

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY BEVERLY VEIT TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIM VEIT.

READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Our Readers: Magdalene Hanson and Sally Graham

Organ: Adagio in E Major – Frank Bridge 1879-1941

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 477: All Praise To Thee, For Thou, O King, Divine

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.

All sing (insert): Glory To You, Lord God Of Our Fathers, Glory To You

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

In this reading, the prophet Jeremiah offers the first of his laments to the Lord. There are those who seek to take his life because of his faithful outspokenness.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54 is a prayer of salvation by one who is persecuted. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by R.



Save me, O God, by your Name; in your might, defend my cause. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. R. For the arrogant have risen up against me and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God. Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. R. Render evil to those who spy on me in your faithfulness, destroy them. I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good. For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes. R.

A Reading from the Letter of James

In this New Testament epistle, believers are to proclaim wisdom that is pure, peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy and good works. Prayers are too often offered for the wrong motives, but a harvest of righteousness is sown for those who sow in peace.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

All stand The cantor sings "alleluia"; all repeat, and sing again after the verse.



V. Show me your ways, O Lord; lead me in your truth and teach me. **R. Alleluia (3x)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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 one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. *(continued)*

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do,
let us pray to the Lord. R.

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself,
let us pray to the Lord. R.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them,
let us pray to the Lord. R.

Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed.

In our Diocese: St. Peter's, Detroit; St. Luke's, Ypsilanti Anglican Communion: The United Church of North India

For those on our prayer list: Ed Haug, Lynn Kerber, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Bill Steiner, Christopher.
For the continuing recovery of Steuart Graham and Anne Grayr.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; 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.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

May God's peace be with you always. And also with you. *The people may greet each other briefly.*

HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, kindly keep your hands folded.

Anthem: With A Voice Of Singing – text and music: Martin Shaw 1875-1958

After the anthem, all stand for the presentation of the oblations.

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.**

God of good works, it is right to give you thanks and praise . . . who forever sing the hymn of your eternal glory:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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

C: Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us:
P: There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 be filled with thanks.

Communion Hymn 660: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

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 the living members of the Body of your Son, 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.
Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 492: Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness

Organ: Festal Toccata – Arthur Baynon 1889-1954

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

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