

Holy Eucharist

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

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 the Word and Sacrament, we follow Christ to serve the world as ministers of God's redeeming love.

The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

October 2, 2022

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

Centering Music (a time of silence)

Hymn

See hymn board

Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
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

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

Psalm 103

Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 *Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.*
- 3 He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 *He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;*
- 5 He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 *The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.*
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 *The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.*
- 9 He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 *He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.*
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 *As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.*

- 13 As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 *For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.*
- 15 Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 *When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.*
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 *On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments and do them.*
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven,
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 *Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
and hearken to the voice of his word.*
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 *Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.*

Second Reading

Revelation 12:7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent,

who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Celtic Alleluia

Holy Gospel

John 1:47-51

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him,
“Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael

asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dcn. Winnie Cook

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 Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Great is your faithfulness; O God, we hope in you.

Reader God of grace and God of glory,
you care for the whole earth;
even now you are reconciling all things to yourself.

We thank you for the ancient grace
given in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

As age has succeeded age to this present day
your grace is with us still.

We rely on your power for all things.

Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We bring before you now the cares of the world.

We pray for people enduring the devastation of war
and oppression from enemies.

We pray for cities and for public life that has suffered destruction.

Bring restoration, we pray,
and an end to conflicts that divide and destroy.
(Please pray for the nation's leaders and those in the military)
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We pray for nations and peoples undergoing turmoil and struggle.
Return us to your ways of justice and truth.
Give us compassionate hearts and resolute spirits
as we work to repair community and offer solace
where now there is no resting place.
(Please pray for peace in areas torn by turmoil)
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

God of tender mercy,
you hear the cries of the one who is suffering,
of the one trying to recover,
of the one who has been hurt by another,
of one at risk in a complex and impersonal system.
Enfold each one in your steadfast love.
Take special care of those who do not, or cannot, cry out,
but wait quietly in hope.
Give voice to those who should not wait quietly;
empower them with strength and support all around:
the powerless one who suffers abuse;
the person who is lonely, with no one to help;
the one who wanders homeless among us, unnoticed;
the one carrying an old burden, a silent grief,
or an unvoiced fear.
With the gift of life given in the soaring light
of your gospel abolish the daily death they bear.
(Please pray for those in any need or trouble)
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We pray for your church, so in need of healing and reconciliation.
Rekindle in us the sincere faith of Christ
and make us willing and faithful servants.
In unmerited grace, in startling new mercy,
you chose to call us not servants, but friends.
You have opened to us a place at your table of grace.
We would be good stewards of your grace
and glad of the company you call us to keep around your table,
which is larger than we have yet imagined.
(Please pray for the Church and our partners in ministry)
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We pray for the dying and those who have died:
may they rest in your eternal glory with all the saints in light.
(Please pray for those who have died and those who mourn)
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We give you thanks for all your steadfast love and care...
for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries,
(Please pray)
for our teachers and students and the opportunity to learn,
(Please pray)
and for all our many joys and blessings.
(Please pray)
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

In gratitude for the bread and cup you share,
we will honor you by sharing our bread with others,
by offering without reserve the cup you bless.
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Deacon

We turn to God in praise and prayer
not from a position of power and strength,
but from the broken edges of our lives,
from the broken edges of the world and the church.
We offer our prayers of confession,
trusting in the One who is reconciling all things.

Deacon and People

Merciful God,
we confess that the world suffers because of our sin.
We use power against others for our own benefit.
We misuse the natural resources of the earth
in carelessness and greed.
By our habits and apathies,
others are subjected to desolation, even despair.
Forgive us for making enemies and exiles
of those you call us to love and serve.
Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation.

Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve
and to wander without rest.

We wait on you, O God.

We hope in you.

You alone can restore all things, even us.

We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Officiant

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.

Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn

See hymn board

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

It is our duty and our joy to thank you,
Lord God, our hope and our foundation,
because you made this sunrise of wonder
and you established the heavens in bright array.
With great joy, you called a people and set them free.
Finally in your Son Jesus you came among your people
and let loose the power of your Spirit.
In Jesus' death and resurrection
you transformed our meanness and cruelty
into your unfailing joy and grace.
And so we praise you with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Exhilarating God,
in Jesus you have given us the architect of our salvation,
and in this meal you show us your willingness
to be broken and poured out to win us back to you.
Send down your Holy Spirit,
that your people may be sanctified by your grace,
and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
the body and blood of your Son 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

Generous God, as you fill us with the bread of life,
renew our hope that not only we but all your people
may never be hungry again.

Make us heralds and apostles and teachers,
that we may know your power to save,
be called to spread your grace and mercy,
and build one another up in the ways of righteousness and peace;
that our tradition may be renewed in trust,
deepened in suffering, and resolute amid shame,
until we see you face to face,
and your justice shines throughout the earth,
and all people rise to enjoy your glory,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *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.

Communion Hymn

See hymn board

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 steadfast love of God be upon you.
May the grace of Christ Jesus our Lord be within you.
May the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you,
now and forever. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

See hymn board

Dismissal

Deacon Fulfill your holy calling by serving God and serving
neighbor without thought of reward.
And hope always in God, through whom all things are
possible.

People Thanks be to God.