



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

Where All Souls Are Welcome

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

15th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18) ~ September 10, 2023, 10 a.m.

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

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Dave Waller

CRUCIFER
Cassidi Reese

ALTAR GUILD
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Stephanie McManis

Please stand as able for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand
In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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 18 (Sunday closest to September 7)

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-14

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 149

DAVE WALLER

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

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 149.

Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

 let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

**To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;**

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Thanks be to God.

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

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal 711

Seek ye first

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

MATTHEW 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

(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 IV

The Prayers of the People Form IV are found on page 388 in the Red Prayer Book.

The Prayers of the People are led by the Deacon or Crucifer.

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.

The congregation may remain seated during the Offertory Hymn

Offertory Hymn

Hosanna

1. Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you,
we turn to you.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you,
we long for you.

Chorus

Cause when we see you,
we find strength to face the day.
In your presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away.
Hosanna, Hosanna.
You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises.

2. Hear the sound of hearts returning to you,
we turn to you.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new.

Chorus

Cause when we see you,
we find strength to face the day.
In your presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away.
Hosanna, Hosanna.
You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here Lord Jesus.
(After 4 bar interlude, repeat chorus)
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able.

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(BCP p. 361-363)

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 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

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

Services in English: Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wed. Evenings at 6 p.m.

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Sunday, September 17 – Sunday, October 8.

FOOD MINISTRY DATES

- The Thrift Store Co-Op is open every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Monday, September 18: CAPK Senior Box Day, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 26: Food Pantry is open 9-11 a.m.

UNITED THANK OFFERING BOXES

United Thank Offering (UTO) Blue Boxes are available to pick up in the Lobby. From now until our in-gathering on September 24, we encourage parishioners to take one Box home and consider using these as part of our spiritual practices; for example, whenever you identify and give thanks to God for your blessings, place a bill in the UTO Blue Box. At the end of September, when the Blue Boxes are collected, the donations received will fund grants for Episcopal ministries and partners all over the world.

NEXT BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Sunday, October 1: Saint Michael's Sunday, potluck lunch at 11 a.m. (after the 10 a.m. service)

Saturday, October 7: Bilingual Blessing of the Animals Service in the Courtyard, 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 8: Francis of Assisi Sunday

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