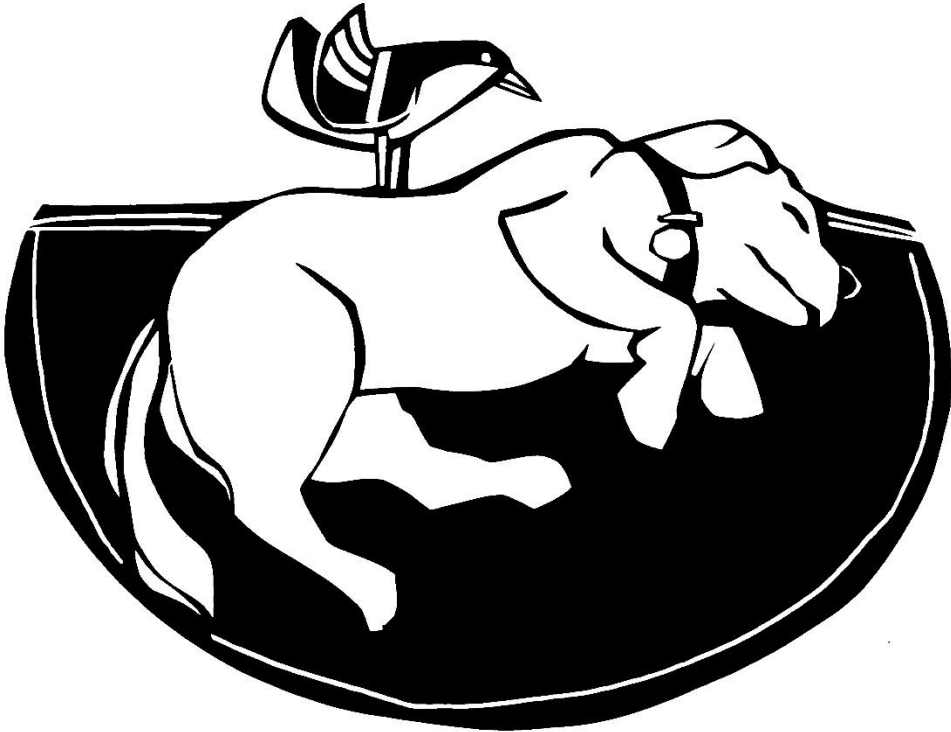


Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 · 10 am · Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)

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St. Michael's
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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 last portion of Ordinary Time (the Season after Pentecost) 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

* Processional Song

"The King of Love"

Hymnal # 645

* Opening Acclamation & Collect

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One,

People **You come to your people and set them free**

Celebrant God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Song of Praise

"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"

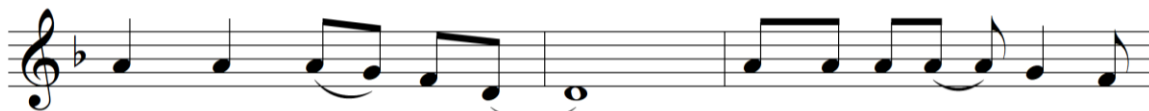
Haywood



Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,



— Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we



praise your Ho - ly name. — 1. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty - y - God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for — your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. Glo - ry,



glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.



— Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we



praise your Ho - ly name.____ 4. You take a-way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. 5. You are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our____



