

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King (Year C)

November 20, 2022 ❖ 9:00 am

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Trio on "We gather together"

John Ferguson

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymnal 598

Lord Christ when first thou cam'st to earth

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1. Lord Christ when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they -
2. O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
3. New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
4. O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
the pow'rs which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
pride, o'er - thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal 433

We gather together

Kremser

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ***
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

³Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴**The LORD of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶**God is in the midst of her;**
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸**The LORD of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁹Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

¹¹”Be still, then, and know that I am God; *

I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹²The LORD of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

Reader A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Colossus.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE

Hymnal 170

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord (vss. 1 and 2)

The Third Tune

1 To mock your reign, O dear - est Lord, they made a crown of thorns;
2 In mock ac - claim, O gra - cious Lord, they snatched a pur - ple cloak,
3 A scep - tered reed, O pa - tient Lord, they thrust in - to your hand,

set you with taunts a - long that road from which no one re - turns.
your pas - sion turned, for all they cared, in - to a sol - dier's joke.
and act - ed out their grim cha - rade to its ap - point - ed end.

They did not know, as we do now, that glo - rious is your crown;
 They did not know, as we do now, that though we mer - it blame
 They did not know, as we do now, though em - pires rise and fall,
 that thorns would flower up - on your brow, your sor - rows heal our own.
 you will your robe of mer - cy throw a - round our na - ked shame.
 your King - dom shall not cease to grow till love em - bra - ces all.

**The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.*

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

Assisting Priest **✝** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Please join in singing the last verse of the hymn as the procession returns.

SERMON

The Rev. Will Crist

A period of meditative silence follows the Reflection.

THE CREED

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

Intercessor God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.
We pray for _____.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them. Be with those affected by violence throughout the world. We pray for

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom. We pray for

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our parish as we seek a new rector.

All **Almighty God, giver of every good gift, grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for Saint Michael and All Angels. Bless us with patience, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our parish family on this journey. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us. Raise up for us, we pray, a rector who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Celebrant Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

All **Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Alabaré a mi Señor (I will praise my Lord)

Mexican folk tune, arr. by Hal Hopson

Alabaré a mi Señor!

John saw the angels, and all the saints of heaven; yes, all were singing "Glory" to the Lord.

Voices resounding, praises abounding, yes, all were singing "Glory" to the Lord!

All were together, thousands upon thousands; yes, all were singing "Glory" to the Lord.

"Power and blessing," their joy confessing, yes, singing to the Lamb upon the throne.

All living creatures, all the earth and heaven, they joined to sing their praises to the Lord.

"Blessing and honor," "Glory and power," be lifted to the Lord forever more.

O praise the name of the Lord!

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 380

From all that dwell below the skies

Old 100th

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated wine and wafers. Wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. In keeping with the pandemic safety guidelines from our bishop, the communicant may drink from the chalice or, in the alternative, the priest will dip the wafer into the wine and place it directly on the communicant's tongue. If you prefer not to have wine, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer.

Congregants worshipping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Aria

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 614

Christ is the King

Christus Rex



1 Christ is the King! O friends up - raise an - thems of
2 O Chris - tian wo - men, Chris - tian men, all the world
3 Let Love's un - con - quer - a - ble might your scat - tered



joy and ho - ly praise for his brave saints of an - cient days,
o - ver, seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
com - pa - nies u - nite in ser - vice to the Lord of light:



who with a faith for ev - er new fol - lowed the King, and
Christ through all a - ges is the same: place the same hope in
so shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new



round him drew thou - sands of ser - vants brave and true.
his great Name, with the same faith his word pro - claim.
tasks be - gun, and the whole Church at last be one.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D major

attr. to J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

We are delighted to welcome you this Sunday morning.

No matter your background, you are welcome to be part of our community as we gather in this sacred space to encounter the Mystery of God through beautiful liturgy and inspiring music. Please be assured that all children, no matter their ages, are invited to join us in worship as a powerful reminder that we are all beloved children of God. Again, welcome!

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

We publicly livestream our Sunday worship via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday> (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Join on Facebook Live: <https://facebook.com/SMAACDM>

Important COVID Safety Reminder

All worshipers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks at indoor gatherings. However, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask as required by the state COVID guidelines. Masks are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you all for your help in keeping our church a safe place for those most vulnerable.

