



# **ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARLINGTON, VA**

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Welcome!**

Welcome to virtual worship with the greater St. Michael's community! You honor us by participating in this service. The root of the word liturgy is "the work of the people." Meaning all that happens in this virtual community 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 in this virtual space.

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.

During this time of worshipping virtually what you will find is an order for ante-communion, or in more familiar language, the Liturgy of the Word. Until we can safely gather together and share in breaking of the bread and the common cup, we will feast on Holy Scripture. Jesus told his disciples, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We trust that God's presence is very much with us as we share our intentions and prayers in worship.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Opening Hymn: Glorious things of thee are spoken

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The Church

*Descant*

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -  
of our God; he whose word can - not be  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -  
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver  
 on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign: and as priests, his  
 sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.  
 round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Alternative tune: *Abbot's Leigh*, 523.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **A reading from Isaiah 55:1-5**

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you."

### **Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22**

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

### **A reading from Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ -- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit -- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ

for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

### **A reading from Matthew 14:13-21**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### **Children's Sermon**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Beth Franklin**

### **Musical Reflection**

### **The Prayers of the People** (Form IV, Book of Common Prayer)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray together using the words Jesus taught us,

**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.

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

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.**

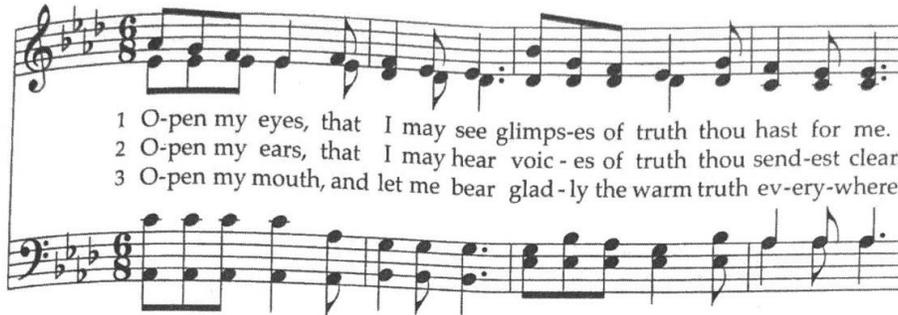
## **Closing Prayer**

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.**

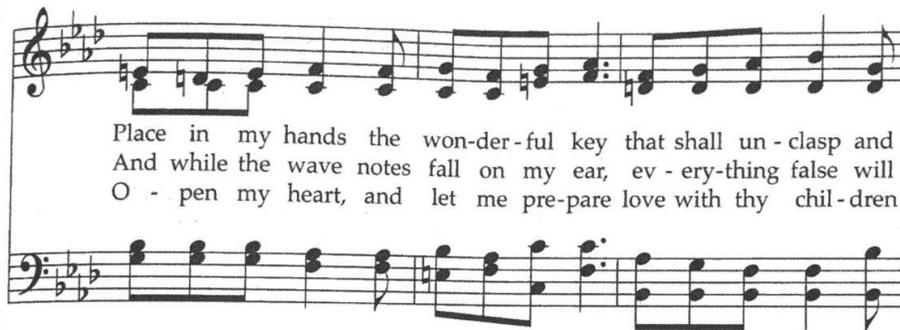
# Closing Hymn: Open my eyes, that I may see

THE WORD

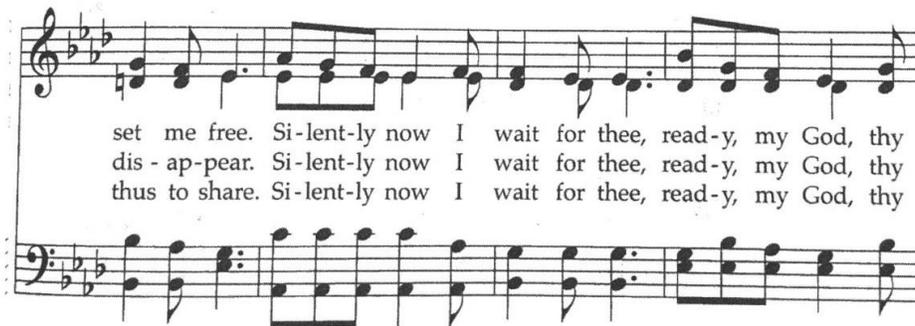
## Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.  
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will  
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

## Virtual Activities This Week At St. Michael's

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| Sun., Aug. 2 | 9:00 AM  | Worship        |
|              | 10:00 AM | Coffee Hour    |
| Thu., Aug. 6 | 1:00 PM  | XYZ            |
| Sun., Aug. 9 | 9:00 AM  | Worship        |
|              | 10:00 AM | Coffee Hour    |
|              | 4:00 PM  | Holy Listening |

## Prayer List Week of August 2, 2020

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the new Province of Alexandria. In the Diocese of Virginia we pray for the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. In the region of Arlington we pray for St. John's. We pray for leaders of churches everywhere, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our bishops; and Beth, our rector.

We pray for goodwill among nations; for Donald, our President, Antonio, Secretary General of the United Nations, Ralph, 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, Georganna, and Annamarie.

In our Parish Family, we pray for Maria, Erin, Chrissie, David, Silas, Roberta, Margot, Paul, Anthony, Leroy, Cindy, Sarah, Giovana, Connor, Lisa, and John.

In our greater community, we pray for Cindy, Rita and Paul, George, Emily, Andrew, Cate, Wendy, Ethan, Marion, Roland, Lexi, Patty, Ethan, Caroline, Joe, Whitney, Dave, Henry, Richard, Becky, Susan, Keith, Martha, Barbara, Betty, Joyce, Doris, Susan, the Lloyd family, Evelyn, Janet, Jennifer, JoAnn, all doctors, nurses and health care staff members, all funeral home staff members, elected officials, all essential workers, all parents, all students and teachers, all those unemployed or furloughed, and all staff and residents of nursing homes especially Goodwin House, Culpeper Garden, Regency, Powhatan, Larmax, and the Virginian. We give thanks for the births of Clementine Sullivan, John "Jack": William Adams, Colin Patrick Lowry, and Margaret Mae Brooks. We remember Garnetta Spriggs, Stuart, Masayo Stone, Sergeant Bryan Mount, and all those who have died.