



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 26 JUNE 2022

*We welcome you to worship this morning. This service guide will lead you in worship.
Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in your book rack.*

Readings: I Kings 19:15,19-20, 21c; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Flowers are given the Glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Gibson.

Organ: Prelude in C Major, BWV 924 - Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn 393, Praise our Great and Gracious Lord

The Word of God

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's 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.**

The Trisagion is sung first by the cantor, then twice more by all.

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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

Our first reading is the story of the calling of Elisha by Elijah to be his successor as the Lord's prophet. Elijah leaves the decision whether or not to follow him to Elisha, who then bids his parents farewell.

The LORD said to the prophet Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, and you shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha, son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" Then Elisha set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

Psalms 118 is a song of contentment, refuge, and joy. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing again as indicated by **R**.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed; I have a goodly heritage. **R**.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. **R**.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**.

A Reading from Paul's Epistle to the Galatians

In this lesson Paul describes the character of Christian freedom. It enables one to fulfill the spirit of the entire law by loving one's neighbor as oneself.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore. You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

(Hymn 618) **Respond ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: Alleluia, alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant raise the song. Alleluia! (5x)**

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to fulfill his ministry, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it,

they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Sermon – The Rev. Michael L. Bradley, Rector

The Iona Affirmation of Faith

What do we believe?

We believe in God:

**Whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
Whose love was made human in Jesus of Nazareth,
Whose love was crucified by evil that can entrap us.**

**Therefore, though we sometimes are fearful and doubting, we trust in God,
and in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves:
To serve others, to seek justice, and to live in peace,
To care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
To live in the freedom of forgiveness, in the power of Love's spirit,
And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church,
For the glory of God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers are offered for the world, for all people and for ourselves.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant concludes with a collect, to which all respond, **Amen.***

HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Jesus in the form of bread and wine. The bread is received in the palm of the right hand; the wine by sipping from the cup or by dipping the bread.

If you desire a blessing, please ask when you come forward.

Solo: Be Thou My Vision - Setting by Bob Chilcott
The text may be found at Hymn #488.

Hymn 525, The Church's One Foundation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that through your divinity you came to the aid of mortal beings, and fashioned for us out of mortality itself a remedy for our sin, so that the cause of our fall from grace might become the means of our salvation. Out of love for us sinners, your Son humbled Himself to be born of the Virgin Mary; by suffering on the cross He freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead He gives us eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.
Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

after all have received, please stand.

Eternal God; **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, and to love and serve others, with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, this day and always. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 655, O Jesus, I Have Promised to Serve Thee to the End

Organ: Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten (Whoever lets God guide will be sustained)
BWV 642 - Johann Sebastian Bach

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