



ST. MICHAEL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ARLINGTON, VA

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

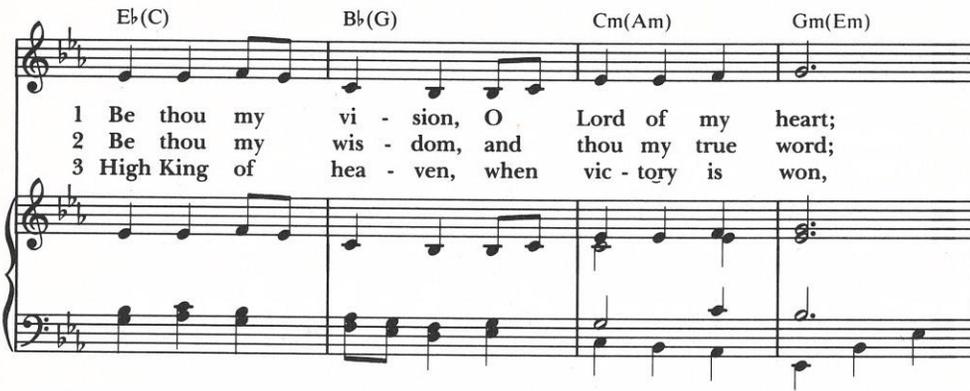
The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: 488

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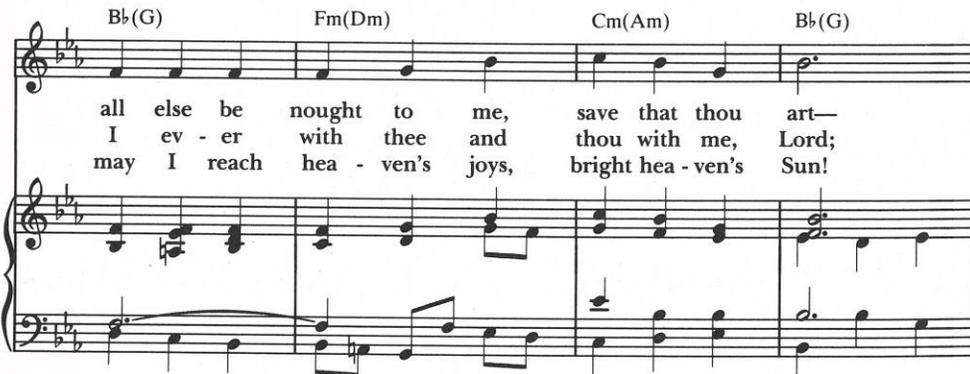
Jesus Christ our Lord

E♭(C) B♭(G) Cm(Am) Gm(Em)



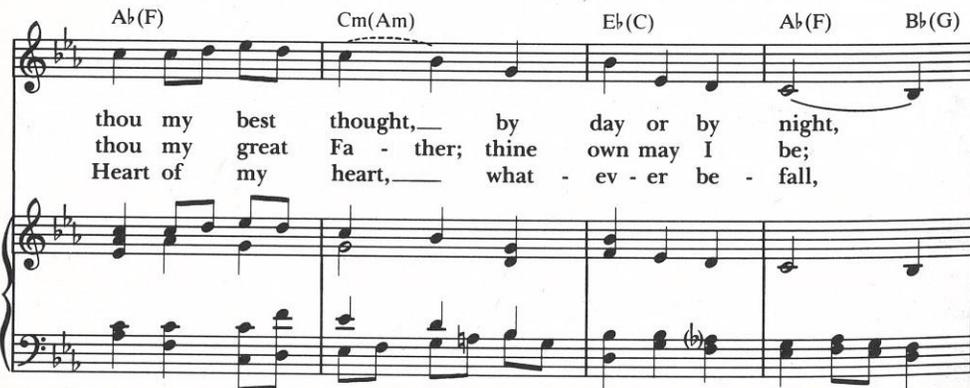
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

B♭(G) Fm(Dm) Cm(Am) B♭(G)



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

A♭(F) Cm(Am) E♭(C) A♭(F) B♭(G)



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

*E♭ (capo 3, C). Keyboard and guitar should not sound together.
 Another harmonization, 482.*

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.
 Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927;
 harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

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

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 **Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A reading from **1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

A reading from **John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Sermon

The Rev. Beth Franklin

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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 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.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross. In faith we pray, **we pray to you, our God.**

That all people may receive the good news of his victory. In faith we pray, **we pray to you, our God.**

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection. In faith we pray, **we pray to you, our God.**

That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ. In faith we pray, **we pray to you, our God.**

That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ. In faith we pray, **we pray to you, our God.**

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead; to the mercy and protection of God. In faith we pray, **we pray to you, our God.**

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

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

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 400

Praise to God

400



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 * 2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 * 3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 * 6 And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;
 adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Activities This Week At St. Michael's

Sun., May 9	9:00 AM	Virtual Service
	10:30 AM	Worship on the Lawn
Mon., May 10	7:30 PM	Book Study with Lomax AME Zion
Tue., May 11	7:30 PM	Finance Committee
Sun., May 16	9:00 AM	Virtual Service
	10:30 AM	Worship on the Lawn

Those Serving Today

Seminarian	Amanda Doshier
Music	Noel Warford
Zoom Manager	Annabelle Monahan

Prayer List Week of May 9, 2021

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya. In the region of Arlington, we pray for Iglesia San Jose. In the Diocese of Virginia we pray for St. Mary's, Goochland; St. Paul's on the Hill, Winchester; St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville. We pray for leaders of churches everywhere, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our bishops; Beth, our rector, and Amanda our seminarian.

We pray for goodwill among nations; for Joe, 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 Erin, Silas, Roberta, Margot, Paul, Leroy, Bob, and Zoe.

In our greater community, we pray for Cindy, Rita and Paul, George, Emily, Andrew, Cate, Roland, Whitney, Dave, Henry, Susan, Martha, Betty, Laura, Pat, Beth, Dave, 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 Catherine, Doug McCartney, Staff Sergeant Christopher Pantos and all those who have died.