

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 • 10 am • Holy Eucharist



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 seems confusing, feel free 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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The Word of God

* **Processional Song** *"Christ whose Glory Fills the Skies"* Hymnal # 7

* **Opening Sentence** Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

* **Gloria** *"Glory to God"* Swaney



Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his



peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -



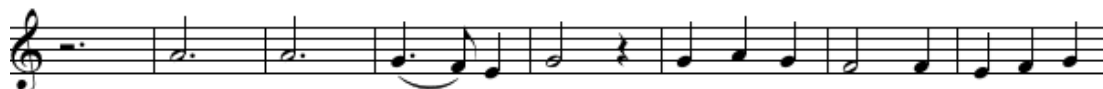
might - y God____ and Fa-ther. We wor - ship you.____ We



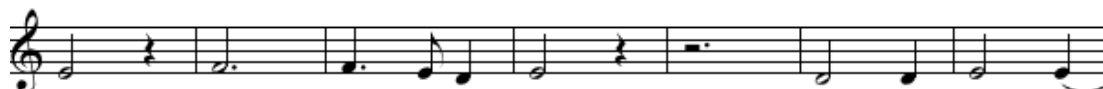
give you thanks.____ We praise you_____ for your glo - ry.



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed



— at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.



2. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. You a -



lone are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most—



High, Je - sus Christ,— with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the



glo - ry of God— the Fa - ther.

* Collect of the Day

` Proper 17c

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Proverbs 25:1-7

These are other proverbs of Solomon that the officials of King Hezekiah of Judah copied. It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. Like the heavens for height, like the earth for depth, so the mind of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Psalm 112

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *

and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *

and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *

and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *

their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *

and their righteousness stands fast for ever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *

the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

* Sequence

"Immortal, Invisible"

Hymnal # 423

* Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place

of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Sermon

The Rev Ryan Wiksell

*** 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 the People**

Form III, BCP p. 387

Intercessor: God of love, we pray for your holy universal 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.

[Silence – The people may add their own petitions]

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

- Dogs vs. Cats! (Collection Drive for the Necessity Pantry)
- Parish Prayer List – starting from scratch
- Mold remediation
- Deanery Picnic - September 20 (Scan QR code to register and learn more)



The Holy Communion

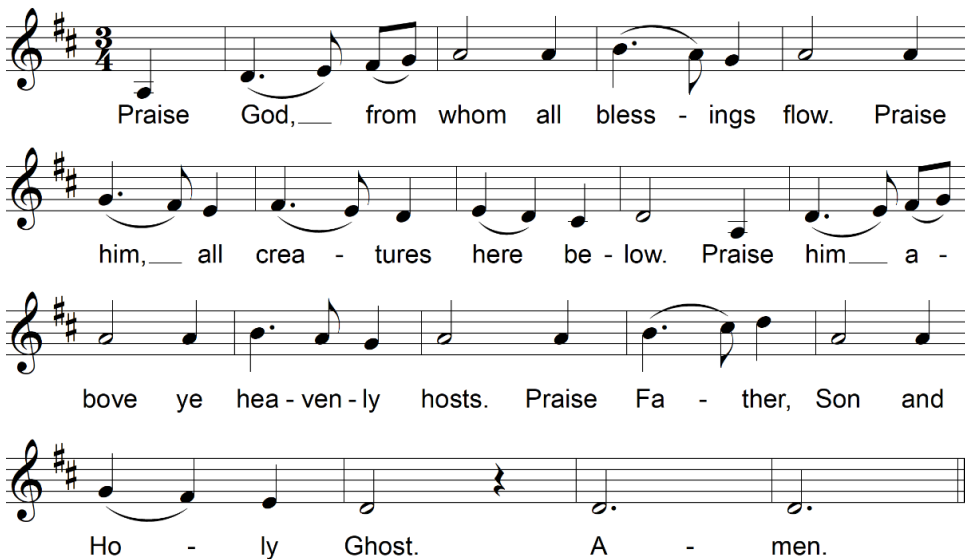
Offertory

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymnal # 376

* The Presentation

“Doxology”



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

“Sursum Corda” Hymnal # S-120

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.

