

# St. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sunday in the Octave of All Saints — November 3, 2024 welcome! The service order outlines our worship - hymns can be found in the blue hymnal.

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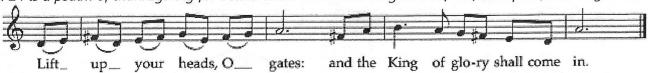
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Psalm 24 is a psalm of thanksgiving for deliverance. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by R.



The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein. For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. R. "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?" "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. R. They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation." Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. R. Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle" R. Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory." R.

#### A Reading from the Revelation of John

In this lesson John the Seer has a vision of the renewal of all creation, and of the new Jerusalem as the city in which God will abide with redeemed humanity. Christ is victorious, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new. It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'



V. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. R. Alleluia (3x)
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.

Mary and Martha's brother, Lazarus, had become critically ill. Jesus heard that he was sick, but delayed coming to be with them. At last he arrived, and when saw him, she knelt at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Jesus came to the tomb and was greatly upset. It was a cave with a stone blocking the entrance. 'Take away the stone.' Martha said 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus replied, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' At those words they took away the stone. Jesus looked toward heaven. 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' Then he shouted, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael L. 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.

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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Immersed in the loving cloud of witnesses we offer our prayers with hope as we respond, "Hear our prayer."

#### 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.

Choir: Give Us The Wings Of Faith – Jessica Nelson b. 1983

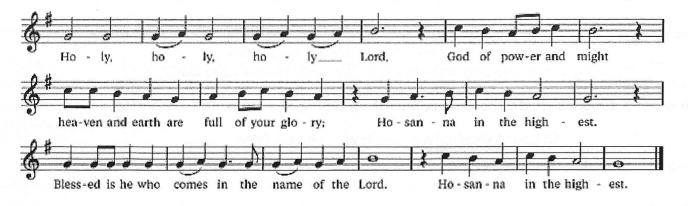
Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be. We ask them whence their victory came; they with united breath ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death. They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their quest; and, following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest. Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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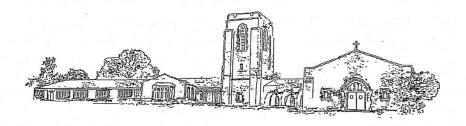
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, . .And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices with them to magnify you as we sing:



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



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