

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 18 JUNE 2023

READINGS: EXODUS 19:2-8A; PSALM 100; ROMANS 5:1-8; MATTHEW 9:35-10:8, 11-14, 16

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME RENEE BROWN, ORGANIST; THE CHOIR OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH;
AND SINGERS STEPHANIE DEAN, SOPRANO; KAITY WIEGAND, ALTO;
THOMAS BOWMAN, TENOR; JAKE SURZYN, BASS

Hymn 8, Morning Has Broken, Like the First Morning

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 (Thrice Holy) – Serbian Traditional Melody

To be sung three times.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy on us.

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

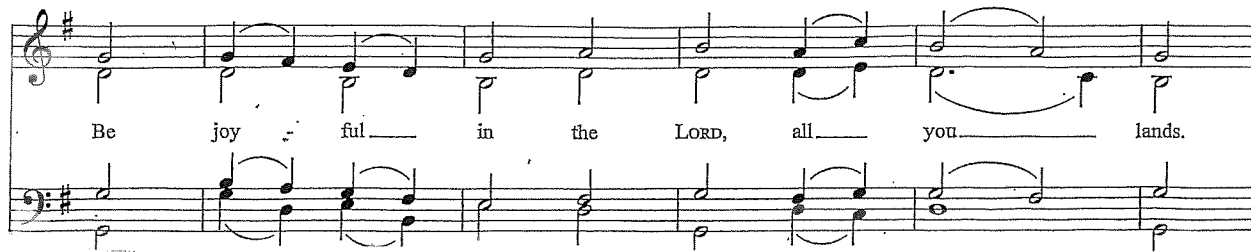
Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

In our Hebrew scripture story, the people of Israel arrive at Mount Sinai after being brought out of Egypt. The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

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

Psalm 100 is a call to praise and to offer thanksgiving to the Lord. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing again as indicated.



Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R.** Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **R.**

A Reading from Paul's Epistle to the Romans

In this reading, Paul bids the disciples to rejoice in the reconciliation and hope which are theirs because of the sacrifice of Christ on behalf of sinners.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

all stand:

**O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord. Alleluia! (5x)**

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.' So Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

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

Our 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 the 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 the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace,

To care for the earth, to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,

To live in the freedom of forgiveness, the power of the spirit of Love,

And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church. For the glory of God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings, and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world, responding, "Lord, have mercy".

Prayers, intentions and thanksgivings are offered. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list:

Leanna Vernier, Susan Rich, Mary Greening, Nancy Huckins, Lori Praenior, Lynn Kerber, Jim Veit, Donald Burton, Ed Haug, Allan Berchem, *We pray for all the faithful departed, and at her Year's Time we remember Daniel Taylor.*

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.**

Hear our prayers, that we may love you with our whole being even as we share the concerns of our neighbors. Receive our penitence, and forgive us all our sins, that we may be made whole in you. All these things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are invited to share in the Eucharist and to receive the gifts of Christ's Presence in bread and wine. The bread is received in the palm of the right hand supported by the left; the wine by sipping from the cup or by dipping the bread. If you desire a blessing instead of receiving Communion, let the priest know when you come forward. Communion can also be brought to you where you are seated, if that is more convenient; please speak with a greeter.

Anthem: A song of Joyful Praise; words and music by Nancy Price and Donald Besig

Lift your voice and sing unto the Lord a new song of joyful praise!

For this is the time for celebration, this is the time for jubilation,

This is the time for every nation to sing an anthem of praise!

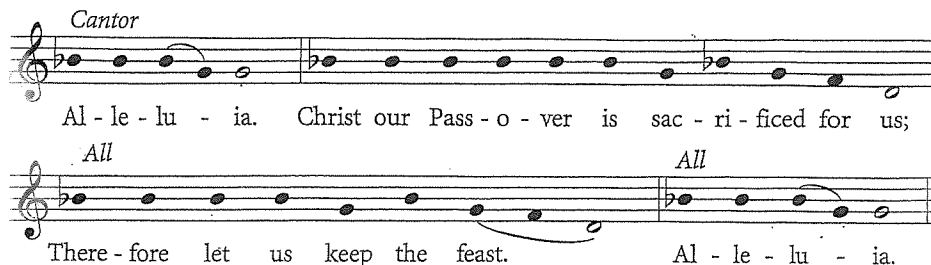
Offertory Hymn: (insert): God, When I Came Into This Life

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 you thanks to you
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of our Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest. Blessed are they who come 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.



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

After all have received, please stand and pray together:

Everliving God; We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of his Body, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Now send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, by upon and among you, this day and forever. Amen.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 539, O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

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Our Mission: We share the light of Christ
by loving and serving our neighbors in the world.

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