

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost September 24, 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 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

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

by Marilyn Thompson

Opening Hymn

"Singing songs of expectation"

Hymn 527

- 1. Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band, through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land. Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light: trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.
- 2. One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread: one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.
- 3. One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun: one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore, where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

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.

(8:00 AM Spoken; 10:30 AM Sung)

Benedictus es, Domine

Glory to you, most Holy Lord God; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Exodus (16:2-15)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At

twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 738

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, *

and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; * continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, *

because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word *

and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:21-30)

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will

remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have."

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

My Heart Sings Out 20

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (20:1-16)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation "Celtic Alleluia"

Sermon The Rev. Gary Darress, Deacon

Meditation & Reflection (10:30 service) "Good, Good Father" by Pat Barrett & Anthony Brown

You're a good, good Father – It's who You are, And I'm loved by You – It's who I am, Because you are perfect in all of your ways to us. 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;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. People

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; and especially for the victims and their families

suffering gun violence.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. People

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: Autume, Francis, Bill, Carol, Ceci, Chuck, G.G., Ian, Joanne, Laura, Lyle, Mary, Megan, Melissa,

Monica, Natalie, Oriana, Patty, Sue, Zoee, and those we pray for during our Wednesday Healing

Service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Arlene, Barbara, Bobbie, Britney, Caleb, Carol, Cathleen, Charlotte, Chris, Cliff, Courtney, Craig, Danielle, Dayle, Dennis B., Diana, Diane, Ethel, Francis, Greg, Hunter, Jane, Ji-bril, Jonathan, Judy, Kalob, Kristen, Laura D., Laura J., Layla, Leona, Marne, Mateo, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Peg, Peyton, Randy, Ross, Russell, Sara, Sarah, Sharon, Sherry, Sherry, Spence, Terri, Tripp, Valerie, Viola.

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, Thomas, 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: Jennie W., Linda R., Beckett S., Aaron D., Sierra L., Tammy P., Ed K., Diné W., Laurel B., Mia S., Mary Anne S., and those with anniversaries; John & Julie Waidelich, Ray & Sara Ferguson, Emily & Jonathan, and the expectant mothers, Kate D., and Emily R..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 memory of Molly Miller by Greg Miller.

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

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

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

City Alight Music

The Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

Hymn 400 vs. 7 (10:30AM Service Sung)

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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

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.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. You may receive the wine by sipping from the common cup or use the practice of intinction/dipping of the bread into the wine. 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 your wafer into the wine and then consume 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

"God be in my head, and in my understanding" (instrumental)

Hymn 694

"Now thank we all our God"

Hymn 397

- 1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us! With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

"Come, labor on"

Hymn 541

- 1. Come, labor on.
 Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
 while all around us waves the golden grain?
 And to each servant does the Master say,
 "Go work today."
- 2. Come, labor on.

 The enemy is watching night and day, to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away; while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not.
- 3. Come, labor on.

 Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!

 No arm so weak but may do service here:
 by feeblest agents may our God fulfill
 his righteous will.

4. Come, labor on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share—to young and old the Gospel gladness bear: redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

5. Come, labor on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Servants, well done."

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.

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

"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 Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Let All Things Now Living by Emma Lou Diemer

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Today:

Adult Forum: Listening & Responding to the Spirit - 9:15 AM
Handbell Practice - 12:00 - 1:30 PM
Youth Council Meeting - 6:00 PM (Multipurpose Room)

Small Groups:

Sacred Air: Climate & Energy – Beginning Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. RSVP The Space Between Us – Beginning October 9, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. RSVP

St. Michael's Weekend – September 29 – October 1
The Saint John's Bible Dedication Ceremony - Friday, September 29, 6:00 PM
Habitat Build, ReStores & Lunches – Saturday, September 30. RSVP
Sacrament of Baptism – Sunday, October 1, 10:30 AM Service
Food Trucks & Fun – Sunday, October 1, 11:45 AM

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 8

20s & 30s Group Theology on Tap – Friday, October 13, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. RSVP

High School Fall Retreat - October 13 - 15

Oktoberfest – Friday, October 13, 5:00 – 8:00 PM. RSVP

Stewardship Sunday - Sunday, October 15

Archangel Deadline - Sunday, October 15

Soul Shop Training – Saturday, October 21, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. RSVP

Newcomers Lunch – Sunday, October 22, 12:00 – 1:00 PM. RSVP

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