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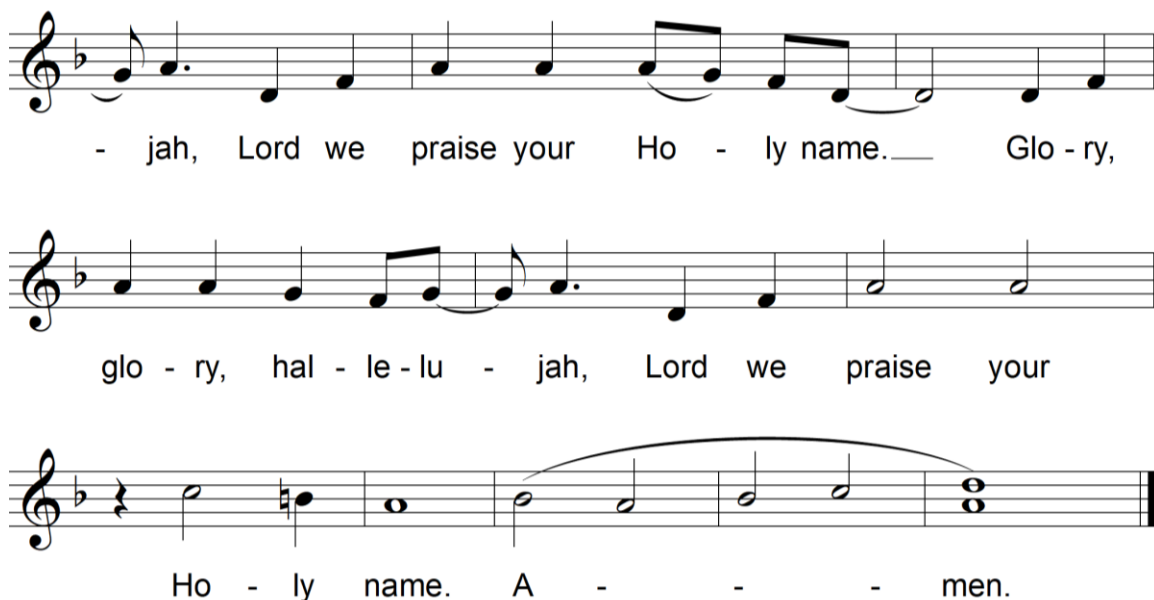
lone are____ the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the



glo - ry of____ the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu -



* Collect of the Day

Proper 23

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the

people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people”

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

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

Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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* Sequence Song

“South African Alleluia”

1x/1x

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.

* Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding

banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.

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**

Form II

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Amy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

All: We pray for the Church. (*Petitions may be offered, either silently or aloud.*)

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

All: We pray for justice and peace. (*Petitions may be offered*)

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We remember this day those on our altar prayer list and those you would name.

All: We pray for those in any need or trouble. (*Petitions may be offered*)

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

All: We pray that they may find and be found by him. (*Petitions may be offered*)

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed and those who grieve.

All: We pray for those who have died. (*Petitions may be offered*)

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

All: We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. (*Petitions may be offered*)

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully

accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **The 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 the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

- **Blessing of the Animals!**
- **SOCK-TOBER**
- **Third Thursday Gathering** – Thursday, October 15
- **Bishop's Visitation** – Sunday, October 18, 10 am
- **Halloween Trick-or-Treat** – Saturday, October 31, in the afternoon



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 is available by request. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

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The Holy Communion

Offertory

"My Shepherd will Supply my Need"

Hymnal # 664

The Presentation

"Thank You"

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son. And
leav - ing Your Spir - it til the work on earth is done.

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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

* Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Brown

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord of the Lord Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na in the high est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



* The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

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 yours, now and for ever. Amen.

* The Breaking of the Bread



1. Come to me, come to us, you who are bur - dened.
2. Come to me, come to us, pil - grim or strang - er,



Come to the Word, and come to the meal.
look - ing for change, or chal - lenge or light.



Come with-out ques - tion or pres - sure or price:
We are the peo - ple whose call - ing is care,



come, be em - braced by the bod - y of Christ. _____
bear - ers of mer - cy, _____ nour - ished in prayer. _____

3. Come to me, come to us, bro - ken or build - ing,
 come with your chil - dren, your choic - es, your chains.
 All are in - vi - ted to friend - ship or rest, to
 share in our strug - gle, our call and our quest, _____ to
 share in our strug - gle, our call _____
 _____ and our quest. _____

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 Music

“My God thy Table Now Is Spread”

Hymnal # 321

* Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

* Closing Hymn

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

Hymnal # 556

* Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

