

Saint Michael and All Angels

Episcopal Church in Corona del Mar, CA

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023 ❖ 9:30 am

A very warm welcome! We are delighted to have you join us. This bulletin has been designed to help you worship with us. Please note that wherever it says “stand, sit, kneel” (Episcopalian Calisthenics!), such are only suggestions. We Stand to Praise; Sit to Listen; and Kneel to Ask. You are welcome to do whatever you are able or find most comfortable.

We hope you will not find our silence before the liturgy to be a lack of hospitality. We merely have a custom of keeping the silence before the liturgy as a time of preparation and talking to God. We will be very enthusiastic to talk with you and each other after the service. There’s an old adage which says, “Before liturgy, talk to God. During liturgy, let God talk to you. After liturgy, talk to each other.”

Please remember St Michael’s in your prayers and we hope you will return to worship with us again!



THE MUSIC PRELUDE

Organ

Lukas Hasler

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader Almighty God, foretold by the voice crying out in the wilderness, we give you thanks for the coming of your Son among us. As we await his arrival, grant that we may share in the hope he promises and find kindled in our hearts the fire of his love.

People May these candles be to us a sign of the light that shines in the darkness. Give us open hearts and minds, filled with your light, as we prepare to welcome you.

THE INTROIT HYMN *(Please stand and join in singing.)*

New English Hymnal #501

Advent Prose

Rorate Caeli

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Introit Hymn 'Rorate Caeli'. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor (1st time)' and the second staff is labeled 'All'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'Drop down, ye hea - vens, from a - bove,*' and the second staff has the lyrics 'and let the skies pour down right - eous - ness,'.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. [Refrain]

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry; I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions; Fear not, for I will save thee; For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. [Refrain]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant + Blessed are you, holy and living One.

All You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *(from The Anglican Church of Kenya)*

All Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadow of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light, and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Hymnal S-96

Lord, have mercy upon us

Schubert, Proulx

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹“Comfort, O comfort my people,”
says your God.

²“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins.”

³A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (*Please stand and join in singing.*)



¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.

Will you not give us life again,
That your people may rejoice in you?

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near
to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a (*Please be seated.*)

Steve Morris

Reader A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE

Hymnal 56

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Soloist will sing the first verse of the Sequence followed by all singing the refrain.

Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

Assistant Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Assistant Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please join in singing the refrain of the Sequence as the procession returns.

Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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 INTERCESSIONS *(Kneel as able or be seated.)*

Richard Zevnik

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially _____, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially _____ let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of St. Michael and all angels, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Intercessor For what else shall we pray?
Congregation is invited to say intentions aloud or in silence.

Celebrant Let us all pray together,

All **Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant The Baptizer's voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord," he who will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclose the purposes of the heart. As Salvation dawns upon us, let us confess our mistakes in penitence and faith.

Silence

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 *(Please stand.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Comfort, Comfort

John Ferguson



St. Michael's website



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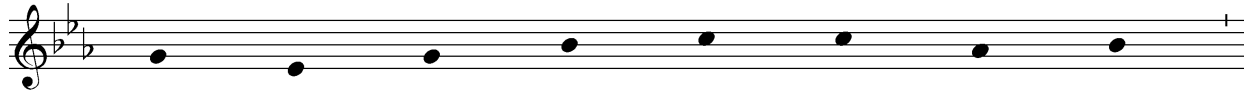
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THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymnal 60

Creator of the stars of night (vs. 4 only)

Conditor alme siderum



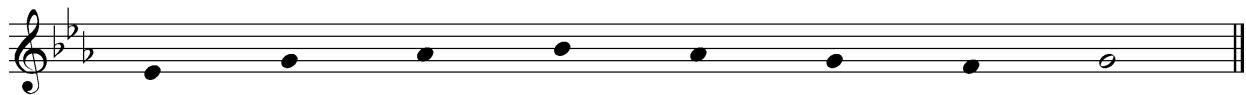
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Scottish Liturgy 1982 Revised 2022)

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Schubert, Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Hymn continues on next page.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

All **We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. *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 FRACTION

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are One Body, because we all share in one bread.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert, Proulx



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 chalice bearer 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.

Gluten-free wafers are available: just ask the priest when you come forward.

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

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

Improvisation

Lukas Hasler

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please kneel or sit as able.)*

Priest Let us pray.

