

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II

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.

"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" BWV 645

by J.S. Bach

# Welcome

Prelude

# **Opening Hymn**

"Blest be the King whose coming"

Hymn 74

- Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred! Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!
- 2. Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard; pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

# Lighting of the Advent Wreath

# **Opening Acclamation**

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

- Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! He only to the humble reveals the face of God. All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand, all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!
- Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need. Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be, for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!

# The Collect for Purity

**Kyrie** 

*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.

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 356

Celebrant	Lord, have mercy.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Celebrant	Christ, have mercy.
People	Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant	Lord, have mercy.
People	Lord, have mercy.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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

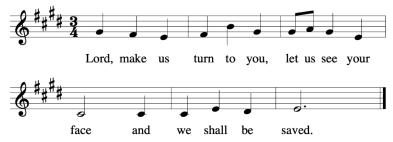
Children will return during The Peace

# A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (64:1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



- Shepherd of Israel, give ear in time of need.
  Pour out your power upon us, and save us with your might. (Refrain)
- Once again, O Lord, look down from heaven and see.
  We are the vine your right hand planted; only by your care we live. (Refrain)
- 3. May your right hand be on those you have chosen, those whom you made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. (Refrain)

# A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Gospel Acclamation** 

The First Song of Isaiah



# The Gospel

Celebrant <b>People</b>	The Holy Gospel of Our Lo Glory to you, Lord Christ.	ord Jesus Christ According to M	Iark (13:24-37)
	Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.		
	"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.		
	Father. Beware, keep alert; f a journey, when he leaves he the doorkeeper to be on the of the house will come, in th	or you do not know when the ome and puts his slaves in charg watch. Therefore, keep awake- ne evening, or at midnight, or a	els in heaven, nor the Son, but only the time will come. It is like a man going on ge, each with his work, and commands —for you do not know when the master t cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may o you I say to all: Keep awake."
Celebrant <b>People</b>	The Gospel of the Lord. <b>Praise to you, Lord Christ</b>		
Gospel Acc	elamation	"The First Song of Isaiah"	
Sermon			The Rev. Matt Holcombe
Meditation	& Reflection (10:30 service)	"What a Beautiful Name"	Hillsong Worship
		l in the beginning. One with God the glory in creation now revealed in you	8
The Nicen	e Creed		The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358
th ma of We th	believe in one God, e Father, the Almighty, aker of heaven and earth, all that is, seen and unseen. believe in one Lord, Jesus C e only Son of God, ernally begotten of the Fathe		

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

of one Being with the Father.

begotten, not made,

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Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. 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 III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *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, especially Joe Crowley, brother of MaryDee Weigel, and Ted Rains, friend of Micki Rice;

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.*  The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 387

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the sick and suffering, especially: Amy, Beth, Carl, Cassie, Charles, Dave, Deb, Debbie, Diane V., G.G., Gerry, Hugh, Hunter, Karen, Laura, Mark, Robert, Roe, Ron, Shirley, Tom, Vanessa, Virginia, Zoee, for the victims of gun violence and war, and those we pray for during our Wednesday Healing Service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for:

Alice, Arlene, Autume, Barbara, Bobbie, Bryce, Caleb, Carol, Cathleen, Chelsea, Cheryl, Chris, Christopher C., Christopher W., Courtney, Craig, Danielle, Darek, Dave, Debra, Dennis, Diana, Diane. Ethel, Greg, Hunter, Ian, Jaan, Jan, Ji-bril, Joe, Jonathan, Judy, Kalob, Kaelin, Kristen, Landon, Laura D., Laura J., Leona, Marlene, Mateo, Megan, Michael, Micki, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Natalie, Oriana, Peg, Peter, Peyton, Phil, Randy, Rich, Ross, Russell, Sara, Sarah R., Sharon D., Sharon G., Sherry, Spence, Steve, Sue, Terri, Tripp, Valerie, Wolf, Zoee.

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.
- Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: Lorrie P., Ann C., Dorothy S., Jane A., Benjamin M., Kim N.; and those with anniversaries: Daniel & Sarah Tucker, Debbie & Doug Swanson; and for those expecting: Kate D., Roxy S., and Kristin P.
- *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.

