



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARLINGTON, VA

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 - 4:00 PM

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

A CREED FROM THE CONFIRMANDS

As a part of their confirmation preparation, the youth learned about the origins of the Nicene Creed. Over the course of several weeks they interrogated the meaning of every last word and phrase, sharing curiosity as to how we got the creed we did. They also went through the process of writing their own creed, which is included below. It represents their expression of the foundation of the faith, language comfortable to them, and the need to collaborate to come to a final decision. It is included in today's bulletin in hopes that it might be thought-provoking for your own exploration of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,
the Creator, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that the light touches, and the shadows.
By him all things were made.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten of the Creator.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
with the blessing of the Holy Spirit,
he became incarnate from the pure mother Mary,
was made man, and lived a humble life.
He became a teacher, comforter, healer, and preacher.
For our sake he was betrayed, rejected by his people,
and crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose from the dead
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.
He will come again in glory to guide the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and the Lord, and the Creator, who all rule together.
With the Creator and the Son, they all are worshipped and glorified.
They have all spoken through the prophets.
The Spirit flows through all things.
We believe in a faith shared in community.
We acknowledge the Lord's baptism for the forgiveness of all sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

CONFIRMATION

Prelude	Prelude in F major	attr. J.S. Bach
Procession	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty <i>Lobe den Herren</i>	Hymn 390
Confirmation		BCP pg. 299

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

Bishop 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 First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing

the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sequence There's a wideness in God's mercy Hymn 470
Beecher

The Gospel John 17:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP pg. 415

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.
Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

- Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
 People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
 People **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.**
- Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
 People **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.**
- Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
- Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
- Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
- Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
- Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
 People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

- Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
- Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP Pg. 308

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

Jubilate Deo

Laszlo Halmos

Presentation of the Offerings

Hymn 380

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 (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP pg. 361

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant 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

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.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 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 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord Hymn 178
Alleluia No. 1

Post Communion Prayer BCP pg. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn Alleluia! sing to Jesus! Hymn 460
Hyfrydol

Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude *Fanfare* William Mathias

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

SUN 5/21	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist II
	4:00 PM	Service of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist followed by the Parish Picnic
MON 5/22	7:30 PM	Outreach Committee Meeting
THU 5/25	7:30 PM	Sacred Ground Alumni Meeting
SUN 5/28	9:30 AM	Pentecost: Holy Eucharist II

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:25-35, 37 • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 • John 20:19-23

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by The Very Rev. Beth Franklin in thanksgiving for Michael Cavey, Augustina Cavey, Kevin Cronk, Tayt Korejwo, Zoe Korejwo, and Suzanna Monahan.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies. In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for St. James's, Richmond and St. Stephen's, Richmond. In the region of Arlington, we pray for St. George's Church.

We pray for leaders of churches everywhere, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and Paul, our bishops; Mark, our bishop elect; and Beth, our rector.

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, Andy, Pat, Martha, Fran, Katheryn, and Noel.

In our greater community, we pray for Cindy, George, Emily, Andrew, Cate, Roland, Henry, Susan, Martha, Betty, Laura, Pat, Beth, Jen, George, Peggy, Jon Rucker, Jr., Susan, Keith, Doug, Colby, Bob, Sarah, Katie, August, Cindy, Barbara, Vera, Mike, and John.

We remember all those who have died, especially Steve Worthington and Selena Chapple.

TODAY'S COLLECTION

Loose offering received during today's service will be designated for Bishop Gulick's Discretionary Fund.

WE WELCOME TODAY

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick Jr., Visiting Bishop, the Diocese of Virginia. Michael Cavey, Augustina Cavey, Kevin Cronk, Tayt Korejwo, Zoe Korejwo, and Suzanna Monahan, who confirmed the covenant made at Baptism and received the Episcopal laying on of hands.

