

SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ANGLICAN

Charleston, South Carolina



ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 22, 2022

11:00 am Traditional Service

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION & HOLY BAPTISM

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What's Happening on Sunday

8:00 am

Reflective Service (Church)

8:45 am - 12:30 pm

Nursery ages 0 - 5 years

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9:00 am

Contemporary Service with the Praise Band (Church)

10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool - 3rd grade

Meets in the Kids Korner

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4th - 5th grade

Meets in Room 204

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Youth Sunday School

6th - 12th grades

Room 201, 2nd floor, Belser Bldg

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Adults with Bill Hyer

NEW ROOM: Kinloch Room

Lecture-style class for adults

Adults with Tim Surratt

Meets in the Choir Room

Discussion-style class for adults

11:00 am

Traditional Service with Organ and Choir (Church)

1:00 pm Young Adults

Meet with Taylor Daniel & Greg Smith at Fatty's. Kid-friendly. 1436 Meeting Street

Youth ministry will resume on Friday, June 17.

Welcome to St. Michael's

- Welcome to St. Michael's! We are so glad you are here!
- Please continue your tithes and offerings. We have three ways to give:
 1. Mail a check to the church at 71 Broad Street, 29401
 2. Go on our website and give electronically (under Giving)
 3. Text stm to 73256 (REALM)
- **Visiting?** Please text Welcome to 843-258-4445.
- Please check our website (www.stmichaelschurch.net/online) for news, updates, and information on online worship and classes.
- If you are not receiving our emails, please check your spam folder, and add our email to your Contacts list. If you are still having trouble, contact Trish McGuinn at trish@stmichaelschurch.net.

Today's Sermon

Acts Part I: The ASCENSION, Yay for Jesus!

Preacher: The Rev. Tim Surratt

The Book of ACTS

I. Overview:

- a. The 'stuff' they did – a history of church from ascension to Paul in Jail.
- b. Written by Luke, the same guy who wrote the gospel (See Ch. 1 of both)
- c. Is actually "First hand" by Chapter 16
- d. Filled with miracles and power of Holy Spirit (Acts 16 and more)
- e. Lots of persecution (Acts 5, 8)
- f. The Ascension: Action, and not so much deep theology. (Daniel 7)

II. Jesus' **W**_____ on earth wraps up – A Job Well Done

- a. A celebration of an accomplished mission – Yay Jesus!!
- b. Time for the Holy Spirit
- c. Jeremiah 31:31-34
- d. Question: Are you experiencing constant, personal, immediate, indwelling contact with God?

III. Jesus "officially" assumes the role as **K**_____ of everything

- a. The language of Monarchy (Luke 1:32-33, Eph 1:20-22, John 18:33-38)
- b. They get to say "You are really Him" (Matt. 16:13-20, Jn. 20:28)
- c. You have to Worship before you can Work (Col 3:23-24)
- d. Question: Do let "the King" exercise is full authority in your life?

IV. Jesus models the reality of **E**_____

- a. "Eternity is now in session"
- b. What if we thought about eternal life as more than something that happens after we die?
- c. Salvation is less about getting you in to heaven than it is getting heaven in to you. "God will let anyone into heaven that can stand it."
- d. Question: Do you really want heaven?

V. Jesus' **M**_____ through us begins

- a. Our ministry is actually unlimited
- b. Question: Have you made him "king of your heart"



Prelude

Processional Hymn, *standing* *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* Hymn 214

- Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!*
- There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!*
- See! He lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love; Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!*
- Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!*

Welcome, *(standing)*

Ephesians 4

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People ***One God and Father of all.***

The Collect for Purity

All 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.***

The Summary of the Law

Officiant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People ***Christ, have mercy.***
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an “eager expression” of praise.

In this **Prayer for Purity**, we ask God to cleanse our hearts and minds of anything that comes between Him and us, anything that would impede our worship of Him. We offer to Him our whole selves that we might decrease and that He might increase, to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Song of Praise, *standing*

Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. *Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.*

Refrain: *Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. *Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me.* **Refrain**

3. *As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me, shine on me.* **Refrain**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And with your spirit.*

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Acts 1:1-9, *seated*

Bible, p. 909

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 110, *standing, read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."
- 2 *The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!*
- 3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power,
in holy garments.
- 4 *The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,
"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."*
- 5 The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts.

