



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Feast of St. Michael & All Angels
October 1, 2023
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist II
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II & Baptism

We are glad you have chosen to join us today as we worship God together. Thank you for silencing your cell phone and wearing a name tag. Single use name tags are available on the welcome table in the Gathering Space, along with name tag request forms. If this is your first time visiting, you have a prayer request, or you would like to get more connected, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offertory plate or the black box on the welcome table in the Gathering Space. Our Nursery, located on the lower level, is open today from 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM for children 5 and under. *The Bible we are using to proclaim the Gospel is The Saint John's Bible, Heritage Edition, and you can learn more about the Bible at stmikeschurch.com/bible.* We hope you have a blessed day and week ahead.

Prelude "Aria quasi una ciaccona" by Carson Cooman

Opening Hymn "Ye holy angels bright" Hymn 625

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| <p>1. Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.</p> | <p>3. Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives!</p> |
| <p>2. Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race
and now, from sin released,
behold the Savior's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.</p> | <p>4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.</p> |

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to you, most Holy Lord God; *
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel at this time (10:30 AM Service)

Children will return during The Peace

A Reading from Exodus (17:1-7)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.
 He led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

A Reading from Revelation (12:7-12)

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

My Heart Sings Out 20

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (21:23-32)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven,

**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.**

The Prayers of the People Form VI

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 392

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
***People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; and especially for the victims and their families suffering gun violence.
***People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
***People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
***People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
***People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, our Clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;
***People* For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the sick and suffering, especially: Francis, Carol, Ceci, Chuck, Dayle, Debra G., Emily, G.G., Ian, Joanne, Laura, Lyle, Mary, Megan, Melissa, Monica, Natalie, Oriana, Patty, Sue, Zoe, and those we pray for during our Wednesday Healing Service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Arlene, Autume, Barbara, Bill, Bobbie, Britney, Caleb, Carol, Cathleen, Charlotte, Cheryl, Chris, Courtney, Craig, Danielle, Dayle, Debra G., Dennis B., Diana, Diane, Ethel, Francis, Greg, Hunter, Jane, Ji-bril, Jonathan, Judy, Kalob, Kristen, Laura D., Laura J., Layla, Leona, Marlene, Marne, Mateo, Megan, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Peg, Peter, Peyton, Randy, Ross, Russell, Sara, Sarah R., Sharon, Sherry, Sherry, Spence, Sue, Terri, Tripp, Valerie, Viola.

To add or update a prayer request, use this form online: <https://www.stmikeschurch.com/prayer-request> or email Diane Dennison at diane@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

Leader For the deployed and those serving around the world: Tyler, Anton, Thomas, Dallas, Brian, Alexander & Jason. Hear us, Lord;
***People* For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: Judson C., Bryson C., Douglas W., Andrew H., Jessica F., Jim M., Elizebeth T., Kathy D., Mattie P., Joseph P., Rachel C., Dean L., Gwen W., and those with anniversaries; Jessica & Tim Frank, David & Joy Underhill, Chuck Fogelman & Patti Barrett, Susan & Landon Maltby, and for those expecting; Kate D. and Roxy S. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Ray Miller by Margaret Miller.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

The Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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 *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Digital Offering *(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online:)*

1. Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
2. Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.



All who are led by the Spirit of Jesus,
 All those who walk in the footsteps of Christ,
 All those who follow where Love may lead them
 Are the sons and the daughters, the children of God.

The Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Hymn 400 vs. 7 (10:30AM Service Sung)

**Let all things their creator bless,
 and worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is said)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *(10:30 AM sung)*

S129

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

(You may remain standing or kneel)

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. You may receive the wine by sipping from the common cup or use the practice of intinction/dipping of the bread into the wine. At the altar rail, you may kneel or stand, and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the cup. When the wine comes to you, you may dip your wafer into the wine and then consume and return to your pew. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please assist the chalice bearers by guiding the chalice to your lips with one hand. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: Please come to the left side (as you face the altar) and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine.

Communion Hymns

"Nicaea" (*instrumental*)

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Hymn 324

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

“On eagle’s wings”

WLP 810

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!”
3. For to the angels God’s given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.*

Refrain

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God’s wings your refuge
with faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Sending

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant: In the name of God and this community, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.

***People:* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

Hymn 618

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

“Lasst uns erfreuen”

by David Bednall



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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Today:

The St. John's Bible Preview - 9:15 AM

Parenting Small Group - 9:45 AM

Food Trucks & Fun - 11:45 AM

Blessing of the Stuffed Animals – Sunday, October 8 (Both Services)

Well Behaved Pets – on the Plaza at 2:00 PM

The Space Between Us – Monday, October 9, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. RSVP

Oktoberfest – Friday, October 13, 5:00 – 8:00 PM. RSVP

20s & 30s Group Theology on Tap – Friday, October 13, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

Fall High School Retreat - October 13 – 15. RSVP

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build for Unity – Saturday, October 14. RSVP

Stewardship Sunday – Sunday, October 15

Archangel Deadline – Sunday, October 15

Soul Shop Training – Saturday, October 21, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. RSVP

Newcomers Lunch – Sunday, October 22, 12:00 – 1:00 PM. RSVP

SMASH El Paso Club Tour & Lunch – Friday, October 27, 11:00 AM. RSVP

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 28, 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Art & Theology – Saturday, October 28, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. RSVP

Youth Council – Sunday, October 29

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