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.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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"

Swaney

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 hea-ven and earth 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.

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.

AMEN!

* The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

* Fraction



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

"Gather Us In"



1. Here in this place a new light is stream-ing
 2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - tr'y.
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter.
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way.
 We are the old who yearn for your face.
 Here we will take the bread of new birth.
 not in some heav - en, light years a - way, but



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - tr'y,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters.
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom and now is the day.



Gath-er us in the lost and for - sak - en Gath-er us in the
 Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh - ty. Gath-er us in the
 Give us to drink the wind of com - pas - sion. Give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in, and hold us for - ev - er. Gath-er us in and



blind and the lame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en.
proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly.
bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own. Gath-er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
fire _____ of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

* Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant: Let us pray.

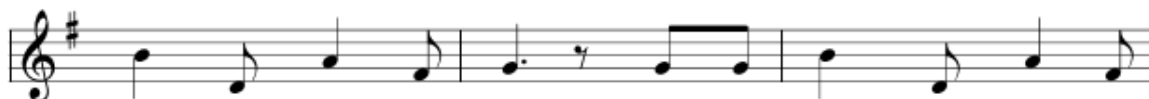
All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Closing Hymn

"Shout to the North"



1. Men of faith, rise up and sing of the
 (2. Rise up,) wo - men of the truth, stand and
 (3. Rise up,) church with bro - ken wings, fill this



great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel
 sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing
 place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on



weak, in your bro - ken - ness com - plete.
 pow'r of our glo - rious King of love.
 high. By His grace a - gain we'll fly.



Shout to the north and the south; sing to the



east and the west. Je - sus is Sav - ior to all,

♩ Last Time To Coda

Lord of heav - en and earth.

2. Rise up
3. Rise up

♩ Coda

earth, Lord of heav - en and earth.

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

Parish Prayer List

As of August 31, 2025

At the end of August, we will be purging this entire list and starting from scratch. Please make note of any individuals below that you will want to remain on the Parish Prayer List. After September 1, we will provide a link for you to add them back onto the list, along with any new prayer requests. Thank you!

Bereavement

- Chris
- David
- Pedro
- Jeremy
- Jerry
- Dorothy (Muriel Woodburn's mother)
- The Rev John Biggs
- Carmen Jaime
- Andy
- Joe
- Brent
- Dora
- Nathaniel

Healing and Comfort

- Dewayne
- Robin
- Mike S.
- Christina M.
- Leslie
- Brandon
- Terry
- Paul
- Tyler
- Larry McEnroe
- Ron & Marie
- John & Joanne
- Madeline
- Christy & Family
- Mary D.
- Wayne
- Les
- Donna M.
- Mary A.
- Martha Jaime
- Sally
- Marilyn
- Ashlea
- Lisa
- Steve, Maury & Cooper
- Peggy & Joe
- Danny & Stacey
- Trisha
- Maury
- Cooper
- Debbie
- Carla
- Pat & Dale
- Lynette
- Dennis
- Tim
- Tina
- Dan
- Elsie
- Dan
- Millie
- Dickie
- Jase
- Ed
- Chris
- Rusty & Debbie
- Donna H.
- Dennis
- John A.

Nursing Home & At-Home

- Jerry and Tom
- Marybeth A.
- Shirley N. at Autumn Terrace
- Barbara W. at Wiltshire
- John M.
- Irene

Strength and Support

- Brad K.
- Vida
- Janet
- Christopher
- Danielle
- Jerome
- Jaidyn
- Tyler
- Judy & Sal
- Those suffering violence in
Ukraine, Gaza, Israel
- those in prison, especially
Sam D., David and Brandee
- the homeless, especially Chris

Thanksgivings

- Zelda
- Our St. Michael's church
family
- Our new Bishop, Amy Dafler
Meaux