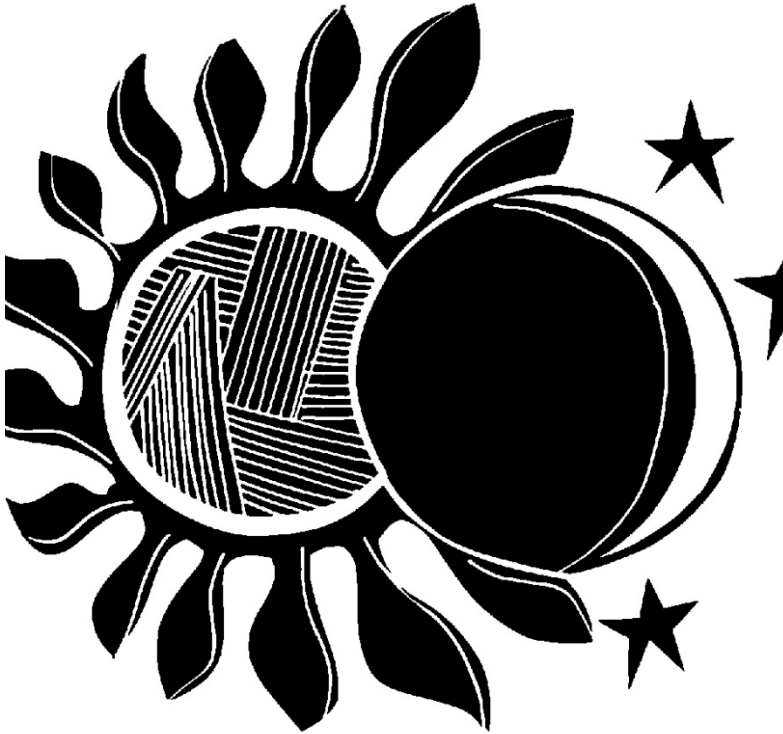


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*Second Sunday in Lent*



Holy Eucharist, Rite I



**St. Michael's**

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We are an open, affirming and inclusive parish, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. No matter where you're from, or what you believe, you are welcome to gather with us, sing with us, pray with us, learn with us, and receive communion with us. We do our best to make our customs accessible to all people, but if anything feels confusing to you, feel free to ask someone for help, or simply sit and observe.

### Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.



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## **A Note About our Liturgy During Lent**

Welcome to all those worshipping with us, for the first time or for the thousand-and-first time. Regardless of your background, or your experience in the Episcopal Church or St. Michael's, you may find you have questions about the choice of words in the following pages.

During most seasons of the year, St. Michael's uses the "Rite II" version of the Eucharistic Liturgy, in the Book of Common Prayer. This language was developed specifically for the 1979 version, but language from previous versions was retained, and labeled "Rite I".

Some parishes continue to use Rite I exclusively, due to its elegance, reverence and sense of permanence. Other parishes only use Rite II, citing its ease of recitation and understanding, and its improved relevance for modern worshippers. In-between these two camps are parishes like St. Michael's, which primarily use Rite II, but like to keep the older language alive nevertheless.

The penitential season of Lent is often considered the ideal time for this. It is a season of self-reflection, of discipline, and of denying oneself certain conveniences. In that spirit, we believe it is good to remind ourselves where we have come from, within the Anglican tradition, and to make the extra effort to recall together these ancient words of Faith.

If you find them difficult to recite, or understand, please know that you are in excellent company. Feel free to ask me, or another parishioner, to help you. After all, the best lessons we learn in life come through struggle, and this can be true in our liturgical worship as well.

I want to thank Rachel Swaney for facilitating this adjustment, and for keeping another important part of our past alive: namely, the beautiful original service music written by her late husband, and St. Michael's music director, Jim Swaney.

My prayer is that we enter this season in repentance and humility, but also with a sure and certain hope in the God who forgives us even before we ask, and day by day shapes us into the stature of Christ our Savior.

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

# Ministry of the Word

## \* Salutation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

**Celebrant**

Bless the Lord who for - giv - eth al our sins.

**People**

His mer - cy en - dur - eth for ev - er.

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## \* Confession & Absolution

BCP p. 330

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**All:** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*



his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 22:22-30**

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; \*

but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\* Sequence

*"In Darkness"*

Swaney

Musical score for "In Darkness" in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "In dark-nes Thy Word is a lamp to our feet, a light on the path of our choice. Ac-cept as a tri - bute the words we re - peat, and teach us in Thee to re - joice."

\* Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Musical score for "Holy Gospel" in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score is divided into two parts: "Celebrant" and "People". The lyrics are: "The Ho - ly Gos - pel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac - cord-ing to \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord. (Gospel)"

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."



He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>People</b>
	
<p>The Gos-pel of the Lord. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.</p>	

**Sermon**

*“The Dark Before the Dynasty”*

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

**\* Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 326

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**

Form I, BCP p. 383

Intercessor: With all our hearts and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.” For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, Independence, for the Kansas City metro, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our own needs and those of others, spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*[The people may add their petitions]* Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed (including Bryan), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Mary, St. Michael the Archangel and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**



Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

**Sanctus**

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Swaney

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry.  
Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

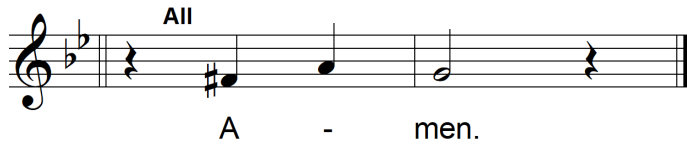
Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same

Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



## The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

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

**All** 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

Hymnal #691

## \* **Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing**

BCP p. 366

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## \* **Dismissal**

**Celebrant**      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People**          **Thanks be to God.**

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