



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARLINGTON, VA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Whatever has brought you to worship with this community today, we're so glad you're here. If you're wondering whether there might be something more for you, we hope you'll come back and find out. One of the things we're committed to is finding how our story connects with God's story. We'd love to have your story become a part of our story. The best way to participate in these conversations is to look for announcements about "Being With" courses in our e-newsletter.

Sounds from children, young and old, are a valuable part of our prayer life – not a distraction from it! Families are encouraged to sit in the front of the sanctuary, allowing children as many opportunities to follow along and participate as possible. Should a break be beneficial at any point in the service, the nursery is available for supervised play, and includes a QR code for streaming of the service on any device.

The root of the word liturgy is "the work of the people." Meaning all that happens in the sanctuary with the community who gathers works because of your participation. The beautiful thing about this invitation to participate is that, who we are and what we bring is enough because God meets us here! So don't worry about "doing" anything "right." Whether you've been to Episcopal services for a long time, or this is your first, we hope you'll worship in the way that is most comfortable to you. The service instructions about standing, kneeling, and other directions are intended to help clue you into the habits of this particular community.

The words of our worship service are lifted from the Episcopal (and before that Anglican) tradition. The thing that sets us apart from other denominations is our dedication to Common Prayer. These same words have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus.

We are currently offering communion in both kinds, the bread and the wine. Drinking from a common cup, is an essential symbolic practice, a reflection of our theology. We place great emphasis on offering this meal from a single paten (plate which holds the bread) and chalice to symbolize the unity we find in Christ, despite any perceived divisions. We return to the Eucharistic table again and again, because it is only through Christ that we are able to imagine what being unified might look like. Choosing to intinct the bread in the chalice is the least sanitary option, as we risk having many hands in the chalice. Please either drink from the chalice, or refrain from consuming the wine. Whether you would like to receive bread, bread and wine, or a blessing, please know that you are welcome at the Lord's table.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Schoenster Herr Jesu arr. Gregory Hamilton

Procession Songs of thankfulness and praise Hymn 135
Salzburg

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

Song of Praise Hymn S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 50:1-6

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
 for God himself is judge.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Christ upon the mountain peak
Mowsley

Hymn 129

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan

The Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

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.

Leader Let us worship the Saviour with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father. The magi came from the east to worship your Son: God, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration ... Lord of glory,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh: God, accept the offering of our hearts and minds ... Lord of glory,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: God, grant an abundance of peace to your world ... Lord of glory,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: God, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer ... Lord of glory,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: God, protect in your love our neighbours, our families and this community of which we are a part ... Lord of glory,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader God, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another, passing the peace of God.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation of the Table

Offertory

Beautiful Savior

arr. Robert A Hobby

Presentation of the Offerings

Hymn 380

verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Hymn S-130

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

Eucharistic Prayer Continues

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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 poured out for you and for all 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 Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn

My God, thy table now is spread
Rockingham

Hymn 321

Post Communion Prayer

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

A Sending Prayer

Celebrant Dear Friends in Christ, we have been in companionship with Helen and Michael Hines on our journey in faith. Now their time with us is drawing to a close, and so we send them forth to continue their journey.

People O Lord, we give thanks for Helen and Michael's time among us and for their contribution to our common life. Bless them as they go forth; be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Hyfrydol

Hymn 460

Dismissal

Postlude

Siyahamba

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

SUN 2/11	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist II, Children's Worship
	10:45 AM	Mardi Gras Celebration
TUES 2/13	7:30 PM	Finance Committee
WED 2/14	12:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
	5:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
THU 2/15	9:30 AM	Education for Ministry
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
SUN 2/18	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist II, Children's Worship
	10:45 AM	Story Core

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 9:8-17 • Psalm 25:1-9 • 1 Peter 3:18-22 • Mark 1:9-15

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Molly Beier in celebration of Tori's 9th birthday.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station. In the region of Arlington, we pray for La Iglesia de Cristo Rey.

We pray for leaders of churches everywhere, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark and Gayle, our bishops; Beth, our rector; Rosemari, our supply priest; and Drew, our seminarian.

We pray for goodwill among nations; for Joe, our President, Antonio, Secretary General of the United Nations, Glenn, our Governor, members of the Arlington County Board, and all those in authority. We pray for the welfare of those serving our nation at home and abroad, especially Jeremy.

In our Parish Family we pray for Leroy, Sarah, Paula, Liz, Norma, Ethan, Beverly, Fran, Katheryn, Dwight, and Barbara.

