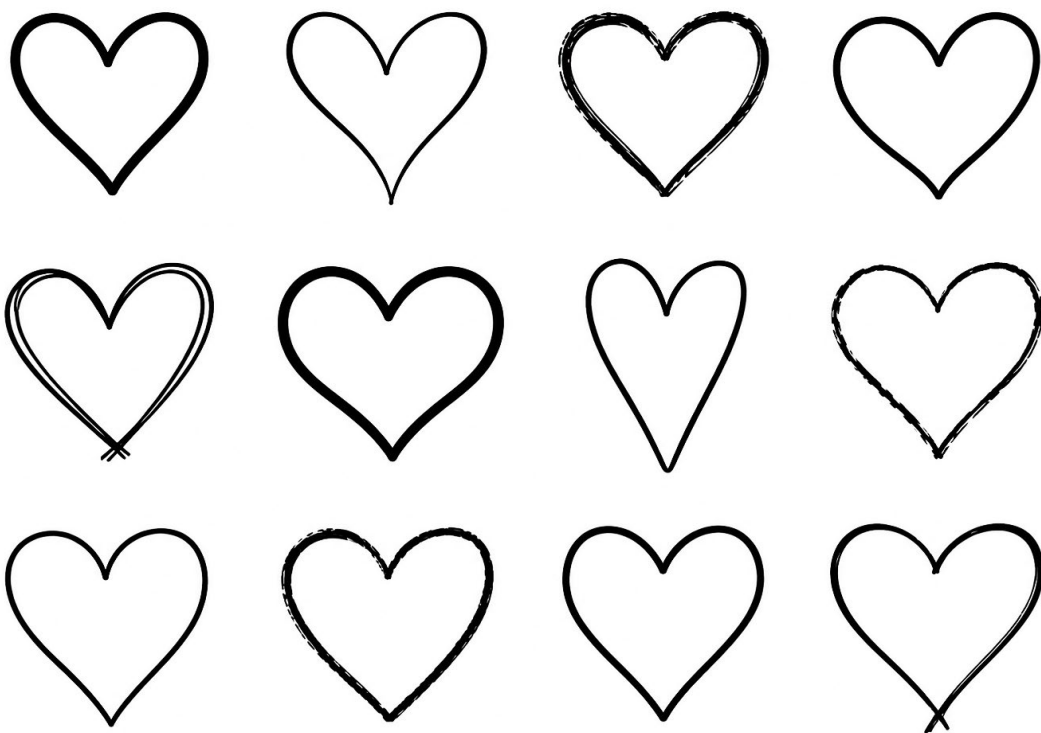


Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 · 10 am · Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)



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** “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” Hymnal 450, v1-3,6

* 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



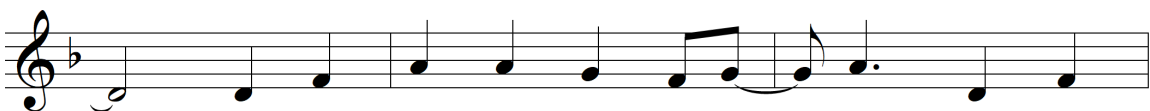
praise you for — your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



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



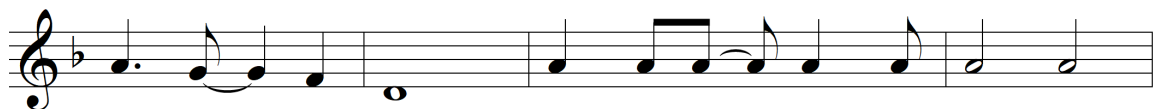
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. 5. You are



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



prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a -



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 -

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. Glo - ry,

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your

Ho - ly name. A - - - men.

* Collect of the Day

Proper 25

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. Amen.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far

as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalms 9:1-6, 13-17

LORD, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for

you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

*** 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 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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**

Daughters of the King Service for Peace (adapted)

DOK Intercessor: Almighty and merciful God, whose only Son came to preach peace to the nations: Hear us, we beseech you, and comfort us with your steady hand. Because we trust in you, we dare to believe:

People: Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Hope is stronger than despair.