'BEYOND BOUNDARIES' EXHIBIT OPEN

We welcome back the local artists' collaborative, Studio 10 Artists, for a month-long exhibition of paintings titled "Beyond Boundaries." Members of the group, whose nearly four dozen works hang in the parish hall, are Elisabeth (Beth) Hudgins, Kathleen (Kat) Jamieson, Linda Maldonado, Elise Ritter, and Deborah Taylor. Their earlier exhibits include "The Divine Feminine" and "Ambient Light," both of which are in the Past Exhibits section of our Website.

In addition to viewing the show in person, parishioners and visitors can see the exhibition online at stmichaelsarlington.org/beyond-boundaries. The digital presentation includes two sets of questions for self-study or group-discussion of boundaries.

Artworks in the exhibit, which concludes June 20, are available to purchase as indicated on the website.

BOOK STUDY

In the weeks following Pentecost, all are welcome for a theological discussion of Wendell Berry's, "The Hidden Wound." This prolific American writer uses his own narrative experience to shed light on the American problem of racism. We'll examine themes of forgiveness, resurrection, abundance, scarcity, virtue ethics, and the Kingdom of God. Beginning June 14 and ending July 12, we'll gather on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 in the library, with the option for hybrid participation.

RESPONDING TO OUR YOUTH

There are any number of ways in which our community might be inspired to practically support our students. To that end, a brainstorming conversation will be held on Sunday, May 28th following worship. No idea is too large or too small as we wonder together how we might help make a difference. If you aren't available on the 28th, please reach out to The Very Rev. Beth Franklin (rector@stmichaelsarlington.org) for a one-on-one discussions about possible next steps.

PRIME TIME LUNCH: PICTURE PERFECT?

Join us, **Thursday, June 1**, for a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Gathering at 12:15. Lunch at 12:30. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Hot coffee and ice water provided. **1:15:** Avocational walk-about nature photographer Greg Strong will discuss and show his work as he gives us pointers for getting good shots. How to cultivate a keen eye and steady hand. What to look for, focus on, and crop out. All are welcome, especially seniors. Contact: Evelyn Bence

LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH?

TRY EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Each of us walks our own path toward God. As we travel, we make choices about why we continue, where we place our feet, how we manage our load, what our destination looks like, and who accompanies us on the journey. As we struggle with the impact of pandemic, fractured political space, racial injustice, and environmental crises, it is more important than ever to find way stations where we can ground ourselves in our faith. It is important that we find programs and people who support, challenge, engage, and understand our destination. Education for Ministry (EFM) is a program designed to create a sacred space for exploration and affirmation of each individual's journey within our collective desire to faithfully participate in God's creation. For more information contact Beth Cavey (efmnorthernva@gmail.com).

SHRINE MONT WEEKEND REGISTRATION OPEN



Please join us for St. Michael's annual weekend at Shrine Mont from September 15-17, 2023. Shrine Mont is a great time for all ages! Shrine Mont offers a place for contemplation and renewal at the Great North Mountain in the Shenandoah Valley.

Scan the QR Code to register. Questions? Please contact a member of our Shrine Mont steering committee: Tom Sheldon, Linda Kelleher, and Caroline Haynes.

RECTOR READS

Join the rector for a book discussion on Monday, August 14th at 7:30 PM in the library. Please read "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Lector	Kaipo McCartney
Ushers	Kaipo McCartney, Carol/Tom Halvorson
Greeter	Carol/Tom Halvorson
Acolyte	Wil Harkins
LEM	Dan Plafcan
Altar Guild	James Chang, Monica Dinan
Zoom Coordinator	Hayden Paul

ST. MICHAEL'S CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector	The Rev. Beth Franklin
Music Minister	Noel Warford
Treasurer	Janet Hansen
Parish Administrator	Katrina Moore

ST. MICHAEL'S VESTRY

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Molly Beier	Vicki Barnett (<i>Sr. Warden</i>)	Jim Dinan (<i>Jr. Warden</i>)
John Kelleher	Beth Cavey	Lisa Meacham
Kaipo McCartney	Bob Moore	Mary Thorne (<i>Registrar</i>)

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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, the page is accessible from our main website, by using the banner that reads "CONNECT—SIGN UPS" or scan the QR Code.



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