

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – OCTOBER 27, 2024

READINGS: WISDOM OF SOLOMON 3:1-9; PSALM 130; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58; JOHN 11:21-27

OUR READERS: JEANNE POLESKI, AJ HAWKS

THE MUSIC OF THE EUCHARIST: ST. PAUL MASS – LANCE A. MASSEY

Organ: Amazing Grace – Dale Wood 1934-2003

Hymn 680: O God, Our Help In Ages Past, Our Hope For Years To Come

### 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.**

Choir: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

Merciful God of all, 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.**

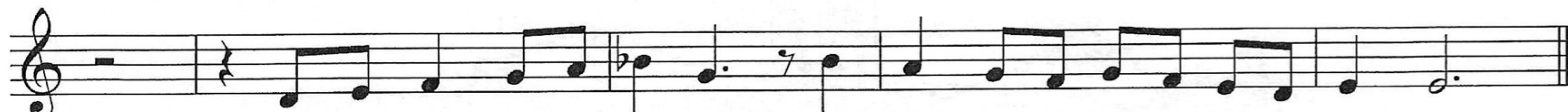
### A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

For 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. The psalmist calls to the merciful Lord and waits upon God for forgiveness and redemption  
The cantor sings the refrain, all repeat, and sing as indicated.*



With the Lord there is mer-cy; with him there is plen-te-ous re-demp-tion.

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. If you Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? R. For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope; R. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 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 Letter to the Corinthians

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 (choir): Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. The righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance; they will not be afraid of any evil rumors, their heart is right. Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from the chains of their sins, that by the help of your grace they be found worthy to escape eternal judgement, and enjoy the bliss of everlasting light. *Repeat, 'Rest eternal grant to to them, O Lord, etc.*

*all stand*

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

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

Jesus' friend, Lazarus, had died. After a delay, Jesus arrived at Bethany, and Lazarus' sister, Martha, said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

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

**Sermon – The Rev. Michael L. Bradley, Rector**



## 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 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 to us, who are still in our earthly pilgrimage, and who continue our journey in faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

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 endless light and eternal peace to all who have died. Remember them according to the favor you bear to all God's people. We recall those from St. Michael's who have died or have been interred in the last year.

*(a pause is made while names are read)* We recall others who have died, and whose names are heard again as we speak them before you.

Gracious God, you alone are the source of all life. May your life-giving Spirit flow through us, so that we may be ministers of your compassion to one another. Give us the calm of your peace, kindle our hope, and in your good time let our grief be tempered by the cherished memories of those who have left us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Choir: He That Raised Up Jesus – Carlton Russell b. 1938

He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his spirit that dwelleth in us. Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoiceth, my flesh shall also rest in hope. Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore. Amen.

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 offer our hearts to join with them in this hymn of their eternal praise:

Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



*The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration 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.

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant them peace.

Music during Communion:

Hymn 671, Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound, That Saved A Wretch Like Me

*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.

Pie Jesu (Requiem) – Gabriel Fauré 1845-1924  
Merciful Jesus, grant them rest everlasting.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Hymn 429, I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath, And When My Voice Is Lost In Death

Organ: Postlude on Old 113<sup>th</sup> – Anna Laura Page b. 1943

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