# **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.

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

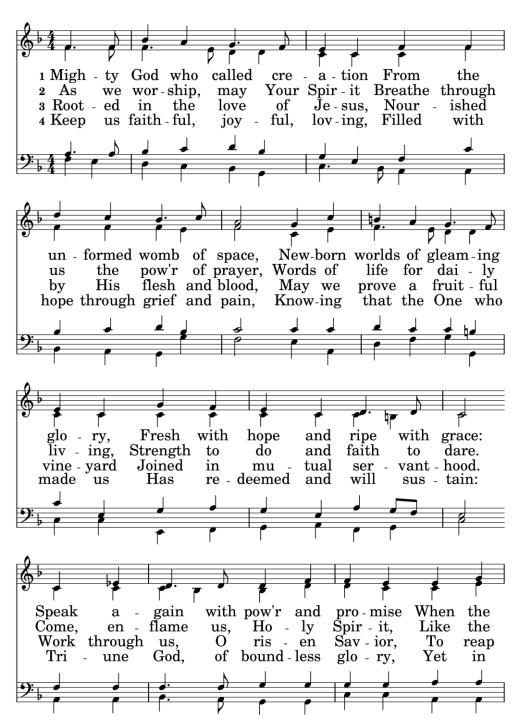
Please be seated as we share announcements, concerns, birthdays and anniversaries (inside cover of BCP) and other prayers of thanksgiving.

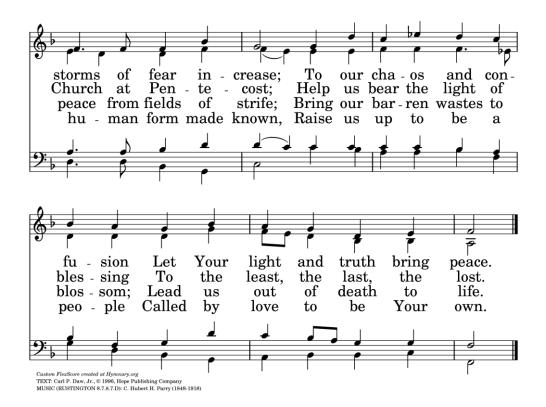
**Prelude – Centering Time** (A time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship)

Please stand for the opening hymn.

**Hymn** ~ Mighty God who called creation

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# Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People The Holy One's love is new every morning. 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 Creator be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 79:1-9

Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

- 7 For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

## **Second Reading**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind.

Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn Remember not, O God

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TEXT: from Psalm 79 (P.D.), alt.
MUSIC (SOUTHWELL, SM): Daman's Psalmes, 1579, alt.

Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either

hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Gail Blum

#### **Affirmation of Faith** (Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created:

things visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers;

all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him God was pleased

to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People**

Deacon In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us.

Reader I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of

water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism. (*Please offer prayers*)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases. (*Please offer prayers*)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands. (*Please offer prayers*)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth. (*Please offer prayers*)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways. (*Please offer prayers*)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all afflicted with too much water in flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink. (*Please offer prayers*)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy. (*Please offer prayers*)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; (*Please pray*)

for our teachers and students and the opportunity to learn; (Please pray)

and for all our joys and thanksgivings. (Please pray)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader Loving God, Creator of all, we thank you for the beauty of Creation; show us, we pray, how to respect the fragile balance of life. Guide by your wisdom those who have power to care for or to destroy the environment, that by the decisions we make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth be preserved for future generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Confession of Sin

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Deacon and People

Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.

We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.

We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.

We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. 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 God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Celebrant The peace of Christ 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

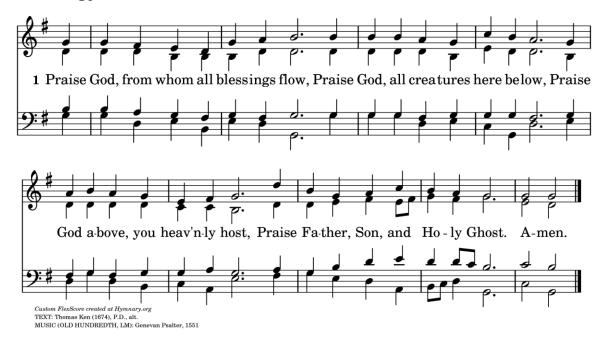
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



# **Hymn** ~ God, whose farm is all creation



## Doxology (Please stand)



# **Great Thanksgiving**

God is with us.

God is present here.

Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Most High.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

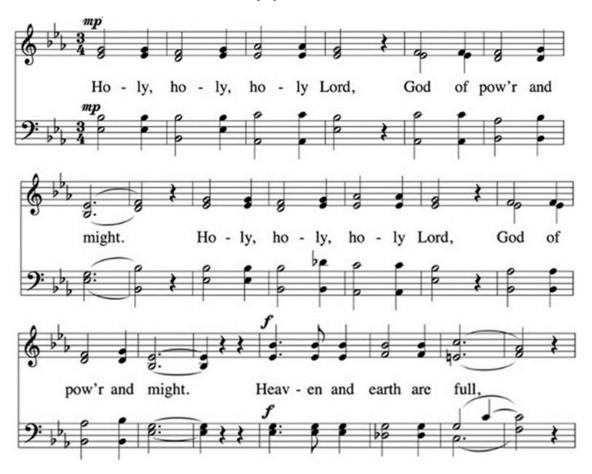
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant

We do praise you, our intimate God, the one who is with us, and with all of creation, the source of this magical, mystical, sensual, beautiful, earth. From microbes to whales you have created all of us. We are privileged to be a strand in all of your creation, including this strange and wonderful home, our earth, the open sky above, the dazzling array of stars and planets, and the unfathomable galaxies beyond us.