All Almighty and 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 living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

THE BENEDICTION *(Please stand.)*

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of Almighty God, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



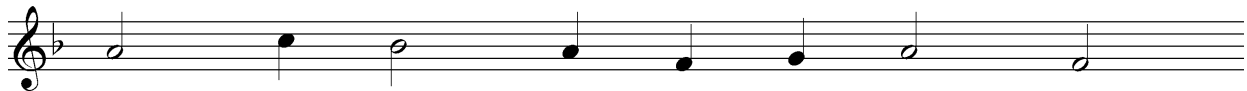
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE DISMISSAL

Assistant Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Organ

Lukas Hasler

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant	The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD
Assistant Priest	The Rev'd Barbara Stewart, PhD
Director of Music	Lukas Hasler
Chalice Bearer	Jackie Dodd, Steve Morris
Acolyte	Coleman Hobson
Altar Guild	Sue Ahearn
Ushers	Mark Peterson, Norm Bianchi
We Serve Coffee Team	Peggy Strong, Clyde Dodge, Michael Strong

Godly Play (ages 3-11)

9:30 am in the Yellow Room

Kristy Kiper is the storyteller for Advent 2 with Julie Sheffield assisting.

Youth Group (ages 11-14)

9:30 am in the Conference Room

The Youth Group will be meeting on Monday, December 11th at 4:30pm at the Henry's house in Huntington Beach. Please come join the holiday fun for a Duffy ride in the Marina. Dinner will be served.

Contact: Susan Caldwell (scaldwell@stmikescdm.org)

Parish Prayer List

Barbara	Peggy	Burton	Edie	Rebecca
Joni	Kitty	Jeanne	Parry	Julie
Ron	Marilyn	Sue	Tom	Jason

For the repose of the soul:

Peter Bob

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

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley or The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen.

Worship with us:

Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist: Tuesdays at 8:30 am (in person only)

Featured saints for Dec. 12: Francis de Sales, Bishop, and Jane de Chantal, Vowed Religious, 1622 and 1641.

Lectionary Study with Fr. Shane: Tuesdays at 10:00 am (in person and Zoom)

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023> Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!

Prayer Vigil for Peace: Fridays at 6:00 pm (in person and Zoom)

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023> Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!

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

A Time of Prayer: First Wednesday of the Month at 2:00 pm (Zoom only)

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023> (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!)

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

Announcements:

Liturgy Commission Meeting next Sunday

This is your friendly reminder that Liturgy Commission will meet Sunday, December 17, at 10:30am.

Prayer, Then Care Hospitality Ministry

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:13, NIV)

For those on our prayer list, we have begun organizing a team of folks who would like to help with following up with calls, cards, and visits. To learn more or to sign up, please contact:

- Fr. Shane at fr.shane@stmikescdm.org or (845) 240-4516
- Beth Bianchi at bethebianchi@gmail.com or (949) 636-3418

Join “We Serve” —an Easy Avenue to Fellowship!

The “We Serve” rotating schedule to host the after-service snacks has launched with a variety of delicious nibbles. More hosts are needed to partner for upcoming Sundays to fill out our schedule. You may either donate \$25 for donuts or bring your own yummys. Sign up with Gail Haghjoo or online at <https://bit.ly/weservesignup>.

Proportional Giving: The Gift of Abundance

Proportional giving is a way of deciding how much to give. It is not a specific dollar amount. Instead, it is a specific percentage based on what we have received; our gifts from God.

The Biblical standard, and the standard of the Episcopal Church, is the tithe, or 10%. Whether you give 10% or 3%, we encourage you to calculate your pledge as a percentage, or proportion of your income. This is a way of giving the “first fruits” to God. It puts all our spending into the context of our faith. When we give proportionally, the amount becomes a means of reinforcing our trust in God’s providence and care.

What we do with our money has a profound effect on our spiritual life. Proportional giving puts our faith in God first. Proportional giving shifts our thinking from scarcity to abundance. We give back to God out of the abundance of what God has given us. This simple act can shift our entire relationship with money from one of fear to one of hope. Jesus said, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

Here is an exercise to consider as you make your pledge for 2019:

- Look at your pledge from 2023 (or the amount you gave).
- Calculate your proportional giving rate by dividing what you gave by your income.
- Consider increasing your pledge by 1% of your income, moving you closer to the tithe (10%).

FYI: The average pledge in the Episcopal Church is around 3% when considered as a proportion of the average income. If you are giving less than 3%, please consider coming up to that national average. Whatever you give, thank you for your trust as we do God’s work together. No pledge is too small!

PROPORTIONAL GIVING CHART

Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,250	\$2,000	\$1,750	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$250
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$500
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$6,750	\$6,000	\$5,250	\$4,500	\$3,750	\$3,000	\$2,250	\$1,500	\$750
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
\$125,000	\$12,500	\$11,250	\$10,000	\$8,750	\$7,500	\$6,250	\$5,000	\$3,750	\$2,500	\$1,250
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$13,500	\$12,000	\$10,500	\$9,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$3,000	\$1,500
\$200,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$14,000	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$22,500	\$20,000	\$17,500	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$2,500
\$300,000	\$30,000	\$27,000	\$24,000	\$21,000	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$3,000
\$350,000	\$35,000	\$31,500	\$28,000	\$24,500	\$21,000	\$17,500	\$14,000	\$10,500	\$7,000	\$3,500
\$400,000	\$40,000	\$36,000	\$32,000	\$28,000	\$24,000	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$4,000
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
\$600,000	\$60,000	\$54,000	\$48,000	\$42,000	\$36,000	\$30,000	\$24,000	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$6,000

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

You are invited to sponsor this year’s Christmas poinsettias for the sanctuary. Please make your donation by the third Sunday of Advent, December 17, to make sure your name is included in the program. Sign-up to sponsor poinsettias via the worship link on our website <https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/> or by using one of the envelopes in the back of the church. Questions? Contact: Melinda Rader at 949-230-3644.