- 6 *He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.*
- 7 He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Hymn, standing *Lead On, O King Eternal.* Hymn 555

1. *Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home;
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*
2. *Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.*
3. *Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

The Gospel, standing Bible, p. 903
Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 17:1-5

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

Sermon *Acts Part I: The ASCENSION, Yay for Jesus!*
Preacher: The Rev. Tim Surratt

Reflective Music

The Confession
Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.
(Silence to reflect on those you have hurt or those who have hurt you.)

Officiant and people, kneeling
*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.*

The Absolution
Officiant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and
with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver
you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The word **Gospel** comes from an old German word which means "Good News," the great good news about Jesus the Messiah. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

In the **Confession of Sin** and **Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate, have been confessed, and we have been powerfully reassured of God's complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We begin with a cleansing admission and confession of sin followed by an authoritative pronouncement of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus. This is always "ground zero" for Christians. We move out from here

The Baptism

The children being baptized today:

† Grey Mitchell Robb, son of Elizabeth Tyler Mitchell and David Kinney Robb

† Hewitt Pinkney Robb, son of Elizabeth Tyler Mitchell and David Kinney Robb

The Candidates for Baptism will please come forward. Congregation is seated.

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that these children, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these children that which by nature they cannot have.

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents:

I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Today, on behalf of these children, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that they are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They must come to put their faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of their soul. When they have embraced all these, they are to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that they may publicly claim the Faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Celebrant Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents & Sponsors ***I am, the Lord being my helper.***

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents.

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Why Baptize Babies?

From the earliest times, children and infants were baptized and included in the church. As Scriptural authority, we cite Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14). The baptism of children before they can respond with their own confirmation of faith is a compelling witness of grace.

Presentation:

In the early Church people were often given new names when baptized to further symbolize the transforming of their lives through Jesus Christ. For example, Saul became Paul when his heart was converted to the love of Jesus, The Christ.

Celebrant Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer *I do.*

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer *I do.*

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer *I will, the Lord being my helper.*

Then the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying, (standing)

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People *We will.*

Celebrant Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostle's Creed.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People *I do. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People *I do. 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.*

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People *I do. 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.*

Celebrant Let us now pray for Grey and Hewitt to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. The parents will lead us in the prayers.

Parent That Grey and Hewitt may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

People *We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.*

Parent That Grey and Hewitt may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

People *We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.*

Parent That Grey and Hewitt may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People *We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.*

The Candidate(s) and Sponsors stand before the altar rail, where the Candidates are presented by name. The Celebrant asks Parents, Sponsors, and Godparents six questions known down through the centuries as The Three Great Renunciations, followed by The Three Great Affirmations.

Baptismal Covenant:

Simply the Creed in Q & A form where we proactively renew our belief and submit our lives to Jesus Christ.

Parent That Grey and Hewitt may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That Grey and Hewitt may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That as a living member of the Body of Christ, Grey and Hewitt may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That, looking to Jesus, Grey and Hewitt may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, pointing to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reflective Music

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People ***And with your spirit.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant says the prayer of blessing over the water and baptizes the candidate

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In water we are buried with Christ in his death. By water we share in his resurrection. Through water we are born again by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant _____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

_____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized and signed, the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them a member of your holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant, Candidate, and Sponsors return to the altar rail and the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

The Peace, standing

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements, seated

Please read the back of this bulletin for today's notices.

There are four ways to give:

- 1. Text Stm to 73256 (REALM). Standard text messaging rates may apply.*
- 2. Give online on our website, www.stmichaelschurch.net (under Giving)*
- 3. Mail your tithe or offering to St Michael's Church, 71 Broad St, Charleston, SC 29401*
- 4. If you are present for the service, simply place your offering in the collection basket.*

Visiting? *Please text Welcome to 843-258-4445.*

Offertory Anthem

A Song to the Lamb J. Abdenour

Splendor and honor and sovereign power are yours by right, O Lord our God, For you created everything that is, all things took form according to you will. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God, From every nation, people, tribe, and tongue, a countless priestly host to serve our God. And to the one who sits upon the throne, Christ the Lamb, be worship, dominion, splendor and praise, for ages past and ages yet to come.

