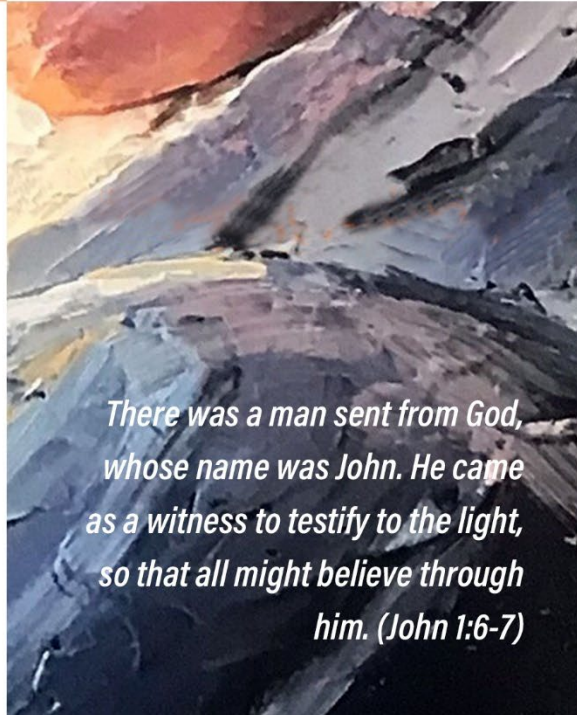




Second Sunday of Advent

**Dec 7, 2025
10:00 am
Holy Eucharist**

**St. Michael's
Episcopal Church**
stmichaelschurch.org



*There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John. He came
as a witness to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through
him. (John 1:6-7)*



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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Service Notes

Liturgy for the Advent Season this year comes from Enriching Our Worship 1

An asterisk (*) denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)

"Hymnal" refers to the Hymnal 1982 located throughout the Nave.

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The Word of God

* Lighting the Advent Wreath

As we light the first two candles of the Advent Wreath, we welcome the prophets who shine your light in the world. Help us to get ready to welcome Jesus, once again. *Amen.*

* Processional Song

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cries"

Hymnal # 76

* Opening Sentence

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

* Trisagion

Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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* Collect of the Day

Advent

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

* Collect for Nicholas of Myra

Transferred from December 6

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your church may be so inspired by the example of your servant Nicholas of Myra, that it may never cease to work for the welfare of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth

with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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* Sequence

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye _____ first the _____ king - dom of God.

And His _____ righ - teous - ness. _____

And all these things shall be giv - en un - to you.

Al - le - - lu, Al - le - lu - - - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in G-clef and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a whole note, and the fourth with a whole note. There are long horizontal lines under some lyrics to indicate sustained notes.

* Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going

out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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**

R&R 33

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Holy One, saying, “Loving God, give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding.” God of hope, in this season of Advent, help us to live in harmony with one another, working for justice, freedom and peace.

People Loving God, give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Intercessor God of the universal Church, we pray to you for all the people of God, and for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Amy, our Bishop and for our parish lay and clergy leaders.

People Loving God, give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Intercessor God of creation and growth, let us be the fruit of your word for our world and good stewards of your world.

People Loving God, give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Intercessor God of compassion, let us be the voices crying out in the wilderness wherever we see oppression or pain, the voices for those who have no voice.

People Loving God, give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Intercessor God of healing and hope, we pray for those needing ongoing care and for those waiting upon your mercy.

People Loving God, give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Intercessor God of God of abundance, we offer thanks for all of the blessings of this life.

People Loving God, give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Intercessor God of time, grant rest eternal for those who have died and grant us a place in your eternal kingdom.

People Loving God, give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding

Intercessor God of loving-kindness, hear the prayers of your people, offered here, spoken or silent.

Celebrant O Holy One, who promises justice and forgiveness, draw us ever closer to you as we seek to make a pathway in this world for the coming of your love and mercy. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

- December Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Sun, Dec 14, 10 am – Advent Lessons and Carols
- Thu, Dec 18, 6 pm – Christmas Party
- Wed, Dec 24, 6 pm – Christmas Eve Eucharist
- *No Christmas Day Services, No Midweek Eucharist Dec 31*
- Truman High School needs Debate judges.
- Stewardship Campaign begins! Scan QR code >>>



The Holy Communion

Offertory

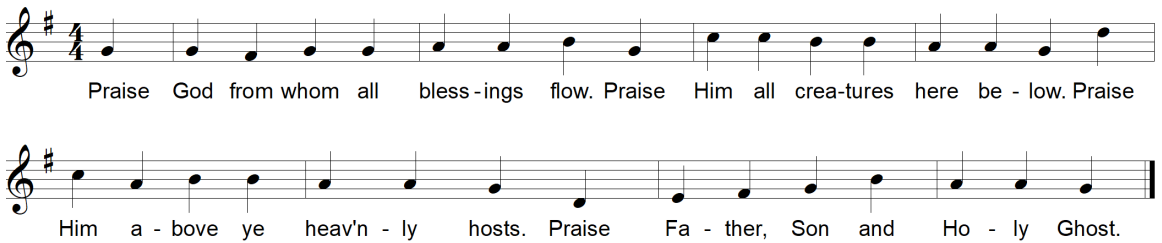
“Comfort, Comfort ye my People”

Hymnal # 67

* **The Presentation**

“Doxology”

Hymnal # 43 v4



Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove ye heav'n - ly hosts. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.

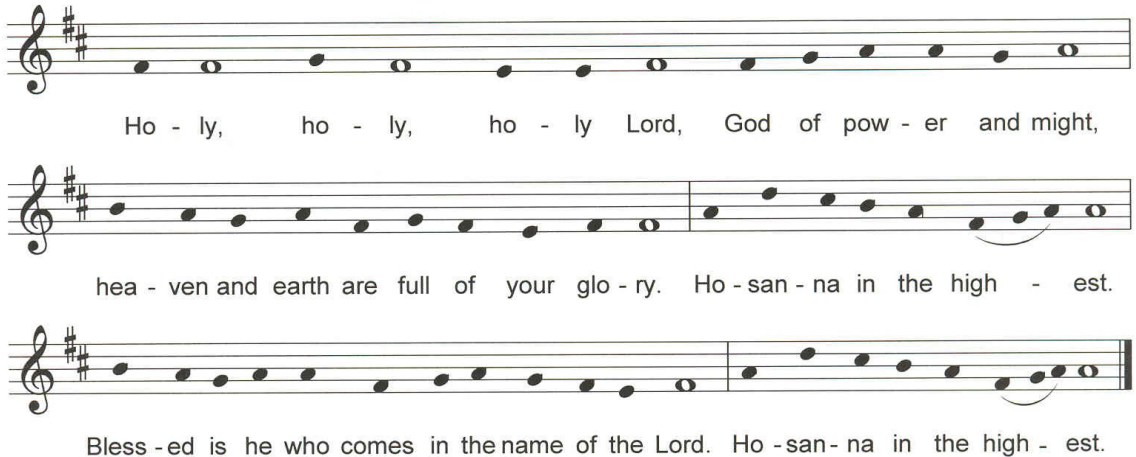
Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

* **Sanctus**

“Holy Holy Holy Lord”

Hurd



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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intended for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant, in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that you have done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with St. Michael the Archangel, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen

*** The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)**

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

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are your, now and for ever. Amen.

*** Fraction**

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever..



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 Music

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal # 66

*** Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymnal # 616

*** Dismissal**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

