

April 7, 2024 · 10 am · Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Second Sunday of Easter*



**St. Michael's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **Welcome to St. Michael's Episcopal Church!**

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.**

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.

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### **Service Notes**

\* Denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)

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Scriptures are quoted from the NRSV Bible, unless otherwise indicated.

# Liturgy of the Word

\* Processional Hymn

*"Worship Christ the Risen King"*

Hayford/Smith



1. Rise, O Church, and lift your voices;  
 2. See the tomb where death had laid Him;  
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble;  
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur;  
 5. We acclaim Your life, O Jesus;



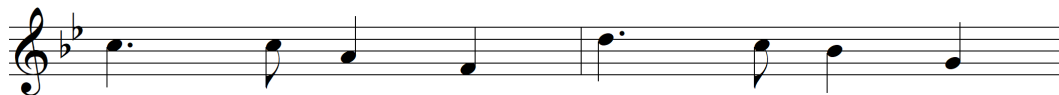
Christ has conquered death and hell.  
 Emp - to now, its mouth de - clares:  
 See the stone re - moved with pow'r.  
 Scoff - ers mock and sin - ners jeer;  
 Now we sing Your vic - to - ry.



Sing as all the earth re - joic - es;  
 "Death and I could not con - tain Him,  
 All hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble,  
 But the truth pro - claims a won - der  
 Sin and hell may seek to seize us,



Res - ur - rec - tion \_\_\_\_\_ an - thems swell.  
 For the throne of \_\_\_\_\_ life He shares."  
 But can - not with - stand His hour.  
 Thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.  
 But Your con - quest \_\_\_\_\_ keeps us free.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;  
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;  
 He has con - quered, He has con - quered;  
 He is ris - en, He is ris - en;  
 Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph;



Wor - ship Christ the ris - en King!  
 Wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!  
 Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!  
 Now re - ceive the ris - en King!  
 Wor - ship Christ, the ris - in King!

**\* Opening Sentence**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355



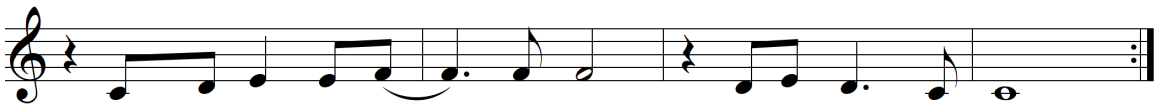
Bless-ed be the Fa - ther, Bless - ed be the Son,\_\_\_



Bless - ed be the Spi - rit, in whose name we come.---



Bless-ed be His King - dom, now and ev - er - more,---



Bless - ed be His ho - ly name, let us bless the Lord.



Bless - ed be the Lord, let us bless the Lord.

Celebrant: 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”* Hymnal #S-280

\* **Collect of the Day** Second Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson** Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

## Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## Second Lesson

1 John 1:1—2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our



with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**Sermon**

*"Unlock the Door!"*

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

\* **The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

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<sup>1</sup> 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 III, BCP p. 387

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Church

**People: That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

**That your name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *[The people may add their petitions]*

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported

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<sup>1</sup> In this context, “catholic” means “universal” referring to the global church.

by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### \* **The Peace**

Officiant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People           **And also with you.**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Quarterly Potluck: Sunday, April 21

St. Michael's Retreat: Thu-Sat, May 16-18

April Birthdays: Dwight Edwards, Ann Prettejohn, Genie Kuske, The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

*Are there others?*

**All:** O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(BCP, p. 830)



Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name,

\* **Sanctus**

*“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”*

Belmont

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord.

God of pow - er and might,

Heav - en and earth,

Ho - san - na - in the high - est,

God of pow - er and might,

are full of Your glo - ry.

ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
 Ho - san-na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also

that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All: AMEN.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we now 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.  
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.

**\* The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People 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 Notes:** Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

## Communion Hymn

*"Bind Us Together"*



Bind us to-geth - er, Lord; Bind us to-geth - er with cords that



can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to-geth - er, Lord; Bind us to-geth - er with love. \_\_\_\_\_



There is on - ly one God, \_\_\_\_\_ There is on - ly one King. \_\_\_\_\_



There is on - ly one bod - y; \_\_\_\_\_ That is why we can sing; \_\_\_\_\_

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

BCP p. 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

## \* **Closing Hymn**

*“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

Hymnal #490

## \* **Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



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