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Baptism is the Beginning, Not the End

Baptism is but a "pilot light" that effects little in life if not fueled and fed. Next step: Bring this child back next Sunday for worship and continued forming in faith, so that in years to come, he or she will have the tools to publicly confess their faith through confirmation (Parents, this means you are their chief teachers about Jesus-Deuteronomy 6). So, Baptism simply marks the beginning of a journey.

The **Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God's peace to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the forgiving of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise, and power of God and Christ's redeeming work.

The **Doxology** swells up out of our gratitude to God for his goodness to us. The word "doxology" literally means "glory saying," and so in this song we give God glory for his triune nature and as the author of all blessings.

Holy Communion

(ACNA Prayer Book, beginning p. 132)

The **Holy Communion**, the Supper of the Lord, is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves for each other but is especially a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death.

The **Eucharistic Prayer** is centered in the atoning death of Jesus Christ upon the cross. His suffering there in our place is the only sufficient ground or basis for our standing before God. Our joy in the present and our hope for the future all flow from the reality of God's redeeming work in the historic event of the crucifixion.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshiping in the Temple in Jerusalem. This vision is recorded in the 6th chapter of Isaiah. It is inspired by Isaiah's vision of the heavenly court "Holy, holy, holy" acknowledging transcendence of God.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer of Consecration, *kneeling*

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, 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

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Invitation

The congregation will now receive communion at the rail, either kneeling at the rail for the wafer and cup, or receiving a mini-chalice (to be consumed in your pew).

Everyone is invited to sing during communion.

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.

Prayers you might pray during Communion

Prayer for those in doubt:

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise.

Prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my life through the power of your Holy Spirit.

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since year 400 A.D. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread also symbolizes God's presence, which is something that is also essential to our getting through the day.

During Communion:

When we gather together, we remember the presence of Jesus. By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

The Celebrant invites the people to Communion.

All baptized people may come for Communion. Unbaptized people and young children may come for a blessing, presenting themselves to the ministers with arms crossed over their chests.

As you approach the rail, you may choose to receive the bread and wine from the cup at the rail, or indicate you want a mini-chalice by placing your right hand over your heart. Please take your mini-chalice back to your pew and consume the elements there.

*** Gluten Free Wafers are Available:** If you need a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail by placing your hand over your heart. Gluten-free wafers are only available in mini-chalices.

Those at the rail will receive the bread in their hands, eat the bread, and then guide the chalice to their lips for a sip of the wine.

Those seated upstairs may receive Communion or a mini-chalice at a station in the balcony. Please wait until the Communion ministers are in place, then follow the direction of the ushers.

ORDER FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

General: Two lines in center aisle, returning to pews via side aisles

SIDE AISLES begin first, walking to the back and using the back Crossing Aisle to access the center aisle. Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

CENTER AISLES are second, starting from the back. Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

Those seated in the center aisles from the **READER'S PEW** forward (pew # 42-39, including front crossing aisle pews) may return to their seats using the center aisle.

Those seated upstairs may receive Communion at a station in the balcony.

Hymn, seated

Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord Hymn 178

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.*

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.*
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.*
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.*
- 4. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.*

Song, seated

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

- 1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*
- 2. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life: I know that it is finished.*
- 3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.*

Song, seated

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

*Wonderful merciful Savior Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men, Oh You rescue the souls of men*

*Counselor Comforter Keeper Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way, Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way*

*Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for*

*Almighty infinite Father faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne Chorus*

Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

- 1. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood upheld protected gathered up* *Chorus*
- 2. In the dark of night before the dawn my soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength* *Chorus*
- 3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave bind us together bring shalom* *Chorus*

Post Communion Prayer, *standing*

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees, and laws; then you will live and increase. And the Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Singing During Communion:

The Christian life is deeply personal yet is essentially corporate by nature, not private. Every act of worship is intended not only to glorify God for God's sake, but to lift up and build up one another in Christ for His sake as well. The word "liturgy" literally means "the work of the people." A central function of liturgy is to send the message that in a worship community there are no bystanders. It is corporate through and through and from one end to the other. Singing is also a form of prayer that can help carry the heart to God not only in the words being sung but beyond the reach of words. At St. Michael's, therefore, we encourage you to continue to pray by singing both before and after you come to Communion yourself. In this way all of us are helping each other to lift our hearts continuously in the midst of receiving the greatest gift ever given...the life of Jesus Christ.