Although often lost in grief and overwhelmed by fear and anger, we hear your call to firmer faith and deeper trust. In the midst of doubt and fear you call us to be a people of prayer. Help us, O Lord, to place our confidence in you as we pray for all who have lost loved ones ... to those traumatized by memories and images they cannot forget ... to those who are paralyzed by fear ... to those who seek to do us harm.

Hear us, O Lord, and teach us to pray, for you alone are our refuge and strength.

O God, true source of wholeness and peace, in a world bearing the wounds of suffering and grief, you call us to be a people of healing. Help us to reach out to neighbors in need, to bear one another's burdens, to weep with those who weep. Give us the grace to share the comfort of Christ with all those who long for his healing touch. Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love.

Hear us, O Lord, and help us to heal, for you alone are our refuge and strength.

Strong God of love, in a world torn by violence and threatened by revenge and hatred, you call us to be a people of love. Give us strength to love even when love is most difficult. Save us from the desire for vengeance, and from the temptation to rejoice in wrongdoing. So fill us with the love of Christ that we might seek the good for all people. Do not let us be overcome by evil, but help us overcome evil with good.

Hear us, O Lord, and show us how to love, for you alone are our refuge and strength.

God of truth and light, in a world of darkness you call us to bear witness to your light. Guide us by your Spirit, that we might reflect the glory of your Son in his courage in speaking the truth, in his compassion for others, in his willingness to bear suffering, and in his refusal to return evil for evil.

Hear us, O Lord, and guide our witness, for you alone are our refuge and strength.

Almighty and ever-faithful God, in a world of despair you call us to be a people of hope. When we are cast down or dismayed, keep your Spirit alive in us. Grant us faith to look forward with confidence to that day when the whole world will be drawn into willing obedience to your reign and people will come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at one table in your kingdom.

Hear us, O Lord, and fill us with hope, for you alone are our refuge and strength.

You, O Lord, are our refuge and strength, our help in time of trouble. Forgive us, your Church, for the times we have failed in our actions or our inactions, in our words or our silence.

I invite you to add names for remembrance, spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Help us to hold in our hearts and show in our lives what we proclaim with our lips:

Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Hope is stronger than despair.

(The people are invited to stand, as able)

Celebrant: Let every heart be filled with a bright reflection of everlasting love, gratefulness, and belonging. Let every heart that offers this prayer, or holds thoughts of hope and love toward all, be filled today with peace and abundance

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

- **Halloween Trick-or-Treat**

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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

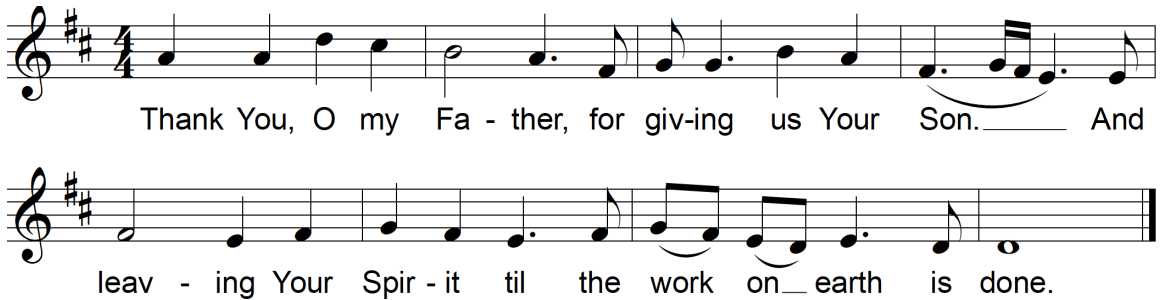
Offertory

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Hymnal # 707

* The Presentation

"Thank You"



* 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.**

rant: 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.



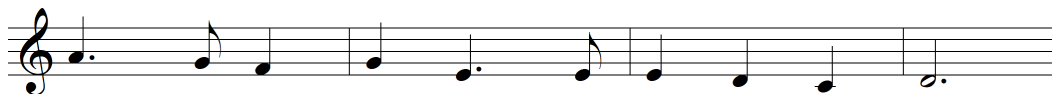
Come with-out ques - tion or pres - sure or price:
We are the peo - ple whose call - ing is care,



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

"Come with Us O Blessed Jesus"

Hymnal # 336

* **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** *"O God Our Help in Ages Past"* Hymnal 680

* **Dismissal**

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

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