



St. Michael's Church: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday, August 11th, 2024
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Michael's! We are so excited that you are joining us in this sacred space today, and in the sacred space of our shared worship community online. Congregational responses are bolded, and you are encouraged to join in singing.

OFFERING

Please put your offering in the collection plate in the back of the church before sitting in your pew. At the Offertory, an usher will bring our offerings to the altar for a blessing. Scan the QR code to make your offering at saintmichaelschurch.org/giving



PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude on Leoni – Isadore Freed

John Cantrell, organ

WELCOME

Kris Ishibashi, Online Chaplain

OPENING HYMN: 372 Praise to the living God

Hymn music and lyrics can be found in the blue hymnal in your pew.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All pray together

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: S 280

Music and words can be found in the blue hymnal in your pew.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

Read by Kris Ishibashi

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated to sing the Psalm.

PSALM 130 *De profundis* – John Cantrell



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, /hear • my/ voice; *
let your ears consider well the /voice of • my/ suppli/cation.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is /done • a/miss, *
O/ Lord, /who • could/ stand?
- 3b For there is for/giveness • with/ you; *
there/fore • you/ shall • be/ feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul /waits • for/ him; *
in his /word/ is • my/ hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than /watchmen • for the/ morning, *
more than /watchmen/ for • the/ morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait /for • the/ Lord, *
for with the /Lord/ there • is/ mercy;
- 7 With him there is /plenteous • re/demption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from /all • their/sins.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Read by Barry O'Neal

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are comfortable.

SEQUENCE HYMN: 301 Bread of the world

THE GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41–51

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

The Rev. Katharine Flexer, Rector

Please stand as you are comfortable at the invitation of the Celebrant.

THE 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.

Please stand as you are comfortable at the invitation of the Leader.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Arlene Bullard

Please add your own prayers in the silences, either aloud, in your heart. When the Intercessor says "God of grace," please respond "Hear our prayer."

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant May the Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

The Priest sets the altar for Communion.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Like as the Hart – Noel Rawsthorne

Sung by the Choir

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsts for the living God, yea, even he that shall keep my soul.
My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsts for the living God, yea, even he that shall keep my soul.

Please stand as you are comfortable, as the usher brings forward our financial offerings for a blessing. (If you did not have a chance to put your contribution in the offertory plate when you arrived, another plate will be placed in the back of the church for when you leave.)

PRESENTATION HYMN: 658 As longs the deer for cooling streams

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS: S 129

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the

world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be gloried by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. 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 for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Michael, St. Jude, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: S 119

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI: S 163

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

All are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine or to come for a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may receive the wine if you choose. You may drink from the chalice, or allow the chalice-bearer to take the wafer from you, intinct (dip) it in the wine, and place it on your tongue.

To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will pray over you. Gluten-free wafers are available.

You are invited to pray the following Prayer for Spiritual Communion, especially if you are joining us from home:

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer but hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

The Ministry of Laying on of Hands is available at the side of the church in the Chapel of the Angels for any who would like to receive healing prayer for yourself or for another. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: O Food to Pilgrims Given – Heinrich Isaac, arr. by Mark Schweizer

Sung by the Choir

O food to pilgrims given,
O bread of life from heaven,
O manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us,
nor thy delights deny us,
whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
O stream of love past telling,
O purest fountain, welling
from out the Savior's side!

We faint with thirst; revive us,
of thine abundance give us,
and all we need provide.
O Jesus, by thee bidden,
we here adore thee, hidden
in forms of bread and wine.
Grant when the veil is risen,
we may behold, in heaven,
thy countenance divine.

COMMUNION HYMN: LEVAS 152 Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn music and lyrics can be found in the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal in your pew.

Please stand as you are comfortable, to pray together

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN: 404 We will extol you

DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the People. The People respond

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on Old 124th – Healey Willan

John Cantrell, organ

Participating in this morning's service:

Acolytes: Gregory Bryant, Lynnette Holder, Ocean Holder-Jones & Carole O'Connor-Edwards

Altar Guild: Roz Keller & Emily Kehm Smith assisted by Eleanor and Alden Smith



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