



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARLINGTON, VA

Sunday, September 27, 2020

St. Michael and All Angels

Virtual Worship

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: 690

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The Christian Life

A musical score for four voices (SATB) in common time and G major. The music consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a sharp sign indicating G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the corresponding staff. The score is divided into four sections by vertical bar lines.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar,
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.
Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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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.

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 Lessons

A reading from **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."

Psalm 103

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
 nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
 so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
 so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
 so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
 he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; *
 we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
 and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those
 who fear him, *
 and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant *
 and remember his commandments and do them.
- 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.

A reading from **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!”

A reading from **John 1:47-51**

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.”

The Sermon

The Rev. Beth Franklin

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 and 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.**

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.**

Prayer for Communion

God of Love, we thank you for bringing us together in this place, on this day to honor and to celebrate you and your People, the living, loving Body of Christ. Jesus told his disciples, “Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Bless this gathering as a sacramental rite, a visible sign of your love for us, and our love for one another. Even in the absence of the bread and the wine, let us feed on You, your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, in our hearts, with faith and thanksgiving. Amen.

Closing Prayer

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

Closing Hymn: 525

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The Church

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long-ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)
 Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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Postlude

Our postlude is dedicated in loving memory of our Music Director Emeritus, David W. Donaldson

Activities This Week At St. Michael's

Sun., Sep. 27	8:00 AM	Worship on the Lawn
	9:30 AM	Worship on the Lawn
	11:00 AM	Virtual Service
	8:00 PM	Virtual Compline for Parents
Wed., Sep. 30	8:00 PM	Virtual Evening Devotional
Thu., Oct. 1	1:30 PM	Virtual XYZ
Sun., Oct. 4	8:00 AM	Worship on the Lawn
	9:30 AM	Worship on the Lawn
	11:00 AM	Virtual Service

Those Serving Today

Seminarian	Amanda Dosher
Music	Noel Warford
Lector	Amanda Dosher
Zoom Manager	Isabel Ruff

Prayer List Week of September 27, 2020

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In the Diocese of Virginia we pray for the Episcopal House of Bishops. In the region of Arlington we pray for St. Andrew'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, 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, David Donaldson, Information Technology Specialist 2nd Class Ian McKnight, Senior Airman Jason Phan, Staff Sergeant Ronald Ouellette, and all those who have died.