



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

Creative Arts Sunday
August 13, 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 10:15 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

Opening Hymn

“Gather Us In”

by Marty Haugen

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| <p>1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.</p> | <p>3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.</p> |
| <p>2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.</p> | <p>4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.</p> |

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

May all lands be joyful before you, O God,
serve you with gladness and come before your presence with a song. *

For we know that you are God; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise, *
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

For you are good; your mercy is everlasting, *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Amen

The Collect of the Day

Alcuin of York, Mass of Wisdom

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

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. **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 1 Kings (19:9-18)

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of

Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13 (*Responsive*)

The Saint Helena Psalter

I will listen to what you are saying,*
**for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,*
that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

You, O God, will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase. *

Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (10:5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:22-33)
People **Glory to you, Jesus Christ**

The Gospel

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon The Gospel of Jesus.
People **Praise to you, our Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Matt Holcombe
Rev. Gary Darress, Deacon

Meditation & Reflection (10:30 service) "Praise You In This Storm"

Casting Crowns

*But as the thunder rolls I barely hear you whisper through the rain, "I'm with you".
And as your mercy falls, I'll raise my hands and praise the God who gives and takes away.*

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship, pg. 53

**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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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

Leader Creator God, in whose image we are made, ignite the imagination of our hearts that we may embrace your invitation to love as you love.

People **Master Painter, color our lives with your love.**

Leader Creator God, you knit together your church as the body of Christ. Unite all members and ministers in health, wholeness, and courage to serve, especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Kym, our bishop, and our clergy and lay leaders.

People **Weaving God, intertwine us in love.**

Leader Creator God, write wisdom on the hearts of world leaders, especially Joe our president, Jared our governor, and Yemi our mayor. Give them eyes to see solutions and instill in us the will to know your justice and peace.

People **Author of peace, lead us in love.**

Leader Creator God, you are hidden in the hills, abiding in the stones, flowing in rivers, and animating the clay. Strengthen us to care for the earth you have entrusted to us towards harmony and balance.

People **Maker of Earth, may we love your creation.**

Leader Creator God, you taught us that whatever we do for the least among us, we have done for you. Help us to see, seek, and serve those who are easy to forget: the poor, the unhoused, the food insecure, the unemployed, among whom we live, work, and worship.

People **Emmanuel, may we be your hands and feet in this city.**

Leader: Creator God, healer of minds and bodies, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to hold people who suffer with sickness and all kinds of troubles. Especially: Adina, Alice, Arlene, Calob, Dennis, Emma, G.G., Ginny, Jennie V., Judy, Lanny, Laura D., Marne, Mary Lou, Lucian, Peter, Sharon, Spence, Steve, and those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

People **Compassionate comforter, teach us your tangible love and courageous presence.**

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Al, Alan, Arlene, Barbara, Ben, Brennan, Britney, Caitlin, Cathleen, Charlotte, Craig, Chris, Courtney, Danielle, Diane, Donald, Doug, Emily, Hannah, Hunter, Imelda, Jane, James, Jim, Jaxon, Jenny Y., Ji-bril, Jim, Jonathan, Judy, Kalob, Kelly, Kim, Kristen, Lanny, Laura J., Lauren, Layla, Leona, Linda, Mary, Mathew, Mateo, Melanie, Michelle, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Nydia, Peg, Peter, Peyton, Phil, Phyllis, Russell, Samantha., Sara, Sarah, Sherry, Terri, Tracy, Tripp, Tristen, Valerie, Vern, Warren.

Leader Creator God, you taught us that a shared burden is half the pain, a shared joy is twice the joy. We celebrate those with birthdays this week: Ruth M., Gale B., Cecilia H., Sandie W., Cindy C., Kaelin D., Nita H., Debbie K., Molly T., David D., and those with anniversaries; Kenny & Liz Tompkins, Judy & Justin Morrill, Bev & Denis Piro, Ellene & Ron Wiley, Melinda & Steve Hoyt, Emily & Perry Keller, Brad & Pam Kellen; and for the birth of August Hudson Fusari, great grandson of Patty Hudson.

People Joyful Beloved, may we delight in your goodness.

Leader Creator God, with your Risen Christ, we worship with angels and the communion of saints as we remember those who have died and now dwell in glory.

People Divine Life, may we forever sing of your love.

Leader The flowers on the altar are given in remembrance of Bruce Hutchison by his family.

Celebrant What joy to join the dance of all creation as we embrace the truth we see, taste, touch, and hear. Holy One, who holds our hearts, grant that our prayers touch every bit of the world as with each breath we thank you for this chance to love. **Amen.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

The Confession

Enriching Our Worship, pg. 56

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements and Blessings of the Backpacks

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

“God’s Limitless Imagination”

by David Lohman

Refrain:

God’s limitless imagination ever on display
In all creation, big and small, diversity at play.
We’re all a blessed expression of God’s all-inclusive love.
Our lives are the embodiment, the handiwork of God.

The Doxology

Enriching Our Worship 1, Pg.20

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship 1, Pg. 60

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

People 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.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Michael and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 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

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

by Julian B. Rush

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.*

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

Refrain

3. As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams

Refrain

4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

Refrain

5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.

Refrain

“Please enter My Heart, Hosanna”

by Cathy Townley, arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

1. Please enter my heart, hosanna. O please lead my life today.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one, won't you enter my heart today?
2. O please hear my prayer hosanna, these words that I need to say.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one, won't you enter my heart to stay?
3. O come, Jesus come. Hosanna! Hosanna!
O come, Jesus come today,
Come to stay.

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

Enriching Our Worship, pg. 69

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Final Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah,
and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary,
and of the Holy Spirit,
who broods over the world as a mother over her children,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

“We are called”

by David Haas

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| 1. Come, live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God! | 2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!
<i>Refrain</i> |
| Refrain:
We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God! | 3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love!
<i>Refrain</i> |

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Creative Arts Sunday: Guest Pianist: J. Chang-Tablada and Soloist: Amy Mushall

Rib-a-Palooza - August 19, 5:00 – 9:00 PM. RSVP

Acolytes & Donuts - August 20, 9:15 AM

Get Connected Newcomers Class - August 20, 9:15 AM

Colorado Rockies Faith Day - August 20, 1:10 PM. RSVP

Outdoor Worship & Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 27, 10:30 AM

Welcome Back & Kickoff Sunday - September 10

5th Annual Golf Outing at Patty Jewett - Sunday, September 17. (Registration Deadline September 5)

SMASH – John Fielder’s Photography Exhibit
Colorado History Museum, Friday, September 22. RSVP

The Saint John’s Bible Dedication Ceremony - Friday, September 29, 6:00 PM

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