

# St. Michael's Episcopal Church

*A Christ-Centered Community of Practice Awakening to the Abiding Presence of God*



*The Fifth Sunday in Lent, 29 March, 2020*

## WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.*

### ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*The Celebrant says:*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

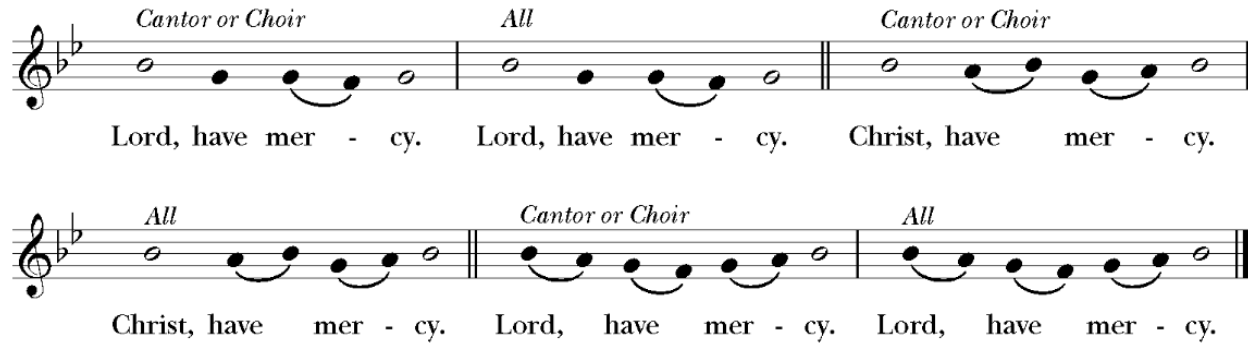
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept*

**Almighty and most merciful father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto humankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

*The prophet has a vision of the bones of a dead and hopeless people being restored to a new life in their homeland*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Following the Lesson...*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
 Lord, hear my voice; \*  
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
 O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
 therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
 in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
 more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
 more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
 for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## THE EPISTLE

Romans 8: 6-11

*Paul draws a contrast between minds dominated by fleshly and worldly things and those in whom Christ lives and are set on the Spirit.*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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## HYMN

WLP 825

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 11: 1-45*

*The story of Jesus' raising of Lazarus from the dead.*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*After the sermon a period of silence is kept.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayers are offered for the world, the church, the sick, etc. followed by a period of silence. Congregation members are invited to offer intercessions during the silence, either aloud or silently.*



CANTOR: Bread of hea-ven, make us hun-ger for your king-dom



ALL: And thirst ——— for your love.

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Following the Peace, the Celebrant recites a sentence from Holy Scripture; all prepare for the Holy Eucharist.*

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

*All stand to sing*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

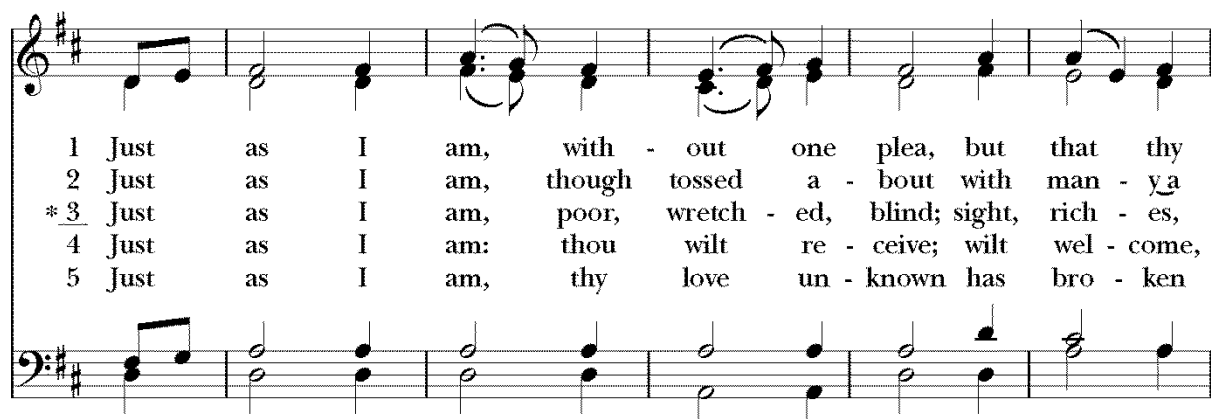
*The Hymnal 693*

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## THE OFFERING

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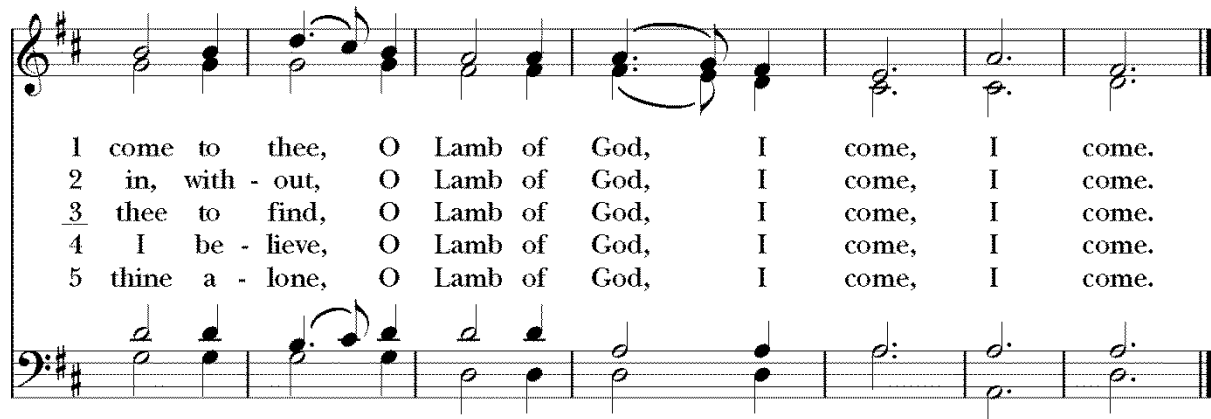
*We ask you to continue to support St. Michael's during this time of physical separation. Please send your pledges or donations through the mail or online.*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871) Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*The People remain standing, if able.*

*The Presider recalls and makes present for all Jesus' life and last supper.*

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*The Presider asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## BREAD IS BROKEN

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

A - nus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi - se-re - re no - bis,

mi-se-re - re no - bis, mi-se-re - re no - bis, mi - se-re - re no - bis.

13 A - gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi - se-re - re no - bis,

19 mi-se-re - re no - bis mi-se-re - re no - bis, do - na no-bis pa - cem.

*Translation: "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, grant us peace."*

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

**My God, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

*Following Communion, the congregation stands to say the final prayer:*

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**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 presence.  
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.**



# WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

LENTEN PRAYER

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*The Hymnal 594, vs 1 + 2*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

DISMISSAL

**HEALING PRAYERS:** Do you desire to pray with someone over the phone? Members of the Healing Team are offering their services. Today, Megan Buchanan will be available for one hour after the service concludes. You may reach her at **802- 387-5733**.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to *Craig Newbert*, Monday; *Jan Bennett*, Tuesday; *Becky Anderson*, Thursday; *Callan McDowell*, Friday.