



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

*Where All Souls Are Welcome*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15) ~ August 20, 2023, 10 a.m.*

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

The Rev. Cathy Kline, Parish Deacon, *Preacher*

**READER**  
Dave Waller

**CRUCIFER**  
Cassidi Reese

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Martha Waller

**PIANIST**  
Stephanie McManis

*Please stand as able for the Opening Hymn*

### Opening Hymn

*Blue Hymnal 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 this faithfulness.

- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand 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.

*The people standing, the Presider says*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider may say*

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.**

*The following is said, all standing*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**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. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PROPER 15 (Sunday closest to August 17)

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 45:1-15

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE RESPONSE

PSALM 133

DAVE WALLER

*Remaining seated, the Reader and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED PSALM 133.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**THE SECOND READING**

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

**Sequence Hymn***Blue Hymnal 711**Seek ye first*

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| <p>1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God<br/>And His righteousness;<br/>And all these things shall be added unto you.<br/>Allelu, alleluia!</p> <p><i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i><br/><i>Allelu, alleluia!</i></p> | <p>2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;<br/>Seek, and ye shall find.<br/>Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.<br/>Allelu, alleluia!</p> <p><i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i><br/><i>Allelu, alleluia!</i></p> |
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**THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION**

MATTHEW 15:10-28

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

THE REV. CATHY KLINE  
Parish Deacon

*A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*(BCP pp. 358-359)*

**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 III

*Deacon or Crucifer:*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Priest concludes with the following collect.*

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 CONFESSION OF SIN

(BCP p. 360)

*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 Priest 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.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Please greet those in your pew, and those in front of and behind you, and then be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Priest may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page 376 in the Book of Common Prayer, or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

*Please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn*

### 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)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.**

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

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.**

*The Presider continues*

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.**

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

*English*

**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.**

*Spanish*

**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.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Presider* 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.*

After communion, **the people stand as able**, and the Priest says,

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 Priest may bless the people with these words,*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*Blue Hymnal 344*

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

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| 1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;<br>fill our hearts with joy and peace;<br>let us each, thy love possessing,<br>triumph in redeeming grace:<br>O refresh us, O refresh us<br>traveling through this wilderness. | 3 so that when thy love shall call us,<br>Savior, from the world away,<br>fear of death shall not appall us,<br>glad thy summons to obey.<br>May we ever, may we ever<br>reign with thee in endless day. |
| 2 Thanks we give and adoration<br>for thy Gospel's joyful sound:<br>may the fruits of thy salvation<br>in our hearts and lives abound:<br>ever faithful, ever faithful<br>to thy truth may we be found;              |  |

*The Deacon or Presider dismisses the people with these words,*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **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, Dinnie, and the students at Mesquite High School.*

## **WEEKLY SERVICES**

Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wed. Evenings at 6 p.m. Sunday services in Spanish start on Sept. 3 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 open every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Monday, August 21 - Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 29 - Food Pantry is open 9-11 a.m.

## **DAY OF DISCERNMENT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

The next Day of Discernment is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, beginning at 10 a.m. and scheduled to end at 2.30 p.m. at St. James' Cathedral (4147 E Dakota Ave, Fresno, CA 93726). Registration deadline is September 1. You may register by emailing Fr. Luis Rodriguez ([frluis@stpaulsbak.org](mailto:frluis@stpaulsbak.org)). This event is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin Commission on Ministry.

## **WELCOME CORPS INTEREST SESSION #3**

Saturday, September 16, 3 p.m. at Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church, 633 Las Flores Ave.  
Enter through the door marked "Welcome Corps Meeting".

The Welcome Corps is a new service opportunity for communities across the country to welcome refugees seeking freedom and safety in the United States. For questions contact Jackie Brennan, [jbrennan@pacbell.net](mailto:jbrennan@pacbell.net).

## **PLEASE GIVE**

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