Holy Eucharist

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Ministers of St. Michael's: All Members of the Congregation

Church Musician: Nadia Kelham

Welcome to historic St. Michael and All Angels, a Welcoming and Affirming Total Ministry congregation!

A Prayer of Welcome:

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship at St. Michael's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children, in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mission Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit through our baptism and transformed by Word and Sacrament, we follow Christ to serve the world as ministers of God's redeeming love.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Please be seated as we share announcements, concerns, birthdays and anniversaries (inside cover of BCP) and other prayers of thanksgiving.

Prelude – Centering Time (A time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship)

Please stand for the opening hymn.

Hymn ~ Joyful, joyful, we adore you

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African American Heritage Hymnal 120

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Liturgy of the Word

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

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

Celebrant and People

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*.

Gloria

1x unison, then 2x as a round, right (North) side first, then left (South).



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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1,10-16

Read responsively by whole verse

1 Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

- 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you;

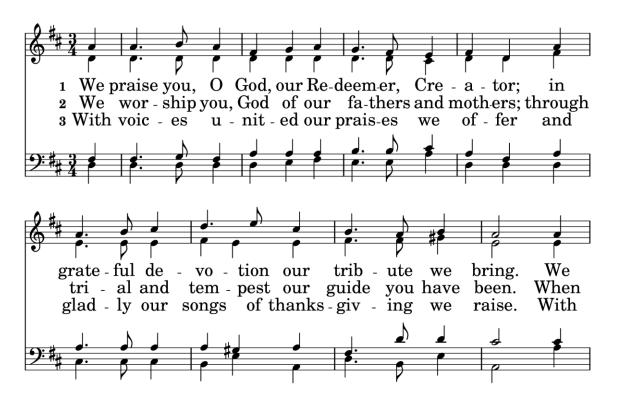
consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn We praise you, O God, our redeemer





Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1,7-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Gail Blum

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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon Loving God, you call us to turn to you in prayer for the sake of the world. In your steadfast love, fulfill your purpose for us as we pray: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

Reader We pray for the mission of your church: may it continue in mutual love to the glory of your name. (Please pray for the Church and our partners in ministry) Restore us again, **O God of our salvation.**

We pray for a world in need of your counsel: guide the nations into paths of justice and peace. (Please pray for all leaders and those in the military) Restore us again, **O God of our salvation.**

We pray for all who suffer: may they know the healing power of your presence. (Please pray for all in any need or trouble) Restore us again, **O God of our salvation.**

We pray for your creation as it longs for its redemption: teach us to walk as faithful stewards. (Please offer prayers for our stewardship of God's creation) Restore us again, **O God of our salvation.**

We pray for the dying and those who have died: may they rest in your eternal glory.

(Please pray for those who have died and those who mourn)
Restore us again, **O God of our salvation.**

We offer our thanks for all your goodness and care. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, (Please pray) for our teachers and students and the opportunity to learn, (Please pray) and we give you thanks for all our many joys and blessings. (Please pray) Restore us again, **O God of our salvation.**

Reader Into your hands we place our prayers and all whose welfare we entrust to your care. Bless them and all who have needs only you can know. We ask all these things in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Confession of Sin

Deacon

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

Deacon and People

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

Celebrant

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*.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated after the exchange of the Peace. We remain seated as we sing the offertory hymn.

Offertory

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

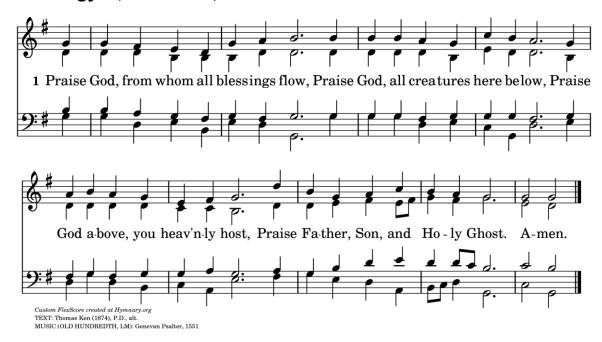
Hymn ~ From all the wind's wide quarters

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Doxology (Please stand)



Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

Exalted above all is your name, God of Jacob, for you feed your people, not only for today but for eternity, with your food that truly satisfies.

