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Digital Bulletin

February 7, 2021 9:00 AM The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in F-Sharp Major"

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Welcome & Introduction

Opening Hymn "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Hymn 423

- 1.Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life though livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Book of Common Prayer Pg. 355

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (40:21-31)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 804

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (9:16-23)

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark. Mark (1:29-39)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Reverend Matt Holcombe

Meditation "I Will Search"

Words and Music by Israel and Meleasa Houghton Sung by Amalia Dobbins

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 358

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

(To have a name added to the prayers of the people please contact Deacon Gary Darress at <u>gary@stmikeschurch.com.</u>)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those who are ill: Ji-bril, Laura, Miles, Ashleigh, Cheryl, Sue H., Reuben, Gael, Cindy, John, Aaron, Linda, James, Steve, Nancy, Charlie, and Tom J.

For those who serving in the Military overseas: Garrett and Danielle. And we give thanks for the safe homecoming of Dallas.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, and pray that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Let us now name before God the prayers on our heart either silently or aloud. *Silence*.

Concluding Prayer

Officiant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 360

Officiant 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.

Officiant

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

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)

Announcements

Digital Offering

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

- 1. Using your text message on your smart phone, text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446.
- 2. Click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.

The Doxology

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Hymn 380, st. 3

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 367

Officiant All things come of thee O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

Officiant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Officiant proceeds ...

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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: Saying together

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving... Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Communion can be picked up at St. Michael's every Sunday 10:30-12:00 PM. If you wish to have Communion delivered to your home, please sign up on the website.

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

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for

you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Spiritual Communion Prayer

Lord of the Feast,
thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual Body and Blood of Christ.

May we be reminded of the many times
we have been fed at your table,
always being drawn closer to you
in the breaking of the bread.

We acknowledge your presence among us,
just as you were present with your disciples.

May your Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us
to live, learn, and love beyond our walls.

For the sake of your love in our lives,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Final Blessing

Final Hymn "In Christ there is no East or West"

Hymn 529

- 1. In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
 Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

3. In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Toccata in G Théodore Dubois

Parish Announcements:

• To view all weekly announcements please view the **Weekly eNews** emailed every Friday at 6:00 AM or <u>CLICK HERE</u> to visit our Publications page where the Weekly eNews can be found on the St. Michael's website. Included are new events, links, and exciting information about what is happening at St. Michael's. To be added to the email list call the church office or email: <u>mailto:support@stmikeschurch.com</u>

- <u>CLICK HERE</u> to join us today at Coffee Hour for a chance for fellowship and reflection on today's service.
- We are now on YouTube! You can use Roku, Chromecast, or your Smart TV to watch our livestreamed services on a larger screen in the comfort of your living room. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to visit the St. Michael's YouTube channel.
- Virtual Children's Chapel will meet today at 11:00 A.M. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to join!
- We have created Lent-to-Go bags for each family filled with supplies to help enhance your worship experience during this distanced Lenten season. These bags will be available for pick up from St. Michael's on:
 - o Sunday, February 14 from 10:30 AM 1:00 PM
 - o Tuesday, February 16 from 12:00 PM − 2:00 PM

If you are unable to make it to St. Michael's to pick up your bag, we can deliver it to you! On Monday, February 15 we will deliver bags to your doorstep.

CLICK HERE to sign up to get your Lent-to-Go bag delivered to you.

• <u>CLICK HERE</u> to take a look at the COVID-19 Vaccine Resources Information for El Paso County from the St. Michael's COVID-19 Town Hall that took place virtually on Monday, January 25.

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