We stand to mark the fact that because we have received the body and blood of Jesus, we are changed people. We began on our knees and end standing through his body and blood.

We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose to make Christ known in the world.

Closing Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

1 *A hymn of glory let us sing; new songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

2 *The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

3 *To whom the angels, drawing nigh: "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say. "This is his noble triumph day.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

4 *"Again shall you behold him so as you today have seen him go,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In glorious pomp ascending high, up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world to transform hearts...

People *through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Elizabeth Grace Bonelli.

Personal prayer with St. Michael's prayer ministers is available during communion and after the service in the Prayer Pews in the North & South Aisle, located in the front corners, to the left and right of the altar

Join us for coffee, lemonade, and conversation under the portico after the service.

As the celebration ends, we are charged to "go forth." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

Current Needs:

- Men's clothing, waist 36 inch or less
- Men's belts
- Men's shoes, sizes 11, 12, 13

All clothing and shoes should be clean and in good condition



family
FOODSHARE

Monthly Food Drive for Neighbors Together

Food Collection:

Sunday, May 29
in the Narthex

Monday & Tuesday,
May 30 & 31
by the Alley Door



THE CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
WASHINGTON, DC

Mission Opportunity!

Information Meeting
Sunday, May 22
12:30 pm The Chapel



- construction team at Rez Church in DC in mid-August
- mission to West Bengal, India in November

*Come hear more about these missions!
Are you being called to help?*



Fatty'sTM

Fatty's
1436 Meeting Street

Young Adults!

Join Taylor Daniel & Greg Smith
for food trucks & conversation
Sunday, May 22
1:00 pm

Kids are
Welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20 - 23
5:00 - 7:00 pm
126 Coming Street

St. Michael's and The Cathedral are running a joint VBS
this summer for our little ones!

To register, or to volunteer to help, please contact
Danielle Lindstrom, danielle@stmichaelschurch.net

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, MAY 22

- 12:30 pm Mission Information Meeting** *The Chapel*
Find out about our mission trips to Rez Church in Washington, DC and to India!
- 1:00 pm Young Adults at Fatty's** *1436 Meeting St.*

MONDAY, MAY 23

- 12:30 pm Men's Lunchtime Bible Study** *The Connection*
More info: joe@nicholsonwmg.com.
- 7:00 pm Womens Bible Study** *Kinloch Room*
Facilitated by Martha Dougherty

TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study** *The Chapel*
Facilitated by Mary Ables. Info: mables7373@gmail.com
Study: *The Red Sea Rules* by Robert Morgan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 7:30 am Theology Over Coffee with the Rector** *The Chapel*

SUNDAY, MAY 29 - Mission Sunday

Monthly Family FoodShare collection through May 31
Honor our High School & College graduates. Send their names to the office by May 23!

MONDAY - THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - 23

5:00 pm Vacation Bible School at the Cathedral
A joint VBS with the Cathedral of St Luke & St Paul.
More info: danielle@stmichaelschurch.net

MONDAY - THURSDAY, JULY 17-21

Youth summer mission with Soul in the City.

11:00 am

Ushers: Carolyn Blue, Michael Tappan, Cooper Wilson,
Lee Mikell

Reader: Shelley Walker

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The Rt. Rev. Charles F. "Chip" Edgar III, Bishop www.adosc.org

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Hospitality Chair: Steven Kukulka
Stewardship Chair: Lee Mikell
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Security & Safety Chair: Greg Kitchens
Buildings & Grounds Chair: Chappy McKay
Communications Chair: Laura Gruber
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