

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II

Prelude Fairest Lord Jesus by Lloyd Larson

Opening Hymn

"All creatures of our God and King"

Hymn 400, vs. 1-4

- All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice, Refrain
- 3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!

 Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light, Refrain
- 4. Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way, O praise him, Alleluia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show: Refrain

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ has 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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 (17:22-31)

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Psalm 66:7-18

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 673

Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, *

and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *

the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *

nor withheld his love from me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (3:13-22)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in

which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor Dear friends, God is love. So let us love one another.

Being one with God, as God loves us, let us love.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (14:15-21)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon The Rev. Vicki Hesse

Meditation & Reflection (10:30 AM)

"Love Never Fails"

by Brandon Heath & Chad Cates

Love is right here, love is alive, love is the way, the truth, the life. Love is the river that flows through, love is the arms that are holding you, and love is the place you will fly to. Love never fails you.

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

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

Barbara, Lanny, Allison, Doug, Will, Carol, Laura, Christopher, Debbie, Kerri, Valery, Angela, and

those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Al, Andy, Ann, Ben, Beth, Bob, Brennan, Barbara, Britney, Bryan, Caitlin, Claudia, Carl, Cathleen, Charles, Charles P., Charlotte, Chris, Courtney, Dan, Daniel, Danielle, Des, Diane, Donald, Doug, Ellen, Gail, Garrett, Gerry, Ginny, Hannah, Hayes, Hayden, Hunter, Jane, Jenny Y., Ji-bril, Jim, Jonathan, JoAnn, Kalob, Karl, Kerry, Kevin, Kim, Kristen, Landon, Laura, Leah, Leona, Lilace, Linda, Marilyn, Mark, Marvin, Mary, Mary Lou, Mateo, Michael, Michelle, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Pamela, Peg, Peyton, Phyllis, Rayetta, Robert, Ron, Ross, Russell, Ruth, Ryan, Samantha H., Samantha R., Sarah, Sherry, Sue, Taffy, Tammy, Taylor, Terri, Tommie, Tracy, Trip, Tristen, Trudy, Valerie

Leader For the deployed and those serving around the world: Tyler, Garrett, Antoine, Daniel, Thomas,

Ben, Carson, 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: Shane W., Devin H., Jefferson H., William M., Case P., Simon W., Ceci J., Rich R., Jo S., Christian B., Steve C., Susan F., Isaiah M., Jordan M., Revi M., Nancy O., Lisa P., and those with anniversaries; Bill & Sharon Daughton, Aaron & Molly Sutherlin, Robin & Simon Watson, David

& Denise Starling.

We exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, especially Claudia Watkins, member of St. Michael's and wife of

John Watkins, Des Shorland, member of St. Michael's, Ronald Bélanger, grandfather of Tom Bélanger, and William Kendall, a friend of Gary Darress, 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 And the flowers on the altar this week are given in thanksgiving for all the mothers and mother

figures in our lives.

Celebrant

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrating; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God. **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

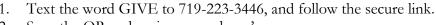
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

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



2. Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.

Offertory (8:00 AM) (10:30 AM)

"Love Never Fails"
"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

by Brandon Heath & Chad Cates by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman, arr. Lloyd Larson

The Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Hymn 380 vs. 3 (10:30AM 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, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 361

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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

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

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.CelebrantThe Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At this time we are only offering intinction/dipping of the bread into the wine. Please come to the altar rail 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 wine. 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 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 front) of the altar rail and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine. The ceramic chalice is for gluten free hosts only.

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.

Julian of Norwich

- 1. Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
- 2. Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, Grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.
- 3. Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, So that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

"Lord, be glorified"

by Bob Kilpatrick

- 1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
- d. 3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2. In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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

- God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heaven above, God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.
- 2. God is Love; and Love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace: with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.

 And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.
- 3. God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
 God's eternal loving-kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
 Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
 God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Emperor's Fanfare with "In Christ Alone" by Jeff Perks

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Spring Parish Survey

Due by Monday, May 15. Paper copies are in Gathering Space.

Ascension Day Evensong

Thursday, May 18, 7:00 PM

20's & 30's Theology on Tap

May 19, 5:30 PM, Red Leg Brewing Company. RSVP

Newcomer's Class

Sunday, May 21, 9:15 AM

Pentecost (wear red) & Cookout Sunday Picnic

Sunday, May 28, 10:30 (Outdoor Service) Volunteers sign up online.

Indoor Church Clean Out

Wednesday, May 31, 2:00 – 6:00 PM

SMASH – St. Michael's Active Senior Happening

Colorado History Museum - Guided Tour of the Sand Creek Massacre Exhibit

Thursday, June 1, 11:00 AM - Carpooling from church at 9:00 AM. Space is limited, so RSVP ASAP.

Pike's Peak PRIDE Volunteer Meeting

June 7, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Parish Hall

Evening Vacation Bible School

June 27 – June 29, 5:00 PM-7:30 PM. RSVP

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