
hosannas languish on our tongues,  
and our devotion dies.

**4.** Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
and that shall kindle ours.

### **DISMISSAL**

*Officiant or Deacon* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*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 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 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, June 17 (Third Monday of the Month) - CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday, May 21 - Food Pantry is open 9-11 am

**Next Bishop's Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, May 29, at 7:00 pm.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Trinity Sunday:** Next Sunday, May 26 is Trinity Sunday.

**The Philadelphia Eleven:** Join us for a screening of the Philadelphia Eleven on:

June 1, 2024, at 10:30 am., in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Modesto.

June 8, 2024, at 10:30 am., in Saint Jame's Cathedral Fresno.

June 15, 2024, at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Bakersfield. Deanery Meeting in person.

Please, watch this important film that recounts a historical moment for our Church, have conversation, and enjoy fellowship!

You will also have an opportunity to hear about the search process for the next Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin.

Requested donation to help fund the documentary: \$ 5.00 / person.