



Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist II

Prelude

“Nettleton”

Opening Hymn

“Christ is alive!”

Hymn 182

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.
3. Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Acts of the Apostles (4:32-35)

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

A Reading from the First Letter of John (1:1-2:2)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 John (20:19-31)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

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;
***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 Emily, Joe, John, Jon, Laura, Margaret, Mark, Michael, Molly, Sydney, Wolf; for the victims of gun violence and war, and those we pray for during our Wednesday Healing Service.

*Alice, Amy H., Amy L., Anna, Autume, Avigeya, Bill & Ann,
 Caleb, Calvin, Carol P., Carolyn B., Charlie, Charlotte, Chris, Chris, Claire, Colleen,
 Debra G., Denny, Diana, Emily, Ethel, Hayden, Helen, Hunter, Jack, Jan, Jibril, Joan, Jon, Joyce, Kathleen, Larry,
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 Br. Stephen Andrew, Susan, Tom, Tripp, Valerie, Virginia, Wolf*

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 or email Diane Dennison at diane@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.*

Leader For the deployed and those serving around the world: Tyler, Richard, Dallas, Alexander & Jason.
Hear us, Lord;

***People* For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this Life, especially or those celebrating birthdays this week: Saúl C., Lance P., Jan S., Reid P, Christian P., Joshua P., Debbie R., Mercedes L., Kyle T.; those with anniversaries: Dan & Shawna Shepherd, Dean & Kelly Belvis; and for those expecting: Kristin P. and Grace P. We 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 flower stands are in memory of Kurt & Emmy Wessely by James Wessely.

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.**

The Confession *(Please kneel in body or spirit)*

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

“Without seeing you”

by David Haas

The Doxology

Hymn 380, vs. 3

**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.**

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. 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

“Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

“My faith looks up to thee”

Hymn 691

1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.
2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.
3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

(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

Closing Hymn

“We walk by faith, and not by sight”

Hymn 209

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, “My Lord and God!”
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:
4. that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Truro”

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Join us Every Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services

9:15 – 10:10 AM Education for All Ages

7:45 – 11:45 AM Nursery is open for children 5 and under. Coffee Hour & Fellowship after both services.

Today, Sunday, April 7

Sunday Forum: Clergy Q&A – 9:15

Parenting Small Group – 9:15

Youth Council – 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Vestry Person of the Day – Ruth Morrison

Sunday Forums at 9:15AM *

Creation Justice – April 14

God's Children (Youth Sunday) – April 21

A Holy Pause – April 28

Building an Interior Chapel – May 5

Women in the Bible – May 12

Unpacking Pentecost – May 19

Nursery Families Brunch – Sunday, April 14 following the 10:30 service

The Space Between Us – Friday, April 19, 4:00 PM – 8 PM & Saturday April 20, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Children & Youth Sunday – Sunday, April 21

40s & 50s Outing at Whisky Baron – Friday, April 19 (RSVP)

Newcomer Lunch – Sunday, April 21, 12:00 PM (RSVP)

Great American Clean-up – Saturday, April 27, 9:00 AM (RSVP)

High School Retreat – Saturday-Sunday, April 27-28, during the 10:30 Service
Support our youth Summer Trips – (*Donate online*)

Senior Sendoff – Sunday, May 5, 10:30 Service

Parenting Small Group – Sunday, May 5, 9:15

Last Sunday of Education for the Program Year – Sunday, May 19

*** Live Streamed**

RSVP – Sign up online at www.stmikeschurch.com/signup

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