

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 2 JULY 2023

READINGS: PSALM 89: 1-4, 15-18; ROMANS 6: 12-23; MATTHEW 10:40-42

Hymn 596, Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings.

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.**

O Lord, open our lips. **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**
Praise the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised.

*In Psalm 89 the Lord is praised for faithful love and mighty justice.
This metrical setting is sung to the hymn tune "Puer Nobis", #124 in the Hymnal.*

1. From age to age I will proclaim, your faith, forever sing your love;
Your faithfulness endures always, your love is set in heaven above.
2. "To David I have sworn an oath, made covenant with him alone:
'I will maintain your line always, eternally preserve your throne.'"
3. How blest are those who shout your praise! They walk as always in your light;
They glory daily in your Name, rejoice forever in your right.
4. You are the glory of their strength; Our might is by your grace restored;
Our King is Israel's Holy One; Our ruler, truly, is the Lord.
5. All glory to the Father, Son, and to the Holy Spirit be;
As from the first it was, is now, and will be for eternity.

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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

This lesson teaches that by the grace of God Christians are no longer slaves to sin but servants of righteousness, bound to the service of God in goodness and holiness.

Paul writes, "Therefore sin must no longer reign in your mortal body, exacting obedience to the body's desires. You must no longer put any part of it at sin's disposal, as an implement for doing wrong. Put yourselves instead at the disposal of God; think of yourselves as raised from death to life, and yield your bodies to God as implements for doing right. Sin shall no longer be your master, for you are no longer under law, but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin, because we are not under law but under grace? Of course not! You know well enough that if you bind yourselves to obey a master, you are slaves of the master you obey; and this is true whether the master is sin and the outcome death, or obedience to God and the outcome righteousness.

Once you were slaves of sin, but now, thank God, you have yielded wholehearted obedience to that pattern of teaching to which you were made subject; emancipated from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness (to use language that suits your human weakness). As you once yielded your bodies to the service of impurity and lawlessness, making for moral anarchy, so now you must yield them to the service of righteousness, making for a holy life.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. And what gain did that bring you? Things that now make you ashamed, for their end is death. But now, freed from the commands of sin and bound to the service of God, you have gains that lead to holiness, and the end is eternal life. For sin pays a wage and the wage is death, but God gives freely, and his gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

all stand:

**O friends in gladness, let us 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 Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

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

Susan Rich, Nancy Huckins, Lori Praenior, Lynn Kerber, Jim Veit, Donald Burton, Ed Haug, Allan Berchem. We give thanks for the continuing recovery of Leahna Vernier.

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.

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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.

Offertory Hymn 594, God of Grace and God of Glory, On Thy People Pour Thy Power

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.**

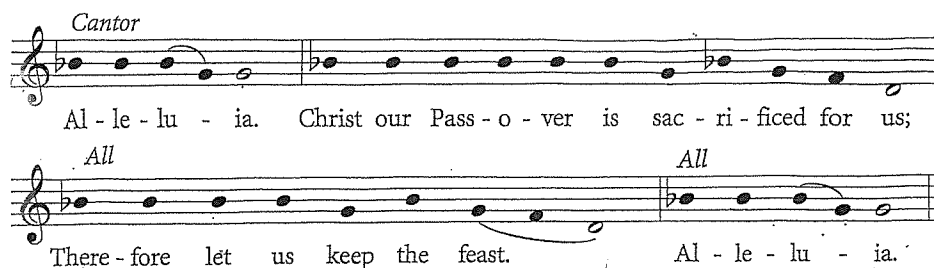
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks to you

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 filled with thanks.

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.

Lord God Almighty; In whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

Hymn 720, O Say, Can You See, By The Dawn's Early Light

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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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