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant: The Rev. Will Crist

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

Organist: Dr. Ray Urwin

Choir: Cecilia Rogers, (Interim Section Leader), Michele Dulson, Susan Zevnik, Mary Bailey (Section Leader), Pat Albers, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart, Vincent Loza (Section Leader), Richard Zevnik, Scott Ziemann (Section Leader)

Sunday School

Godly Play (ages 3-10)

9:00 am in the Yellow Room

This week:

The Circle of the Church Year.

Kristy Kiper is the storyteller.

Skylar Mineshima is the doorkeeper.

Contact: Anne Conover (annabanacaddie@aol.com)

Youth Group (ages 11-14)

Afternoon

Third Sunday of the month, Nov. 20,

Youth Group will Support Worship hour as acolytes, readers, ushers and hospitality.

Contact: Susan Caldwell (scaldwell@stmikescdm.org)

Parish Prayer List

Bob	Bob	Dick	Katherine	Kitty	Lucius	Margaret
Mary Ann	Norris	Ron	Shirley	Tom	William	Joni
Pat	Steve					

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley (kookiepauley@gmail.com or 949-514-7917), or The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart (barbarastewart001@gmail.com).

Altar Flowers

Members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild with donors acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your donation via our website:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/>

Sunday, November 20 – The Rev. Will Crist

The Rev. Will Crist is guest celebrant and homilist at Saint Michael's on Sunday, November 20. Rev. Will has been a priest in Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles since the 1970s. He is a certified implementer of EOS (the Entrepreneurial Operating System®), a toolkit that helps organizations clarify, simplify, and achieve their vision. Will is the author of *Everyone On The Same Page* and hosts the podcasts *Pilgrim On The 405* and *Where There's a Will There's a Way*. He is married to The Rev. Canon Mary Crist and lives in Laguna Beach.

Music Notes by Ray Urwin

Today is the final Sunday of the church year, known as “Christ the King” Sunday. According to An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, it was first celebrated in the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches on this last Sunday before Advent, and celebrates Christ’s “messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation” - kind of a summing up of the Christian story and its ultimate meaning for us. It’s a Sunday of celebration and praise - even including the Gospel lesson describing the Crucifixion. Just before this reading we’ll sing a Sequence hymn from the Holy Week section of our hymnal, which is sad until the final verse puts it in context: “They did not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall, your Kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.” The haunting tune in a seldom used mode (scale) is one of several psalm tunes written by the great Renaissance composer Thomas Tallis (+1585). The tune’s modern revival is thanks to Ralph Vaughan Williams (of “For all the saints” fame), serving as editor of the *English Hymnal* of 1906. He fell in love with the striking tune and went on to use it as the basis for his rich and moving *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* for strings, written in 1910 and first performed in Gloucester Cathedral. Written when he was 37, it was radical for its time but was his first big hit, and is still one of his most popular pieces; its evocative and luminous writing, drenched with memories of a golden past, gradually came to define the idea of ‘Englishness’ in music, and there are many recordings and YouTube videos of it. Its premiere was also a significant epiphany for at least two other composers - one of them, Herbert Howells (today’s Communion piece), would become the greatest Anglican composer of the century, thanks to hearing this music that night: “Howells was thunder-struck by what he heard in the Tallis Fantasia. ‘For a music-bewildered youth of 17’, he later wrote, ‘it was an overwhelming evening, so disturbing and moving that I even asked RVW for his autograph – and got it!’ Howells and Gurney walked the streets of Gloucester into the early hours that night, excitedly debating what the *Tallis Fantasia* might mean for the future [of English music].”

It’s also Thanksgiving week, and today’s Hymn of Praise is “We gather together.” It’s firmly associated in our minds with this holiday but originally had little or nothing to do with it, and our hymnal’s editors put it in the General Hymns section to try to encourage more frequent use of this general text and fine tune. Text and tune were first published in 1626 (thus a possible though tenuous connection to the Pilgrims), and the original Dutch text celebrated the end of Spanish domination in the Netherlands, with references of God’s retribution against a repressive enemy (“the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing...so from the beginning the fight we were winning...let thy congregation escape tribulation...”).

