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.

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

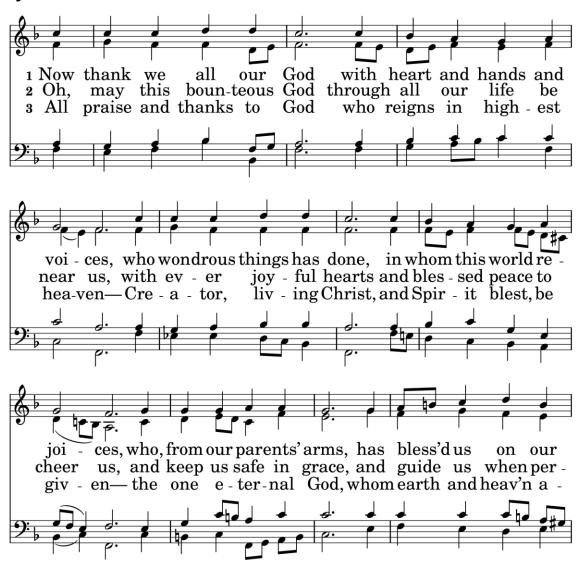
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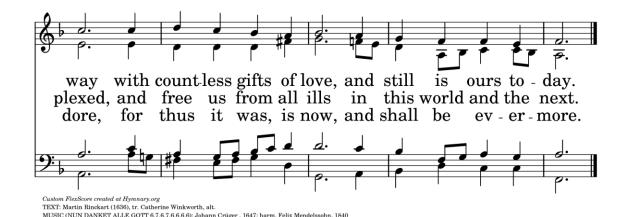
Please be seated as we share announcements, concerns, birthdays and anniversaries (inside cover of BCP) and other prayers of thanksgiving.

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

Please stand for the opening hymn.

Hymn Now thank we all our God





Liturgy of the Word

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

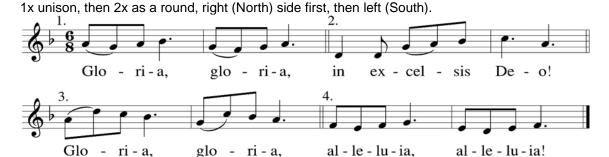
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

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



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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26

Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,for I have lived with integrity;I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

Second Reading

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of

the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

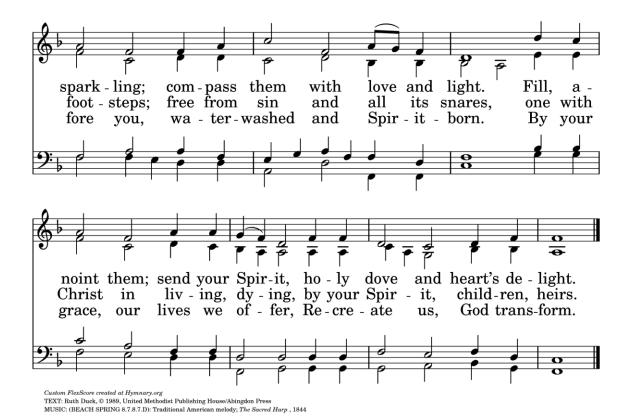
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn Wash, O God, our sons and daughters (See next page)





Holy Gospel Mark 10:2-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall

become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Cindy Corner

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 Intercession

Deacon In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Hear us as we pray: Vindicate them, O Lord.

Reader We pray for those who are suffering,

through sickness, through loss,

without support, in loneliness.

Hear us as we pray: Vindicate them, O Lord.

We pray for those who seek justice,

who frown upon evil but are still shunned and persecuted.

Hear us as we pray: Vindicate them, O Lord.

We pray for those who feel like the smallest of the small, the weakest of the weak, those who feel ignored and unloved. Hear us as we pray: Vindicate them, O Lord.

We pray for those who have been abandoned or abused, who have been neglected and left powerless, who have been limited or rejected.

Hear us as we pray: Vindicate them, O Lord.

We pray for the Church and our partners in ministry; (Please pray) we pray for all leaders and those in the military; (Please pray) we pray for those who have died and those who mourn; (Please pray) we pray for those who teach and the opportunity to learn; (Please pray) we pray for those with birthdays or anniversaries; (Please pray)

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

Take all those we pray for into your arms as Jesus did with the children, and bless them every day so that they are supported, liberated, loved, and accepted. In the name of the one who welcomed the children. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Deacon In God, we find light for our darkness, and through that light we discover the things that separate us from God.

And so we ask God to prove us and try us, and to test our hearts and minds, that we may receive forgiveness.

Deacon and People

You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you.

Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness.

Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

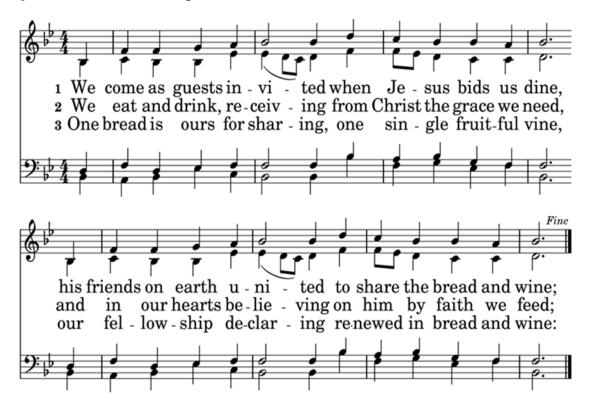
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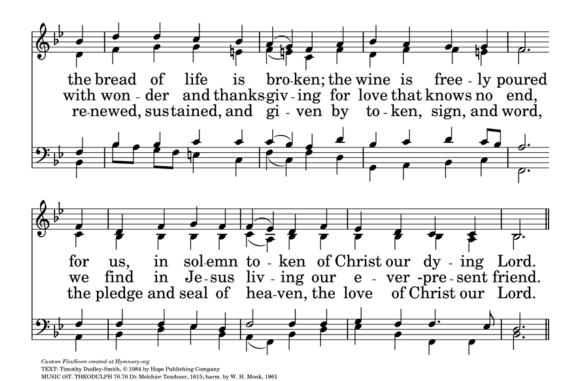
Offertory

Celebrant

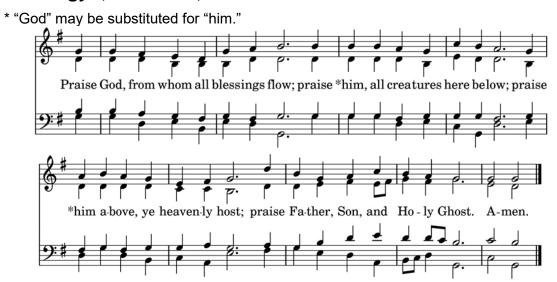
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Hymn We come as guests invited





Doxology (Please stand)



Glory to God 606 TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC (OLD HUNDREDTH, LM): Genevan Psalter, 1551

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

Rightly we give you thanks and praise, gracious God, for whom and through whom all things exist, because you made us little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

Long ago you spoke to us through the prophets, but now you have revealed yourself through your Son, heir of all things, reflection of your glory, and exact imprint of your very being.

Through him you sustain all creation by your powerful Word.

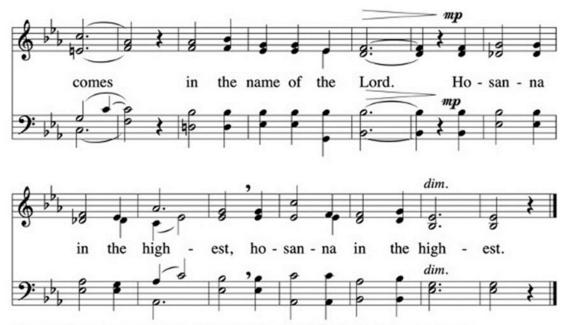
In him you made purification for sins:

as your servant he tasted death for everyone.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and the whole host of heaven, singing your eternal song:







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The Celebrant continues

Merciful Father, you sent your Son as the pioneer of our salvation.

Though we do not yet see everything in subjection to him,

we do see Jesus crowned with honor

because of his suffering death.

Through this holy meal in your company, show us Jesus today.

In the midst of this congregation,

raise up your Spirit of love and joy and peace.

Send that same Spirit on this bread and this wine,

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

Transforming God, visit all today who dwell in the throes of suffering, sorrow, pain, or distress.

Give them courage to withstand and patience to persist.

Take away all that would prevent your children from coming to you, and give your church grace to receive your kingdom like a little child.

Receive into your arms of mercy any who have been dismissed or excluded or treated as objects of shame.

Melt all hardness of heart into the wonder of a people united in your inseparable love, until heaven and earth are joined in the banquet of 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.

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 Children of the Heavenly Father



Bapuss rymnai 1991 39 WORDS: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958 MUSIC (TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA 8.8.8.8.(L.M.)): Traditional Swedish Melody

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 God, our Caretaker, be with us through good and bad, giving us wisdom to recognize each lesson and each blessing. May Jesus Christ, our Child Minder, embrace us each day in his loving arms that make us feel as if we belong, as if we are loved, as if we have a home. May the Holy Spirit, our Counselor, continually show us God's actions in our lives as we are reconciled to one another, brothers and sisters, one family, in God. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn All hail the power of Jesus' name



WORDS: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. by John Rippon, 1787 MUSIC (CORONATION, CM): Oliver Holden, 1792

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia.
Go out into the world and live as children, dependent on God and on each other, obedient to the will of God, holding tight to God's hand, citizens of the kingdom.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

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