



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARLINGTON, VA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

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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.



**St. Michael's  
75th Anniversary  
1948–2023**

**CELEBRANT'S STOLE**

The stole worn by the celebrant and preacher was made by parishioner, Linda Kelleher. Using the logo, as conceived of and created by fellow parishioner, Cindy Matlack, with the design assistance of Katrina Moore, Parish Administrator. This anniversary stole is in use for the first time today.

**RECEPTION IN THE PARISH HALL**

Immediately following the service, all are welcome for a festive brunch in the Parish Hall hosted by the St. Michael's Vestry. The meal is being catered by Mindy's Catering, which is owned by Erin and Bobby White, sister and brother-in-law of former rector, The Rev. Leslie Hague.

**GRATITUDE FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CO-CHAIRS**

Cindy and Tim Matlack have served as the co-chairs of this 75th anniversary celebration. In this role, they have gathered stories, organized photos, and thought through every last detail of creating a meaningful experience. Please add your voice to the chorus of thanksgiving for their hard work.

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

Procession

The Church's one foundation

Hymn 525

*Aurelia*

### Reaffirmation of Communal Life

Celebrant We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Piscataway whose land we now occupy in this region was once their home, before it was taken from them. We give thanks for them and express our gratitude for their witness on how to live a life that is honorable and humble. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

Before us this morning is an addendum to the title deed to this land, which was signed in 1948. The original title deed to the property includes a racially restrictive covenant stating, "any person who is not of the Caucasian race cannot own, occupy, or lease any part of the lot." In preparing for this milestone anniversary, we have reviewed archival materials, meeting minutes, bulletins, and newspaper articles, which has been revealing – both for what was said and what was not said. Removing the racially restrictive covenant from our title deed most clearly reflects the values upon which this community was founded. This morning, we reaffirm our commitment to God, to one another, and to the holy work that God has always been up to in this neighborhood, and in our lives.

Let us bless this property as restored to the use for which it has been dedicated and consecrated, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory. We give you thanks for the Church universal, for which those gathered are the symbol.

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;  
People **for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;  
People **And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People **And blessed be his 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

Alleluia

Abraham Mairare

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 103:19-22**

- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

**The Second Lesson**

**Revelation 12:7-12**

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.  
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.  
Rejoice then, you heavens  
and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you  
with great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!”

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence**

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels  
*Caelites plaudant*

**Hymn 282**

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. Beth Franklin

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP p. 292

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
 People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?  
 People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
 People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
 People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn 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 sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever 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.**

Celebration Hymn Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Hymn 178

*Alleluia No. 1*

### Intercessions

Common Worship, p. 522

Leader The risen Christ is here in the midst of us. We bring our prayers to him as Lord of the Church. For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

People **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

Leader For this congregation, as we remember your promise that when two or three are gathered in your name you are there in the midst of them,

People **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

Leader For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God,

People **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

Leader For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

People **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

Leader For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future,

People **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

Leader For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

People **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**





I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the  
chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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-125

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. Hosanna  
in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer B Continues

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Celebrant 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,

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

Celebrant 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 St. Michael 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.

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 Hymns

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

*Rosedale*

Hymn 305

Let us break bread together on our knees

*Let us break bread*

Hymn 325

The King of Love my shepherd is

*St. Columba*

Hymn 645

### 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.

### Blessing

Closing Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

Hymn 400

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Dismissal

Postlude

Litanies

Jehan Alain

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

<b>SUN 9/24</b>	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist II
	10:45 AM	St. Michael's 75th Anniversary Brunch
<b>WED 9/27</b>	1:00 PM	Wednesday Book Group
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>SUN 10/1</b>	9:00 AM	World Communion Sunday at St. Michael's with Lomax <i>*please note the time change*</i>
	11:30 AM	World Communion Sunday at Lomax (2704 24th Rd., Arlington) with St. Michael's

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 • Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mick Sutter in loving memory of Kim Sutter.

## PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Ireland. In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting. In the region of Arlington, we pray for St. Andrew's Church.

We pray for leaders of churches everywhere, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark and Gayle, our bishops; Beth, our rector, 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, Andy, Pat, Martha, Fran, Kathryn, Dwight, and Barbara.

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, Sarah, August, Barbara, Vera, Mike, Alan, Kay, Katie, Paul, Ben, Mae, Steve, Esther, Marina, and Gordon.

We remember all those who have died, especially Corporal Spencer Collart, Betsy Schonberger, and Daniel Botticello.

## NEXT SUNDAY: JOINT SERVICES WITH LOMAX AME ZION

## IN OBSERVANCE OF WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

## 9:00 Observance at St. Michael's

*\*Please note this is a start time that is 30 minutes earlier than normal\**

The Rev. Dr. Adrian Nelson, II, Guest Preacher

## 11:30 Observance at Lomax AME Zion

2704 24th Rd. South Arlington, VA

*\*Please note this is a start time that is 30 minutes later than normal\**

The Rev. Beth Franklin, Guest Preacher

## PRIME TIME LUNCH (FORMERLY XYZ) : HAWAII ALOHA

Join us, Thursday, October 5, for a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Gathering at 12:15 PM. Lunch at 12:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass. Hot coffee and ice water provided. 1:15 Program: Three St. Michael's parishioners hail from Hawaii, the famed 50th state. As a team, they'll share insights and perspectives on the islands' unique cultural and religious history. All are welcome, especially seniors. Contact: Evelyn Bence.

## INOVA BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. MICHAEL'S



On Saturday October 14, 2023, Inova Blood Donor Services will be onsite with the bloodmobile from 10AM until 3PM. Arranged in honor of Kim Sutter, this is an opportunity to support our greater community. Details about the drive, including the sign up to make an appointment, can be found by scanning the QR Code. Questions? Contact Dan Ruff.

## VOLUNTEER WITH AFAC

Can you spare two hours on Saturday, October 7, 12:30-2:30 PM? If you can, please volunteer to help bag vegetables and/or sort cans at the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), 2708 S. Nelson Street. Individuals, including families with children age 12+, are welcome. Please sign up at [stmichaelsarlington.org/sign-ups](http://stmichaelsarlington.org/sign-ups).

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher  
Ministers of Communion  
  
Lector  
Ushers  
Greeter  
Acolyte  
Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Altar Guild  
Flower Guild  
Counters  
Zoom Coordinator

The Very Rev. Beth Franklin, Rector  
The Rev. Leslie Hague, Former Rector  
The Rev. Howard Humphrey, Former Rector  
Beth Cavey, Lisa Harkins  
Dean Scribner, Molly Beier  
Roberta Thibodaux, Mary Thorne  
Michael Cavey  
Terri Katon, Drew Downey  
Wil Harkins, James Chang  
Linda Kelleher  
Barb Adams, Terri Katon  
Corbin Monahan

## ST. MICHAEL'S CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector  
Music Minister  
Seminararian  
Treasurer  
Parish Administrator

The Rev. Beth Franklin  
Noel Warford  
Drew Downey  
Janet Hansen  
Katrina Moore

## ST. MICHAEL'S VESTRY

**Class of 2024**  
Molly Beier  
John Kelleher  
Kaipo McCartney (*Warden*)

**Class of 2025**  
Vicki Barnett (*Sr. Warden*)  
Beth Cavey  
Bob Moore

**Class of 2026**  
Jim Dinan (*Jr. Warden*)  
Lisa Meacham  
Mary Thorne (*Registrar*)



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