

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the First Worship Service
St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Evensong -- 26 October 2022 at 7.00 PM

All stand at the entrance of the choir and clergy.

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Let us pray. Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sing, "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" (insert)
while the candles at the altar and in the church are lighted.*

Officiant and Choir:

O Lord, open thou our lips: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us: O Lord, make hast to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 84 – Anglican Chant, Robert Cooke

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed. For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the LORD God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; No good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity. O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you! Glory be to the Father, etc.

All are seated.

A Reading from the First Book of Kings. Solomon prays for the dedication of the temple.

Choir: Magnificat (Service in B Flat – Charles Villiers Stanford)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, etc.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter. We are built as living stones into a spiritual temple.

Choir: Nunc Dimittis (Stanford)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, etc.

All stand and sing, "How Shall I Sing That Majesty" (insert)

Sermon – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, Eleventh Bishop of Michigan

Anthem: Like as the Hart; text, Psalm 42; setting, Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for the living God yes, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me where, where is now thy God? My tears have been my meat day and night. My meat day and night. Like as the hart, etc.

All stand

Officiant: I believe in God;

all: The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **All: And with thy spirit.** Officiant: Let us pray.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Our Father;

all: 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.

Officiant and Choir:

Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the state; And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness; And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people; And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord; Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us; And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (*choir: Amen.*)

Everlasting God, your believers have carried the good news of Christ to the ends of the earth. Grant that we, who commemorate the builders of St. Michael's Church, may know the truth of the Gospel in our hearts, and continue to build well on the foundations they have laid; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and for ever. *(choir: Amen.)*

Make us your messengers, Jesus, make us the guardians of your faith, and grant us also that great and ancient vision of Michael, leader of your numberless angels among the dazzling host of heaven, that he may accompany us and inspire us for all time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(choir: Amen.)*

The Rev. Drew Van Culin, Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, prays:

Everliving God, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Renew our commitment to this place, where many come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illuminate and to bless your people. **Amen.**

Mr. Robert D. Alexander-Jordan, Church of the Messiah and a representative of the Detroit Deanery, prays:

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your presence in this house of prayer. Be always near those we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service. **Amen.**

The Rev. Michael Bradley, St. Michael's, prays:

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through loss and through companionship. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into your loving arms. **Amen.**

The Bishop prays:

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which in years past built this church, furnished it in beauty for worship, created space for community to gather, and inspired hearts to a ministry of witness and service. Remember all that was done and bless all that will be done. Fill this place and our hearts with audacious hope and expectant promise, as we again become a new creation in you.

Amen.

And all pray: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses the people, and then they are dismissed:

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

All sing (overleaf): Lord, You Gave the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Organ: Improvisation on "Hyfrydol" – Christian Schoen, Organist and Choir Director

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The processional cross used this evening dates from the first service held on October 26, 1947.
The location was the caddy shack on a golf course that occupied the area where
Renaud and Oxford Roads are today.

First Reader: Martha Miller, Senior Warden
Second Reader: The Rev. Peter Groschner, St. Michael's Church
Dismissal: The Rev. Michael Lankford-Stokes

Singers: Stephanie Dean, Andrew Forsythe, Nina Gojcaj, Mario Melone, Margaret Rees-Baker

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Andrew Cooper, Communications Specialist, for arranging the display and
compiling the video montage.

Special thanks to all who planned this evening's worship and events,
and to everyone who has gathered to celebrate St. Michael's 75th Anniversary.