In our greater community, we pray for Cindy, George, Emily, Andrew, Roland, Henry, Susan, Martha, Betty, Laura, Pat, Beth, Jen, George, Peggy, Jon Rucker, Jr., Susan, Keith, Doug, Colby, Sarah, August, Barbara, Alan, Kay, Katie, Paul, Ben, Mae, Steve, Esther, Marina, Gordon, Julie, Steve, Megan, Clark, Katie, and John.

We remember all those who have died.

WEEKLY FORMATION OFFERINGS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children who are four or older, are invited to follow the second cross to Children's Worship at the end of our opening processional. Children of any age are welcome, but need to be accompanied by a parent if younger than four.

Please be in touch with our Minister of Children and Families, Karen Ruff (familyministry@stmichaelsarlington.org) to learn more about this weekly offering.

STORY CORE

All are welcome to gather in the parish hall following worship on Sunday, for a time of sharing our stories, while getting to the core of the Christian story. There is no homework, and no need to have participated in conversation the week before. The intention is for this to be an intergenerational conversation, accessible no matter how much time you've spent with Holy Scripture.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION TODAY

Please join us for a Mardi Gras Celebration in the parish hall following worship today. All are welcome for a Mardi Gras celebration with king cakes and more as we fully celebrate, prior to the beginning of the season of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14 marks the beginning of the season of Lent, and our celebration of Ash Wednesday. Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes will be offered at 12 PM and 5:30 PM.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The services of Lent hold many special liturgies. The Rev. Rosemari's plan for our Lenten "study" is to offer each Sunday at the announcement time "A Brief But Spectacular" (title borrowed from PBS News) Lenten explanation of one of our special liturgies and practices. The key word is brief - 3 mins

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

The Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East is under great stress as they seek to meet the needs of many without regard to faith tradition in the current war. On Good Friday our Presiding Bishop asks that our offering be designated for the Diocese of Jerusalem. May I suggest that you designate a jar or other container to hold money that may otherwise be spent on treats of any sort and bring it to the Church on Good Friday or Easter so that we as a community can offer our support to the Church struggling in Jerusalem?

Rosemari+

FUN APAH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Our outreach partner, APAH (Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing), needs 2 volunteers to support a Valentine's Day event for Fisher House residents (our neighbors at 5705 Washington Blvd). The event is on **Thursday, February 22** from 4:15 to 6:30 PM. Volunteers will assist with set up, food service, activities, and clean-up. Contact Todd Trapp (toddtrapp@verizon.net) to volunteer.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

A recap of the highlights of our Annual Meeting is available on our website.

Visit stmichaelsarlington.org/our-community for copies of the Annual Report, approved 2024 Mission Spend Plan, and slides from the Warden's presentation. Thanks to all who joined and participated, both in person and online!

LEADERSHIP DURING RECTOR'S LEAVE

While Beth is on leave, The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan is serving as supply priest. Meaning, Rosemari is present on Sundays, and available by appointment in the office. Additionally, feel free to be in touch with any of our Wardens, Vicki, Jim, or Kaipo, who can help to ensure that your needs are addressed in a timely fashion. Email the Parish Office (parishoffice@stmichaelsarlington.org) and your message will be routed appropriately.

The pastoral care emergency line may be used at any time, 703-239-3787.

OFFICE HOURS

The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan plans to be in the office next week on Tuesday from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM and Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) from 10:00 AM-6:30 PM.

To meet with Rosemari at a different time, please be in touch by email or phone.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Lector	Tom Halvorson
Ushers	Vicki Barnett, Tom Halvorson
Greeter	Vicki Barnett
Acolyte	Wil Harkins
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Terri Katon
Altar Guild	Terri Katon
Flower Guild	Barb Adams
Counters	James Chang, Fran Olsen
Zoom Coordinator	Corbin Monahan
Children's Worship	Lisa Harkins
Coffee Hour Host	Men of St. Michael's
Vestry Person of the Day	Bob Moore

ST. MICHAEL'S CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector	The Very Rev. Beth Franklin
Supply + Priest	The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan, DD, DMin
Music Minister	Mike Schmidt
Children & Families Minister	Karen Ruff
Seminarian	Drew Downey
Treasurer	Janet Hansen
Parish Administrator	Katrina Moore

ST. MICHAEL'S VESTRY

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Vicki Barnett (<i>Sr. Warden</i>)	Jim Dinan (<i>Jr. Warden</i>)	Dan Ruff
Beth Cavey	Lisa Meacham	Todd Trapp
Kaipo McCartney (<i>Warden</i>)	Mary Thorne (<i>Registrar</i>)	
Bob Moore		

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FLOWERS



Flowers adorning our altar during Sunday worship may be dedicated in memory of, or thanksgiving for a loved one. If you would like to make a dedication, visit stmichaelsarlington.org/sign-ups or scan the QR Code.



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