



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 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

Five Short Settings of the Tune *Amazing Grace*

(Movements 1-3)
by Raymond H. Haan

Opening Hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Hymn 686

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.
2. Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

(Please kneel as you are able)

The Decalogue: Contemporary

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 350

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of
bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

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.**

Trisagion (*Repeat 3 times*)

8:00 AM Service

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

People **Have mercy on us.**

10:30 AM Service:

Ho - ly God. Ho-ly and mi - ghty. Ho - ly im -
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mor - tal one have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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 Numbers (21:4-9)

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
 and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
 that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; *
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
 they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food *
 and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
 and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them *
 and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
 and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians (2:1-10)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Sequence Hymn

Taizé

**Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
 Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.**

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (3:14-21)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

Sequence Hymn

Sermon

The Rev. Gary Darress, Deacon

Meditation (10:30 service)

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

by Chris Tomlin

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 III

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 387

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People **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;
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.

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 H., Betty, Bob, Charlie, Denny, Enid, Ginny, Honey, Jan, Jim W., Jon, Jonathan, Laura, Lucian,
 Millie, Robert, Stacey, Wolf, 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., Anna, Autume, Anigeya, Barbara, Bill, Bill & Ann,
 Brian, Caleb, Carl, Carol P., Carolyn B., Carolyn S., Charles, Chris, Chris, Colleen, David W.,
 Debra G., Dennis, Diana, Don, Drew A., Emily, Erica, Ethel, Greg, Honey, Hunter, Izaiha,
 Jaan & Terry, Jack, Jane, Jarad, Jibril, Joyce, Kalob, Kathleen, Larry, Laura D., Leona, Lisa,
 Lucian, Michael, Mark, Mary Dee, Mary E., Mary Beth, Mateo, Megan N., Megan P., Michael, Miles, Millie,
 Molly, Nancy, Natalie, Nikki & Brendan, Oriana, Peyton, Randy, Rita, Roe, Ron R., Sally, Scott,
 Sharon B., Sharon D., Sherry, Stephanie, Steve C., Steve M., Susan, Tammy, Tripp, Valerie, Virginia, 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 We pray for all who have died, especially, Gary Singson, Mary Budding, Don Brooks, and Donita Jenkins, 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 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 the birth of Grizz L. D. Fornero; for those celebrating birthdays this week: Don B., Ronald C., Eloise M., Leni C., Charlie F., Annette Z., Cole C., Erik L., Jody T., JoAnn D., Marianne J., Michele N., Leslie D., Ginger N., Danny R., Kent W.; and those with anniversaries, Jon & Josephine Richardson; and for those expecting: Kate D., Kristin P., and Grace P. We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

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 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 *(8:00 AM Service)* “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
(10:30 AM Service) “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

by Chris Tomlin
from *We Remember Calvary*
by Joel Raney

The Doxology *(8:00 Spoken)*

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

(10:30 AM Service Sung)

Hymn 143, vs. 5

O Fa-ther, Son, and Spi-rit blest, to thee be ev-ery prayer ad-dressed, who
art in three-fold Name a-dored, from age to age, the on-ly Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

(The people stand or kneel)

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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; gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8:00 AM Service-Spoken)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem *(10:30 AM Service-Sung)*

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Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (10:30 AM Service)

from *We Remember Calvary* by Joel Raney

“Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord”

Hymn 328

1. Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
2. Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.
3. Salvation’s giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.
4. Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.
5. Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.
6. He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;
7. with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
8. Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

“Amazing Grace”

Hymn 671

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
2. ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’d first begun.

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 Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious **Body and Blood**
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the **Body of your Son,**
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Hymn 690

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Five Short Settings of the Tune *Amazing Grace*

(Movements 4 & 5)
by Raymond H. Haan

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Today, Sunday, March 10, 2024

Sunday Forum - Si-LENT- 9:15 AM

Baptism Prep Class - 9:15 AM

Newcomer Class: Get Connected – 9:15 AM

Prayer Partner Kickoff Lunch – 12:00 PM

Vestry Person of the Day – Steve Shively

40 Days of Giving – Donations due to the church between Palm Sunday & Easter

Easter Flowers & Brass – Donations Due by March 20

St. Mike's Softball Season Opener – Tuesday, March 12 (*RSVP*)

Lenten Soup Suppers – Wednesdays, through March 27, 5:30 – 7:00 PM (*RSVP*)

Italy Pilgrimage Information Session – Thursday, March 14, 5:00 PM (Online Only via Zoom)

Fish Fry - Friday, March 15, 5:30-7:30 PM (*RSVP*)

Family Sunday School – Using *The Saint John's Bible* – Sunday, March 17, 9:15 AM

Palm Sunday Brunch, Sunday, March 24 after the 8:00 & 10:30 Services (*RSVP to help*)

IHN Host Week – March 24-31 (*RSVP to help*)

Holy Week & Easter

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday Service with Palms - 8:00 AM

Palm Sunday Brunch - 9:00 AM & 11:45 AM

Children & Youth Bread Making - 9:30 AM

Palm Sunday Service with Palms & Choir - & 10:30 AM*

Children & Youth Music Interest Session – 11:45 AM

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service - 7:00 PM*

Garden Watch - 8:00 PM to Friday 9:00 AM

Friday, March 29

Reading the Gospels - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Good Friday Liturgy - 2:00 PM*

Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM (Outside)

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday Service - 10:00 AM (Columbarium)

Easter Vigil Service & Baptisms - 7:00 PM*

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunrise Spoken Service - 6:30 AM

Easter Service with Brass & Choir - 8:00 AM

Egg Hunt - 9:30 AM (Outside)

Easter Service with Brass & Choir - 10:30 AM*