



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 11, 2024
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.

Prelude Voluntary on "Slane" by Eugene Butler

Opening Hymn "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" Hymn 423

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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 God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 the Second Book of Kings (2:1-12)

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were

standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Psalm 50:1-6

The Book of Common Prayer pg. 654

**The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
"Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.**

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (4:3-6)

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (9:2-9)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation "Celtic Alleluia"

Sermon The Rev. Vicki Hesse

Meditation (10:30 service) "Transfiguration" by Brooke Ligertwood

The Nicene Creed The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

**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:
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 VI

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 392

Reader 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;
***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 the Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the sick and suffering, especially: Bill, Bob, Carol, Carolyn, Clare, Colleen, Delores, Ed, Laura, Lisa, Lois, Lorraine, Lucian, Mary Dee, Oriana, Steve C., 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, Amy H., Amy L., Autume, Barbara, Beth B., Beth C., Beverly T., Bill & Ann, Brian, Caleb, Carol P., Carol R., Carolyn B., Carolyn S., Charles, Chris, Darlene, Dave J., David W., Debbie K., Debra G., Dennis, Diana, Emily, Erica, Ericka, Jeff & Eva, Ethel, GG, Hunter, Jaan & Terry, Jarad, Jibril, Joyce, Kalob, Katherine, Kathleen, Larry, Laura D., Laura J., Leona, Lisa, Lucian, Jeremiah H., Mark, Mary E., Mary Beth, Mateo, Megan, Melissa, Michael, Miles, Nancy, Noa, Oriana, Peyton, Randy, Rich, Ron F., Scott, Sharon D., Sherry, Steve, Susan, Tammy, Tom, Tripp, Valerie, Virginia L., Virginia R., Wolf

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, Dallas, Brian, & Alexander.
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: Lanny G., Jenna L., Kathleen F., Arlo M., Diana F., Carmen K., Caleb T., and those with anniversaries: Kelly & Russ Howell; and for those expecting: Kate D., Roxy S., and Kristin P. 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 celebration of their anniversary by Ed & Patti Hanemann.

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 as you are able.)

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

“Song of the Transfiguration”

by David Haas

The Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Hymn 380 vs. 3 *(10:30 AM Service Sung)*

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving 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. *(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:

Sanctus *(8:00 AM Spoken) (For the 10:30 service, please see music on the next page.)*

**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.**

Sanctus (10:30 AM Sung)

"Iona"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Bless-ed, bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

5
hea - ven, earth, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Bless-ed, bless-ed, is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

9
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

(Please kneel or stand in body or spirit)

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. 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 (instinct) 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

"O Light of Light"

Hymn 133

1. O Light of Light, Love given birth;
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.
2. Two prophets, who had faith to see,
with your elect found company;
the heavens above your glory named,
your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.
3. May all who seek to praise aright
through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now
all faithful hearts adoring bow.

1. I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:
And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the
last day.

2. The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.
Refrain

3. Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you.
Refrain

4. I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.
Refrain

5. Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.
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.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

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

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
“I am with you evermore”?
3. Alleluia! bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

Postlude on “Hyfrodol”

by Jason D. Payne

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements:**Today, Sunday, February 11, 2024****Within & Beyond Our Walls: Embodied Prayer – 9:15 AM*****Parenting Small Group – 9:15 AM****Newcomers Class – History & Tour of St. Mike’s – 9:15 AM****40 Days of Giving****Vestry Person of the Day –**

Upcoming Events & New Announcements:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday, February 13, 5:00 -7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 – 9:00 AM Ashes to Go in the St. Mike’s Parking Lot

12:00 PM Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

7:00 PM * Imposition of Ashes, Holy Eucharist & Choir

Archangel Deadline – Thursday, February 15

People Who Read - Thursday, February 15, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Practically Divine: Book Discussion – Sunday, February 18, 9:15 AM*

Lenten Soup Suppers – Wednesdays, February 21- March 27, 5:30 – 7:00 PM (RSVP)

40s & 50s Karaoke – Wednesday, February 21, 8:00 PM (RSVP)

Practically Divine with Special Guest The. Rev. Becca Stevens – Sunday, February 25, 9:15 AM *

*Live Streamed

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