



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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A PENITENTIAL ORDER OF HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 19, 2023, 10 a.m.

The Rev. Jorge Pallares, Priest in Charge of St. Michael's, *Presider and Preacher*

READER	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD	PIANIST
Richard Hendricks	Alana Spurling	Nani Banks	Stephanie McManis

Please stand as able for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn *Blue Hymnal 439*

What wondrous love is this

1 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 that caused the Lord of bliss
 to lay aside his crown
 for my soul, for my soul,
 to lay aside his crown
 for my soul.

3 And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free
 I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

2 To God and to the Lamb,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb,
 I will sing.
 To God and to the Lamb
 who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme
 I will sing.

The people standing,

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins; **His mercy endures forever.**

THE DECALOGUE

Presider and Congregation kneeling

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not make for yourself any idol.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
Honor your father and your mother.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit murder.	Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit adultery.	Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

(BCP p. 352)

Deacon or Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent confession will be observed.

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 Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your 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.**

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse

made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 23

RICHARD HENDRICKS

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 23.

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal 707

Take my life, and let it be

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| 1 | Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. | 2 | Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee. |
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Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I

believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. JORGE PALLARES
Priest in Charge

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as able

(BCP pp. 358-359)

The Nicene Creed is on page 358 in the Red Book of Common Prayer

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I

RICHARD HENDRICKS

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community,
and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, 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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans,
and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, 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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope,
without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Michael the Archangel and of all the saints, let us commend
ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Presider Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with
injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have
mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors.
Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the
law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy
a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please stay in your pew. Waving, bowing, and peace signs are appropriate. Please be seated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and the Virgin Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 364)

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

English

Spanish

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder,
y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(BCP p. 364)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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.

All are welcome at God's table.

Please come up to the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available.

Returning to your pew after receiving communion; you may kneel and/or be seated.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as able

(BCP p. 365)

After communion, the Presider says,

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 forever. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

(BOS p. 11)

Bow down before the Lord.

The people may kneel.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Blue Hymnal 488

Be thou my vision

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought 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.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

This concludes our service. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour.

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 pray for Stan, Rita, Sandy, Diane, Eric, Lisa, Jack, Tim, Becca, Robert, and the students at Mesquite High School.*

Today we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa,
and for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, San Andreas.

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.