Offertory

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"



by Barry Talley

# The Doxology

	(8:00 AM Service Spoken)	Hymn 381 vs. 4 (10:30AM Service Sung)
Celebrant	All things come of thee O Lord.	God the Father, Light Creator,
People	And of thine own have we given thee.	to thee laud and honor be;
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God the Father, Light Creator, to thee laud and honor be; To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally; Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer, glory, glory be to thee; Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the Holy Trinity!

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 367

# The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

- CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLiferen group has state
- 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. (*An appropriate Proper Preface is offered here and the service continues as follows.*)

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:

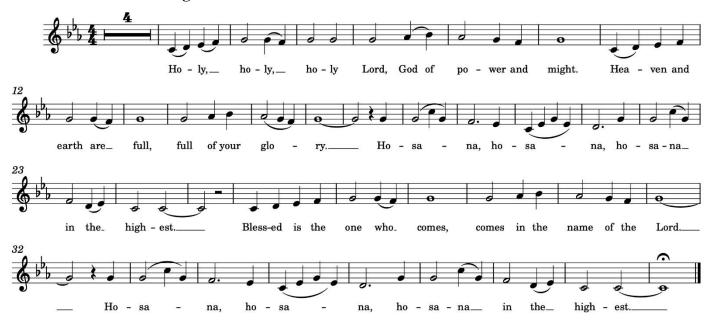
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



(You may remain standing or kneel)

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; *Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all of your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

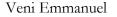
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

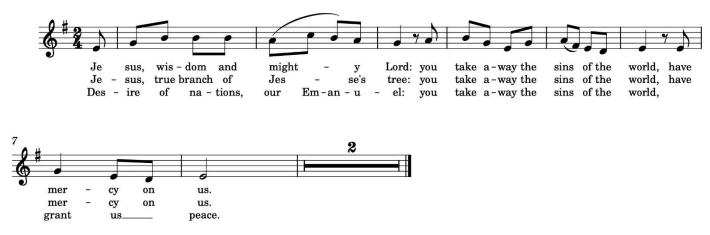
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

Angus Dei





*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. 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 (intinct) your wafer into the wine and then consume it 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**

### "Creator of the stars of night"

- Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
- 2. In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.
- 3. When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

### "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

- 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.
- 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!"

### "Sleepers, wake!" (instrumental)

- 4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
- Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.
- 6. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Hymn 324

Hymn 60

Hymn 61

# 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.

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

# Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

shall come to thee, O Israel!

Celebrant

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

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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**

Closi	ng Hymn	"O come, O come, Emmanuel"	Hymn #56, vs. 1-4
1.	O come, O come, Emmanuel, that mourns in lonely exile her Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!	1 '	
2.		n high, who orderest all things mightily; low, and teach us in her ways to go.	
3.		f might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.	
4.		s tree, free them from Satan's tyranny save, and give them victory o'er the grave.	

#### Dismissal

Deacon	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

by Peter Niedmann

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements:

<u>Today, Sunday December 3, 2023:</u> Advent Festival – 9:15 AM (Intergenerational) Pageant Rehearsal – 12:00 – 2:00 PM Vestry Person of the Day – Lee Kulbitski

Youth Group Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 6, 6:00 – 8:00 PM RSVP

Christmas Light Festival – December 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Advent Retreat - Saturday, December 9, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM RSVP

Sense-ational Journey to Bethlehem - Sunday, December 10, 9:15 AM (Intergenerational)

Christmas Brass & Poinsettias Donation Forms Due – Wednesday, December 13

Blue Christmas Service – December 14, 7 PM

Christmas Pageant - Sunday, December 17, 10:30 AM

"Shine Bright!" Christmas Show by J. - Saturday, December 23, 6:30 PM

Advent 4 – Sunday, December 24, 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Services – <u>Sunday</u>, December 24, 2023 Family Service, 4:00 PM Traditional Service, 7:00 PM Midnight Service, 11:00 PM

Christmas Day Service - Monday, December 25, 10:00 AM

A Service for a New Year – Sunday, December 31, 10:00 AM

RSVP to www.stmikeschurch.com/signup

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