You have blessed us with a world of infinite variety and beauty, a land of mountains and meadows, canyons and valleys, deserts and jungles. Over and through this land you have provided oceans teeming with life, streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes, and cascading waterfalls. We share this land with all of your creatures, from mosquito to mountain lion, from seal to scorpion. You have formed all of this, this land of such intense wildness and beauty.

Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we shout with joy:





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#### The Celebrant continues

We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth in which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You. We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a mother loves her child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a part of us and a part of you. Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you means caring for your earth and for each other.

Celebrant and People together

Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through his incarnation, you taught us that you are always with us and all of the world. He showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered a people as your own and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation. Keep us ever vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about your reign that he opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one.

#### The Celebrant continues

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me."

The Deacon bids prayer

Therefore, let us pray:

All join in prayer

Gracious God among us, help us to feel your presence, and give us the strength to serve your creation and your people this day and every day.

The Celebrant continues

Now gathered at your table, God of Creation, and remembering what Jesus Christ taught us, we offer to you this bread and this wine, a gift of your creation and work of human hands. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body.

Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body.

The People and Celebrant say together

Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ.

The Celebrant continues

Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the entire Universe, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant continues

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray,

#### People and Celebrant

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy.

Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day-the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.

All the things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.

Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.

Aho! May it be so! Amen!

## **Breaking of the Bread**

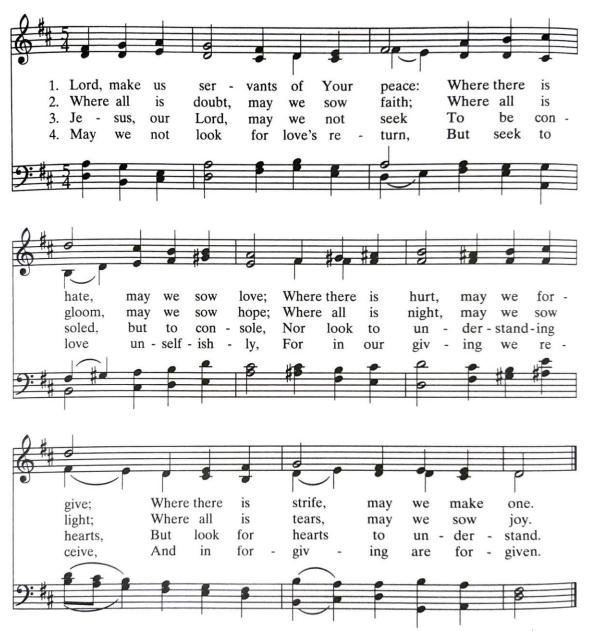
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### 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 Lord, make us servants of your peace



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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

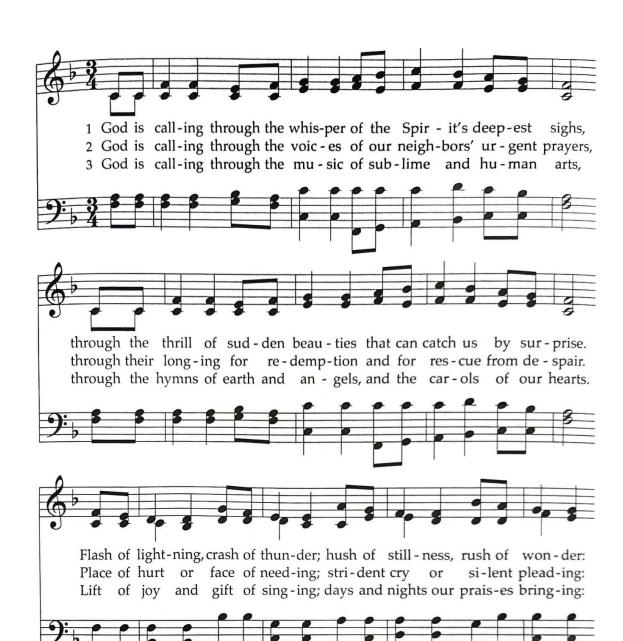
Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.

# **Blessing**

Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you.
Deep peace, pure green of the grass to you.
Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you.
Deep peace, pure gray of the dew to you.
Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you.
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.
And the blessing of the Creator God,
the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit
bless you that you might be a blessing to others
today and always. *Amen*.

**Hymn** God is calling through the whisper

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#### **Dismissal**

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia,

Tend the earth,

care for God's good Creation; as you have received freely,

so give freely.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **Postlude**

Portions of today's liturgy are from "A Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration - Liturgical resources for celebrating the season from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, with a perennial lectionary for Years A, B, and C.

The Lord's Prayer is the First Nation's Version and may be found at https://jointhemovementucc.org/jtm-resources/first-nations-version-an-indigenous-translation-of-the-new-testament/

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## Sunday Morning Worship Time 10:00 am

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