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Christmas 1

Welcome & Introduction

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 75

Officiant: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10, 11

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together:

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 Book of Common Prayer Pg. 80

Officiant: Lord, Open our lips.

***People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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 +

Officiant: Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah [61:10-62:3]

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Here ends the Reading.

Psalm 147: 13-21

**Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!
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 Paul's letter to the Galatians [3:23-25; 4:4-7]

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Here ends the Reading.

A reading from the Gospel of John [1:1-18]

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Here ends the reading.

Sermon The Reverend Gary Darress

The Apostles Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

Christmas Prayers of the People

Reader: O God, we give thanks for the angels' message of joy for all people.

People: Make us messengers of your love and peace.

Reader: We pray that, like Mary, we may have faith to answer yes to your call to ministry.

People: Make us servants of your grace.

Reader: We pray for those who are alone or lonely and those who grieve an empty cradle or chair at the table.

People: May they be comforted by the presence of Christ in their lives.

Reader: We pray for those who are poor, hungry, homeless, sick, and suffering.

People: Make us generous innkeepers who spare all we have with them.

Reader: We pray that you will guide us to Jesus to whom we may offer our gifts.

People: Help us to seek and worship only you.

Reader: We join the chorus of heavenly angels rejoicing in the birth of our Savior.

People: Glory to God in heaven and peace to all on earth. 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.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Concluding Collects

A Collect for Sundays

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concluding Prayers

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Dismissal

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

Parish Announcements:

- To view all the weekly announcements, please view the **Weekly eNews** emailed every Friday at 6:00 AM. 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 support@stmikeschurch.com
- Next Sunday Jan. 3rd there will be a coffee hour at 10:00am. To join us at Coffee Hour, [CLICK HERE](#).
- Epiphany is January 6th. Join us for a celebration. Join us on facebook: [Facebook.com/stmikeschurchCOS](https://www.facebook.com/stmikeschurchCOS) or on Vimeo: [St. Michael's Episcopal Church \(vimeo.com\)](https://www.vimeo.com/stmikeschurchCOS)