



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS: DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14; PSALM 25:1-9; COLOSSIANS 1:1-14;
LUKE 10:25-37

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING
FOR THE MARRIAGE OF OLIVIA MICHELE BRYANT AND JOSEPH TRUPIANO III

Organ: Adagio - Lani Smith

Hymn 551, Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

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.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

THIS HEBREW BIBLE READING OFFERS A PROMISE OF PROSPERITY TO THE PEOPLE WHO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

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

PSALM 25 IS A PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS AND GUIDANCE AND EXPRESSION OF TRUST IN THE LORD.
ALL REMAIN SEATED AND SING.

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, let not my foes have victory;
Let not your servant be ashamed; confound those set on treachery.**

**Show me your ways, O Lord, my God, And teach my feet your path, I pray;
For my salvation comes from you, I trust in you throughout the day.**

**Remember your compassion, Lord, your steadfast love of ancient days,
And in that love remember me, remember not my youthful ways.**

**Gracious and upright is the Lord who teaches sinners in the way
And guides the humble toward the right and to the lowly shows the way.**

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS

IN THIS LESSON, PAUL GREETES THE CHRISTIANS AT COLOSSAE, OFFERS THANKS FOR THEIR FAITH, AND PRAYS FOR THEIR FURTHER STRENGTHENING. THEY WILL GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD WHO HAS RESCUED THEM FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS AND EVIL AND BROUGHT THEM INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON OF GOD.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, and the forgiveness of sins.

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

(Hymn 618) **O friends in gladness, let sing supernal anthems, echoing: Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One. Alleluia! (5x)**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was speaking with his disciples, a lawyer had been listening to him. Suddenly the lawyer stood up to test him. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

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But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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 with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. **R.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness; inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. **R.**

Teach us to use your creation in praise of you, that all may share the good things you provide. **R.**

Strengthen all who use their skills of healing for those who are sick in body or in mind. **R.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. **R.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn. **R.**

The people offer their own prayers and thanksgivings.

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.**

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your
creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion. Receive these petitions of
intercession, receive our prayers of penitence; all of which we offer not just for ourselves, but for the
needs of the church and the world. All this we pray, **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Solo: Blest are the Pure in Heart - Hugh Benham

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee, a temple meet for thee.

Hymn 657, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 truly right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you have given your Son to us that he might be our Lord and Redeemer. He showed compassion for the poor and for children, for the sick and for sinners, and he became a neighbor to the oppressed and the afflicted. By word and deed he revealed to the world that you are a God of mercy, who cares for all your sons and daughters.

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:

**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.**

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.

Living God; **In this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing, etc. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 609, Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Organ: Te Deum - Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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