

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – OCTOBER 30, 2022

READINGS: WISDOM OF SOLOMON 3:1-9; PSALM 116:1-9;

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:50-58; JOHN 5:24-27

Hymn 429, I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

### THE WORD OF GOD

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
You are to be praised, O God, in Zion. **To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come;**  
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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.**

V. Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy. R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

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

Eternal God, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

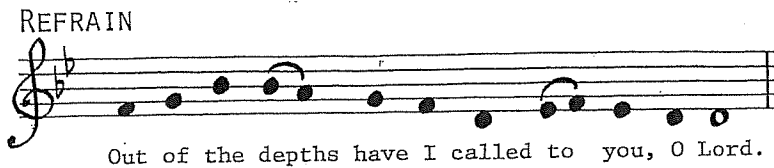
In our first lesson, confidence in God extends beyond this world, and a hope in eternal life is expressed. Those who trust in God will abide with God in love and will shine forth because of God's grace and mercy.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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

*Psalm 130 is a plea of mercy offered in patient hope to the Lord. The cantor sings the refrain, all repeat, and sing as indicated.*



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. R.

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

For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. R.

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

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning. R.

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

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

### A Reading from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians

In this passage, Paul concludes his teaching on the Christian belief in Resurrection from death. Paul teaches them that in the age to come disciples will live in a new and transformed existence.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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

Tract: Psalm 112:1-3, 6 Tone II

Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments! Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever. For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

*all stand*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.'

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

## Prayers of the People

Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your tender mercy, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Give courage and faith to those who grieve, that they may have strength to meet each day with courage, the comfort of hope, and the promise of eternal life with those they love.

Help us, in the midst of life and death and the mystery of our existence, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that we, through our redeemer, may pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

Grant endless light and eternal peace to all who have died. We remember those from St. Michael's who have died or have been interred in the last year. *(pause)*

We remember others who have died, and whose names are heard again as we speak them before you. *(pause)*

Most loving God, the death and resurrection of Jesus have opened for us a new and living way. Give us hope to overcome our fear; help us entrust our departed friends and loved ones to your keeping, and let our sorrow find comfort in your care; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION: REQUIEM EUCHARIST

Anthem: Kyrie -- Dana Mengel

Holy Son of Man, I kneel here below your cross, broken and sorrowful by what man's sin has done. Kyrie Eleison, I pray. Precious savior, lamb of God, I bow before you now, so unworthy of your redeeming grace. Kyrie Eleison, I pray. Kneeling here below your cross, all of my pain for sure seems lost. Kyrie Eleison, I pray.

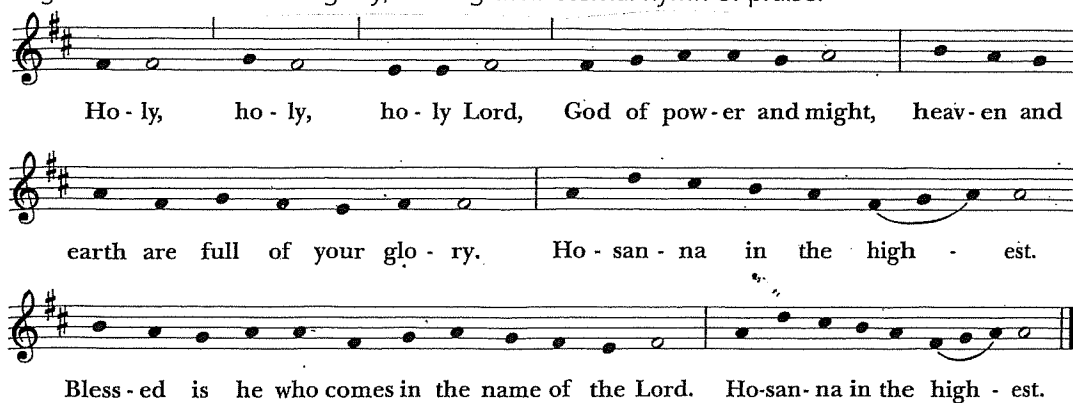
### Hymn 357: Jesus, Son of Mary, Fount of Life Alone

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, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when our earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is prepared for us in heaven. And so, with the company of Angels and Archangels, with those confirmed in grace and received into glory, we sing their eternal hymn of praise:



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

Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof, but say only the Word, and my soul shall be healed.

*After all have received Communion, please stand and pray together:*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food of the Body and your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### The Commendation of the Faithful Departed

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with all your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with all your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend the souls of all who have died. Accept them, we pray, as sheep of your own fold, as lambs of your own flock, as sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Organ and Voice: Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the choirs of angels welcome you, and with Lazarus, who once was poor, may you have peace everlasting. (from *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure)

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