

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026 · 10 am · Holy Eucharist

*The people walking in darkness have seen a  
great light. On those living in a pitch-dark  
land, light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2)*

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**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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### **Service Notes**

An asterisk (\*) denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)  
“Hymnal” refers to the Hymnal 1982 located throughout the Nave.

### **About *Enriching Our Worship* (EOW)**

During the season of Easter we will be using the liturgical resources from *Enriching Our Worship*. This is a series of supplemental texts authorized by the Episcopal Church to expand and deepen our worship life. It offers inclusive and expansive language for prayers and rites, enriching our experience of God's presence and mystery. EOW is not intended to replace the Book of Common Prayer, but instead to augment and complement it.

# The Word of God

Call to Worship

Alleluia

\* Processional Song

8-fold Alleluia

1. Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

2. Jesus is Lord...
3. He is risen...
4. I will praise Him...
5. Alleluia!

\* Opening Acclamation & Collect

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Sun of Righteousness, so gloriously risen, shine in our hearts as we celebrate our redemption, that we may see your way to our eternal home, where you reign, one holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*



## \* Collect of the Day

Easter 1

Celebrant God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:1-6

*A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah.*

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

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

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (change notes at the highlighted word)



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now pro-claim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my sal-vation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my sal-vation.

The same stone which the builders re-jected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

\* **Sequence Song**

*"He Is Risen"*

Hymnal #180

## \* Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

Celebrant      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I

have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, and who 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**

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic 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.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## \* The Peace

Celebrant      The peace of Christ be always with you.

People          And also with you.

## Welcome & Announcements

- **April Birthdays & Anniversaries:** “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 *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*”
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Immediately following. Make our guests feel welcome!
- **Easter Refreshments:** In lieu of our usual Sunday Brunch, light refreshments and coffee are available today in the Parish Hall
- **Bill Hayden Memorial Service:** Thu, Apr 9 at 1:30 pm
- **Third Thursday:** April 16 at 6 pm – Wine tasting!
- **St. Mike’s Hard Questions:** Wed, Apr 22 at 6 pm
- **Music Practice:** Wednesdays at 6 pm. All are welcome. Come see what we will sing on Sunday.

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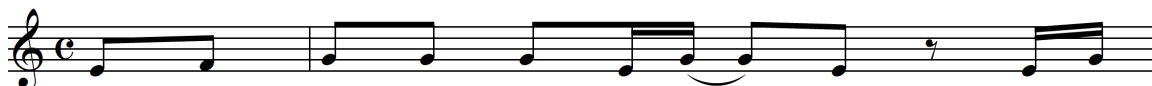
# The Holy Communion

Offertory

“He Is Here”

Baroni/Borop

## VERSE



1. He's the One who made the heav - ens, spoke the  
(2.) saw us in our bond - age and He  
(3.) res - ur - rec - tion morn - ing, God's



stars in - to the sky, He's the One that puts the spar - kle in a  
knew that we would die, un - less He came and of - fered His own  
chil - dren all are home, what a glo - rious cel - e - bra - tion as we



ba - by's eyes; You can hear Him in the sweet - ness of a  
life to pay the price; So, with His blood He bought our ran - som and  
wor - ship 'round the throne; Un - speak - a - ble the glo - ry, as we



moth - er's lul - la - by, yet so mar - vel - ous it is to re - al -  
gave to us the pow'r - - to be  
see Him face to face, and we



ize, He is here, He is here. He is

## CHORUS



here, let's cel - e - brate the pres - ence of the Lord, He is

**to Coda**

here, the Ho - ly One, O, let Him be a - dored; He is

here, to wor - ship Him is such a sweet re - ward, He is

here in our midst, He is here. 2. Je-sus  
3. It's

To Verse

**VERSE 2**

*D.S.*

come God's sons and daugh - ters, O wor-ship Him this hour. He is

To Chorus

**VERSE 3**

*D.S. al Coda*

praise His name for - ev - er in this place. He is

To Chorus

**CODA**

here, to wor - ship Him is such a sweet re - ward,

He is here, He is here, He is here.

## The Presentation

*“Doxology”*

Hymnal #380 v3



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## The Great Thanksgiving

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: 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..

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”*

Hymnal #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of pow - er and

3  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

5  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

3  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the highest. \_\_\_\_\_

Celebrant: 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 intend 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 and 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was 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 Chris.

**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 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\*

Celebrant 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, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## El Padre Nuestro\*

Celebrante Oremos como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos enseñó.

**Todos** Padre Nuestro que estás en el Cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el Cielo.

Danos hoy Nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

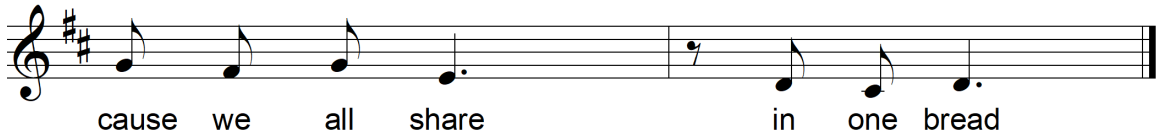
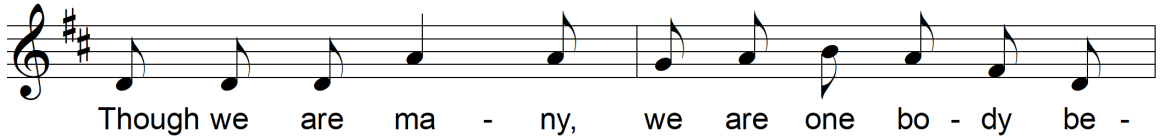
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

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\* During the Season of Easter, we are standing in solidarity with our Spanish-speaking neighbors by praying the Lord's Prayer in both English and Spanish. Participants are invited to pray aloud in one or both languages, as they feel led. We at St. Michael's are actively seeking additional ways to bless and minister to the Spanish-language community in the weeks and months to come.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*



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 Music** “At the Lamb’s High Feast we Sing”

Hymnal # 174

## \* Post-Communion 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 on 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

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

Hymnal #207

## \* Dismissal

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

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**



