

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 • 10 am • Holy Eucharist

with Rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation



WELCOMING BISHOP AMY DAFLER MEAUX!



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 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

"Immortal, Invisible"

Hymnal # 423

* Opening Acclamation & Collect

Bishop Blessed are you, holy and living One,

People You come to your people and set them free

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

* Collect of the Day

Proper 24

Bishop God be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

Psalm 99

The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *

for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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* Sequence Song

“South African Alleluia”

1x/1x

G G7 A_m G D7 G G7 A_m
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -
 G D7 G A_m C G D7 E_m G7
 le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al -
 A_m C E_m7 D7 G
 le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s,

and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Bishop The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

*** Presentation of Candidates**

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present ____ for Confirmation.

Presenter I present ____ to be received into this Communion.

Presenter I present ____ who desires to reaffirm his/her baptismal vows.

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.

Intecessor 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 in 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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

For Reception: *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.**

For Reaffirmation: *N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

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 Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome to Bishop Amy!**
- **Congrats for Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations!**
- **Pumpkin Decorating:** Thursday, Oct 22, 6 pm
- **Worship Committee Meeting:** Saturday, Oct 24, 1 pm – Open to all!
- **Halloween Trick-or-Treat:** Saturday, Oct 31, 1-3 pm



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. For those who need it, 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

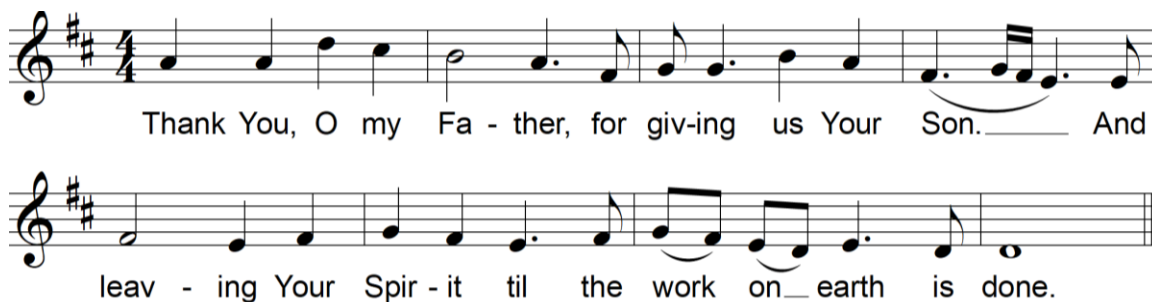
Offertory

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

Hymnal # 348

The Presentation

"Thank You"



The Great Thanksgiving

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: 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. **Amen.**

* The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

Bishop 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. _____

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.

Communion Music

"I Sought the Lord"

Hymnal # 689

* **Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing**

Bishop 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**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymnal # 362

* **Dismissal**

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

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