Our Rector Search: The Vestry's Interview Prep

When it comes to the Vestry's candidate interviews, every effort must be made to provide a consistent experience across all candidates so that we're able to compare apples to apples. To that end, the Vestry's candidate interviews will be highly structured. Each Vestry member reviewed interview questions on topics that include Spiritual Gifts, Personal Theology, Building Trust, Managing Stress, Preaching, Setting Expectations, and Leading Through Mission, Vision, and Values.

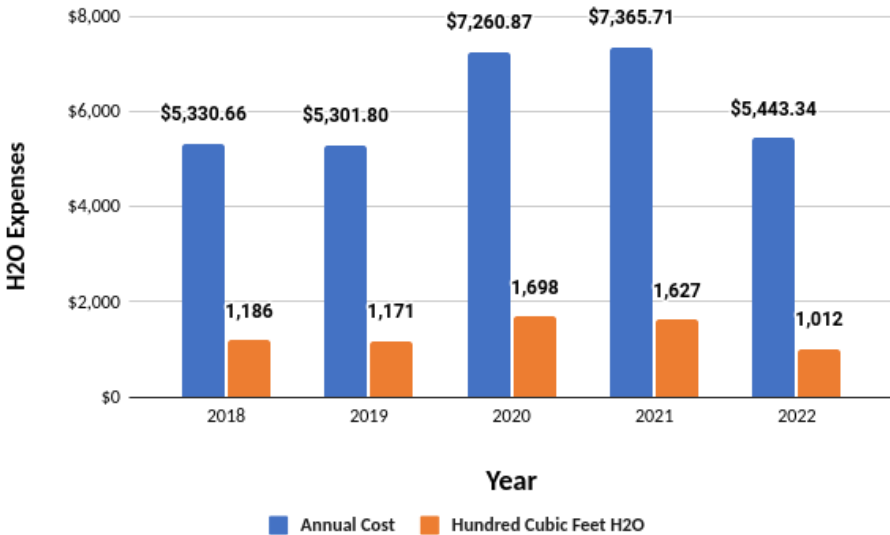
All of the questions are open-ended and behavior-based, predicated on the understanding that past behavior indicates future performance. They prompt a candidate to provide answers that dig deeper to reveal actions and results. Here are some examples:

1. Tell us about a time when a parishioner's obvious spiritual giftedness led you to ask them to lead a significant ministry. What did you do to convince the person to take on this role and what ultimately resulted?
2. Tell us about a time when you knew your preaching style needed some improvement. How did you know, what action did you take to improve it and how did you know you were doing a better job of preaching afterwards?
3. In your experience, what is the most effective way to ensure synergy between parish initiatives and what staff invest their time on? What steps do you take as rector to keep the two aligned?
4. Not everyone agrees with decisions made by leaders. Tell us about an unpopular decision you had to make and how you gained acceptance from the vestry or a committee that was responsible for helping you carry the decision out.

Got questions to recommend? Please reach out to Senior Warden Louise Stover.

Saving Water at St. Mike's

All followers of Jesus share the privilege of caring for God's world. Water conservation is one way we do that. A concerted St. Mike's effort to conserve water is beginning to show results. The focus over 2021 was repair of the fire sprinkler and landscape irrigation systems. The result is a 5-year low in water use on campus. In 2022, we reduced water use by 615 HCF or **460,000 gallons!**



Worship With Us:

Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays at 8:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart celebrates and preaches each Tuesday.

Nov. 22: Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963



Prayer Vigil for Peace

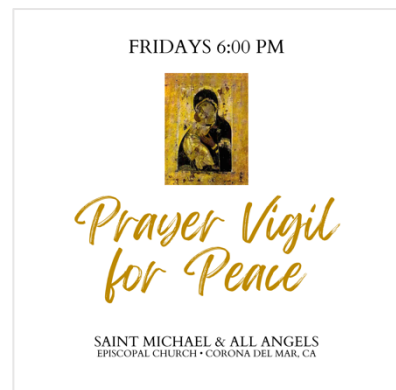
Fridays at 6:00 pm

Join us every Friday at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's sanctuary and on Zoom as we pray for peace in our community and around the world.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>

(Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Worship bulletins: <https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/>



St. Mike's UTO Ingathering on Nov. 6 collected \$1,172.01!

UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day and give thanks to God for those blessings by dropping an offering for each blessing into a UTO Blue Box. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar offered in thanks through UTO is given to God's mission in the world. Every year, United Thank Offering (UTO) awards grants exceeding an impressive \$1M thanks to similar ingatherings at Episcopal parishes across the United States.

"Every year I find it amazing how far this money is stretched and how far-reaching our offerings are felt," notes UTO organizer Lynn Headley. "UTO thanks you for your gracious past and present involvement in this worthwhile organization."

Join us for Advent Wreath Making on Sunday, Nov. 27

NEXT SUNDAY! Prepare for the Coming of Christ at Christmas! LOVE JOY HOPE. Advent Wreath making on the patio directly after Worship.

Please join us for this creative endeavor! Candles, greens and chargers are free.

Photo Gallery

St. Mike's at Diocesan convention and Concert:



*St. Mike's representation at Diocesan Convention.
L to R: Brooke Pauley, chancellor Richard Zevnik,
Barbara (made an honorary Canon!) and Beth
Bianchi.*

A few of the children's chorus concert performers

St. Mike's Mission Bag Packing on Nov. 6

On November 6, our Youth Group assembled and decorated bags with food and water for our homeless neighbors, later dropped off at Share Our Selves in Costa Mesa. Thank you so much to our youth for being Christ's hands and feet in the world, and to Susan Caldwell for organizing!



At a Glance:

Advent and Christmas

**First Sunday of Advent
+ Wreath Making**
Sunday, November 27 at 9:00 am

**Giving Sunday
Betsy Densmore, guest homilist
Giving Sunday Stewardship Celebration**
Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am

Corona del Mar Christmas Walk
Sunday, December 4 at 12:00 noon

Gingerbread Lane
Sunday, December 11
(after 9:00 am worship)

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service
Saturday, December 24
Holy Eucharist at 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
Saturday, December 24
Gift of Music at 7:30 pm
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 pm

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 am

**Prayer Vigil for Peace
+ Epiphany Celebration**
Friday, January 6 at 6:00 pm

This Week at St. Mike's

Sunday, November 20
Alternative Gift Fair
The Rev. Will Crist
guest celebrant/homilist
8:00 am Bible Challenge
9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 21
10:30 am Inklings

Tuesday, November 22
8:30 am Holy Eucharist
7:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

Thursday, November 24
9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Worship

Friday, November 25
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Advent Wreaths

*Details on this week's events can be found elsewhere
in this bulletin.*

*For more information, contact the church office by
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Tuesday: 8 am to 3 pm
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Jim Palda, Junior Warden

Keith Lumpkin, Stewardship

Kim Montgomery, Christian Education

Louise Stover, Senior Warden

Mary Bailey, Mission

Stacie Tibbetts, Treasurer

Steve Morris, Ombudsman

Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

All are welcome to join one or more of the groups listed below. For more information, visit our website:
<https://www.stmikescdm.org>

St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

10:30 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

No Sunday Conversation for the next four weeks.

On Dec. 18 we will show the Menotti opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/sundaysat10>

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

View our updated schedule:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/blog/sunday-conversations-1030-am/>

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Currently studying *The Church Cracked Open* by Stephanie Spellers.

On Nov. 22, Chapter 6: *Lose your Life, Kenosis*.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes>

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: **Beth Bianchi**

Bible Challenge

Third Sundays at 8:00 am in the Conference Room and on Zoom

The Bible Challenge Group has switched to a new book for Advent Season. *O Wisdom* is a Forward Movement Publication. We will begin this book on Sunday, November 20 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room and on Zoom.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/thirdsundaybiblechallenge>

Meeting ID: 958 1933 0475 / Passcode: 018474

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

Inklings Book Group

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library and on Zoom

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/inklingsbookgroup>

Meeting ID: 938 4250 5095 / Passcode: 573156

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fridays at 10:00 am

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray!

Contact: **Barbara Stewart+** at (949) 378-9780

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am

Nov. 24, no Men's Fellowship.

Dedicated to studying the Bible and the works of Christian theologians. Open to all adult men of the parish.

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Visit our church calendar for more:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/events>