



# **ST. MICHAEL'S**

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

### **ARLINGTON, VA**

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome!**

Welcome to worship on the lawn! You honor us by participating in this service. This service will surely look and feel different than that which you have previously experienced. There are truths that remain: the root of the word liturgy is “the work of the people.” Meaning all that happens in this community works because of your participation. Who we are and what we bring is enough because we are assured that God delights in our worship!

As an act of care for yourself and all those gathered, please maintain appropriate physical distance at all times. Masks must be worn by all those above the age of two. We will not be passing an offering plate, though there is an offering box available for use on the welcome table.

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine for any reason, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion. As we continue to practice safety and care for ourselves and one another throughout the pandemic, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God’s grace and blessing.

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.

## The Liturgy of the Word

*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.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 **Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be

twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
    make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
    and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
    let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
    continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.  
37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  
38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.  
39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.  
40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.  
41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.  
42. For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.  
43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.  
44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

#### A reading from **Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your

salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant*   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:1-16

*Celebrant*   The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

**The Rev. Beth Franklin**

## **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.**

## **The Prayers of the People** (A Litany of Healing, Enriching Our Worship)

*Celebrant* Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or suffering, that they may be made whole: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders: **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life: **And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

*A period of silence follows.*

God whose vision spans all the ages of the earth, help us to see in this moment the pain and suffering our sisters brothers are subjected to, and give us the will to right the wrongs we have done, by our actions and our inactions. Ease the pain of all your people. Help us also to see beyond this moment and to embrace the wider perspective of your whole creation. Deliver us from fear and lead us into a way of love and justice that makes room for all peoples. Send your spirit among us that we may know the healing power of your love, All this we ask through your son, Jesus, the reconciler of the world. **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.**

**Peace**

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

**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.**

## **Prayer for Spiritual Reception**

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love for the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep my heart and mind 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 with me now and always. **Amen.**

## Activities This Week At St. Michael's

Sun., Sep. 20	8:00 AM	Worship on the Lawn
	9:30 AM	Worship on the Lawn
	11:00 AM	Virtual Service
Mon., Sep. 21	7:30 PM	Virtual Town Hall Concerning Roofs
Wed., Sep. 23	8:00 PM	Virtual Evening Devotional
Sun., Sep. 27	8:00 AM	Worship on the Lawn
	9:30 AM	Worship on the Lawn
	11:00 AM	Virtual Service

## Those Serving Today

Seminarian	Amanda Doshier
Lector (8:00 AM)	Marie Muller
Lector (9:30 AM)	Wil Harkins
Usher (8:00 AM)	Carol Halvorson
Usher (9:30 AM)	
Assistants	Lucy Jimenez Tom Halvorson Wil Harkins

## Prayer List Week of September 20, 2020

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In the Diocese of Virginia we pray for St. John's, West Point; St. Paul's, West Point; St. Stephen's, Heathsville; St. Matthew's, Sterling. In the region of Arlington we pray for Iglesia San Jose. 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, John, Jonathan, and Genevieve.

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, Devon, the Smith family, Marjory, 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 remember Sasha Smith, Margery Matlack, and all those who have died.