When your people hungered, you longed to feed them with finest wheat, and through the grace of your servant Joseph turned famine into abundant provision.

When you brought your children out of slavery, you filled their mouths with good things and led them to life in a land of plenty.

In the fullness of time, your Son gave us a place of honor at the banquet of salvation,

which is more than we could ever deserve.

And so we rejoice with all who feed on him by faith with thanksgiving, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, as we join the unending hymn:





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The Celebrant continues

Transforming God, as you exalt the humble and humble the exalted, pour your grace upon your church gathered to remember the dying and rising of your Son.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Inviting God, as in your Son you beckon
the poor and the crippled and the blind and the lame,
visit your church where it is poor,
and make it reflect the wonder of your love;
renew your people where they are crippled,
that your power may be made perfect in weakness;
empower your children where they are blind,
that they may know you more truly;
and uphold your saints where they are lame,
that they may find friends gracious in support and strength

with whom they may never be afraid. Make your church a place of hospitality that it may entertain angels unawares.

For in Christ you are the same yesterday, today, and forever, and in the power of your Spirit we shall never walk alone, heavenly Father, radiant in glory. *AMEN*.

The Celebrant continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

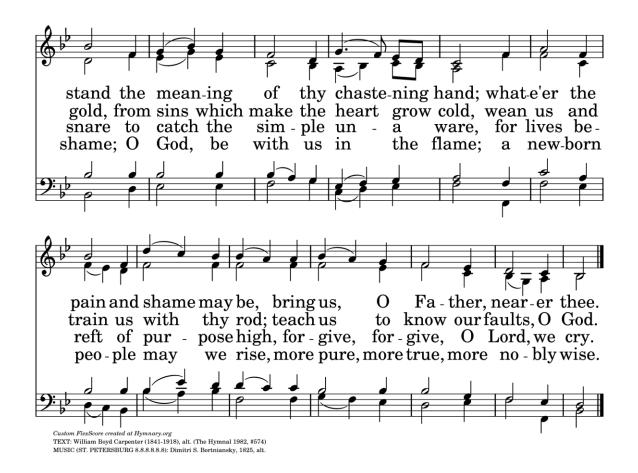
Celebrant

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.

All are welcome to receive communion at God's table. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is received by carefully dipping the bread into the chalice when it is presented. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving communion we return to our seats and remain seated as we finish singing the communion hymn.

Hymn Before thy throne, O God, we kneel





Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

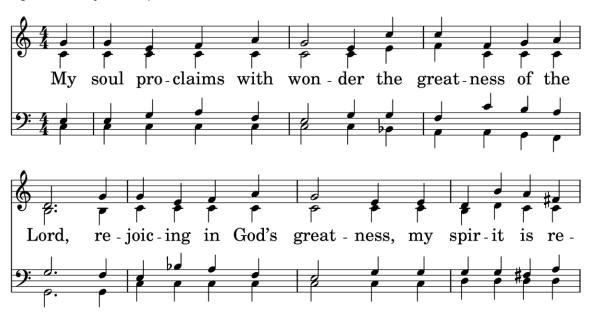
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

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

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, this day and forevermore. *Amen.*

Hymn My soul proclaims with wonder





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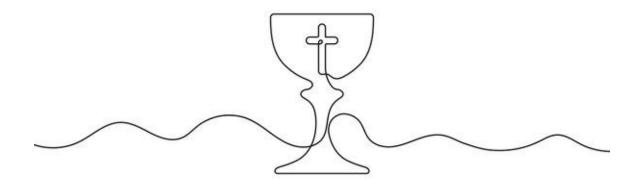
Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude





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If this is your first time worshipping with us, please sign the Registry Book in the vestibule as you enter the Sanctuary, or in the greeting area as you enter Benes Hall. Please include your full address so we might send you a note of welcome.

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