

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Sunday Next Before Advent: The Reign of Christ – November 24, 2024

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

READINGS: DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14; PSALM 93; REVELATION 1:4B-8; JOHN 18:33-37

OUR READERS: KATHIE GROSCHNER, STACEY FISCHER

Organ: The Peace May Be Exchanged (from *Rubrics*)– Dan Locklair, b. 1949

Hymn 435, vs. 1 – 4; At The Name Of Jesus, Every Knee Shall Bow

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia. The kingdom of this world; Has become the Kingdom of our God, and of his Christ. Alleluia.



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King. Grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading From The Book Of Daniel

With striking imagery, this reading presents a scene of judgment in heaven and a vision of one like a son of man coming to rule in an everlasting kingdom.

As I, Daniel, saw in my vision, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalm 93. God reigns, the Lord of all creation. The choir sings. The cantor sings the refrain, all repeat, and sing as indicated at R.



The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved; R. Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. R. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore. R.

A Reading From The Book Of Revelation

In this lesson, the revelation made known to a disciple named John begins with a greeting from the everlasting God. Jesus is praised as the faithful witness whose sacrifice has formed a royal household.

I, John, write to the seven churches of Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

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



V. Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David, our Father;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. R. Alleluia (3x)

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

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

Jesus was arrested by the Jewish leaders on charges of blasphemy. They brought him to Pilate for questioning. He entered his chambers, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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.

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

Marvelous, glorious God, with sincere thanks for the blessings won by Christ our Lord,
we offer to you our deepest prayers as we respond, "Hear our prayer."

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.

For the people of Lebanon, Israel and Gaza. For the people of Russia and Ukraine. For the people of Sudan. For the people of Haiti. And for all countries in the global community for which we pray for peace.

In our Diocese: St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's, Detroit Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Anglican Church of South America.

For those on our prayer list: Tom Casey, Lori Pranior, Ed Haug, Lynn Kerber, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Christopher, Catherine Greening.

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.

Shepherd of Israel, hear our prayers of intercession and our prayers of penitence. As your Son heard the plea of the criminal crucified with him, gather into Christ's holy reign the broken, the sorrowing, and the sinner, that all may know wholeness, joy, and forgiveness. 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. If a blessing is desired, please keep your hands folded.

Choir Anthem: King of Glory, King of Peace

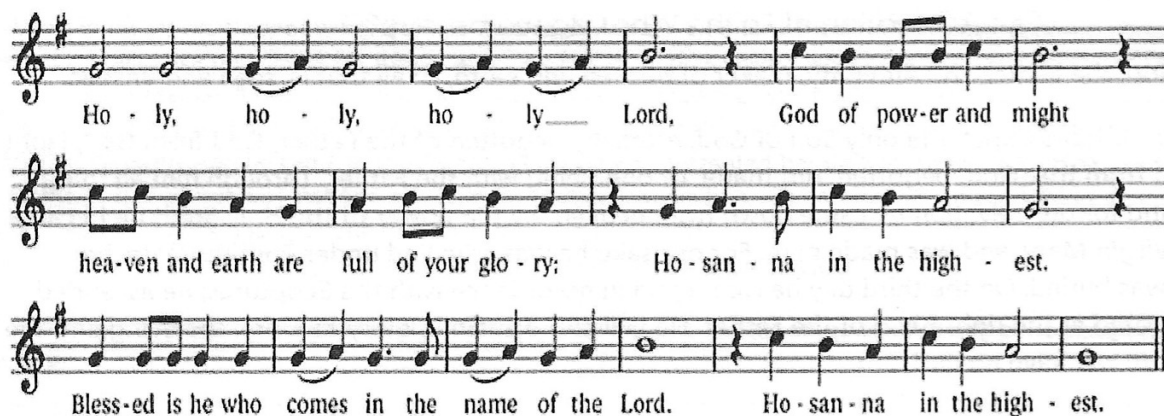
Text (from Hymn #382) George Herbert, 1593-1633; Music, Roland E. Martin, b. 1955

Hymn 494, vs. 1, 2, 5: Crown Him With Many Crowns

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.

Glory and dominion be to you, . . . And so with all the company of heaven, we rejoice to sing your praise:



*The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.
After the breaking of the bread:*



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 483: The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns Is Crowned With Glory Now

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.

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you, now and always. Amen.

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 290: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, Raise The Song Of Harvest Home

Organ: The People Respond AMEN! (from *Rubrics*)— Locklair

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