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*Service of Confirmation & Reception*



**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 fill out a Visitor's Card, or scan this QR code to fill it out online. 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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### Congratulations to the Candidates!

#### For Confirmation

Jonathan Ruiz, Sr.  
Jonathan Ruiz, Jr.  
Amanda Lytle

#### For Reception

Stephanie Ruiz  
Travis Kingsley  
Debbie Burkett

# Ministry of the Word

## Opening Acclamation & Collect

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People One God and Father of all.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray. Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Old Testament

**Isaiah 61:1-9**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God,

to comfort all who mourn,

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks;  
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines,  
but you shall be called priests of the Lord; you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.  
Because their shame was double and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.  
For I, the Lord, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

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

## **Psalm 1**

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.  
They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.  
It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.  
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

**Holy Gospel****Mark 13:24-37**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon****The Rev. Ryan Wiksell**

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation & Reception

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

**Presenters I present Jonathan Ruiz, Sr. for Confirmation**

**I present Jonathan Ruiz, Jr. for Confirmation**

**I present Amanda Lytle for Confirmation**

**I present Travis Kingsley to be Received into this Communion**

**I present Stephanie Ruiz to be Received into this Communion**

**I present Debbie Burkett to be Received into this Communion**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

**Candidate I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.



## Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others the power of the Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory,

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*



## **For Confirmation**

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. *Amen.*

## **For Reception**

Bishop: *N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

## **Concluding Prayer**

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

Bishop        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People        **And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Sentence

### Presentation

*“Doxology” (a capella)*

Hymn #380 v.3

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Bishop The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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. *AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Bishop: And now, as our Savior Christ 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

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Bishop 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.

## Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing

Bishop: 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.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