St. Mike's Adopts a Family for the Holidays

Experience the joy of giving by helping families in need. Many of our MOMS hard-working families wonder what basic needs they can pay for each and every day. During the holidays is a particularly stressful time for them, and a perfect one for you to give the gift of peace of mind.

About our adopted family: A family of 5 of a father, mother, a four-month-old daughter, three-year-old daughter, and a 16-year-old son. They are currently struggling financially because the father is the sole provider of the family. The mother had to stop working prior to her delivery date due to experiencing high-risk pregnancy complications as well as struggling with her mental health. The family is a vulnerable family who do not own a car and are unable to purchase items such as shoes, clothes and toiletries. They are having a very hard time even to find enough food to eat. The family is grateful to be participating in MOMS Orange County due to the support they receive from their Home Visitor.

Deadline: Please bring gift cards to the church office by Sunday, December 10.

To donate online: visit <https://www.stmikescdm.org/give/>, select Mission Outreach, and add "Adopt a Family" in the Comments.

Wishlist:

Mom, 27 Years, Female

- Northgate Gift Card for Groceries
- Walmart Gift Card for Home Basic Needs
- Burlington Gift Card for Clothes/Shoes

Note: Client's blender not working and wishes to buy one for the family.

Dad, 43 Years, Male

- Burlington Gift Card for Clothes/Shoes
- Walmart Gift Card for Basic Needs
- Bus Pass for Transportation

Son, 16 Years, Male

- Walmart Gift Card for Basic Needs
- Burlington Gift Card for Clothes/Shoes

Daughter, 3 Years, Female

- Walmart Gift Card for Basic Needs
- Burlington Gift Card for Clothes/Shoes

Note: Loves Mickey/ Minnie Mouse :)

Daughter, 4 Months, Female

- Walmart Gift Card for Basic Needs
- Burlington Gift Card for Clothes/Shoes

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This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, December 10

9:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Adult Christian Education
Commission Meeting

Monday, December 11

5:30 pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Lectionary Study
7:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

Wednesday, December 13

5:30 pm Vestry meeting

Thursday, December 14

8:30 am Men's Fellowship
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 15

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace

Saturday, December 16

2:00 pm Peter Haynes Funeral

Sunday, December 17

8:30 am Bible Challenge
9:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Liturgy Commission Meeting
11:00 am Sunday Conversations
4:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

For more info, contact the church office at 949-644-0463 or church@stmikescdm.org.

Weekly Finance Update

As of Sunday, Dec. 3

Weekly Pledge Income	\$3,572
Weekly Other Income	\$285
Weekly Budgeted Exp	\$12,147
Net Income	(\$8,290)

Attendance

	Sunday Worship	Children and Youth
Nov. 5	104	17
Nov. 12	82	6
Nov. 19	75	8
Nov. 26	76	7

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, 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. Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your dedication via our website at <https://bit.ly/SMAAFLOWERS>.

Sunday Worship Livestream

Join on Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023>

Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

Passcode: cdm080100!

Join on Facebook Live:

<https://facebook.com/SMAACDM>

Donate Online

Visit <https://www.stmikescdm.org/give/> or use your mobile device to give via PayPal:



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Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tuesday 7:30 am to Noon
Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday 7:30 am to Noon
Friday Closed

Parish Directory:

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Julie Sheffield, Junior Warden
Keith Lumpkin, Stewardship
Kim Montgomery, Christian Education
Louise Stover, Senior Warden
Stacie Tibbetts, Treasurer
Steve Morris, Ombudsman

Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

Visit our website for more information on St. Mike's
Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups.

St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

11:00 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

Dec. 10: No session (Christian Education meeting)

Dec. 17: Prof. Jean-Pierre Isbouts' *History and Archaeology of the Bible* – part 16: Judea in the Early Roman Empire.

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

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

Contact: Kim Montgomery

Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Studying *Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith* by Henri Nouwen.

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

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: Beth Bianchi

Bible Challenge

Third Sundays at 8:30 am in the Conference Room

Dec. 17: Studying *I Witness* by The Reverend Kate Moorehead Carroll.

Contact: Susan Caldwell

Inklings! Book Group

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library

Dec. 18: studying *The Lion, the Witch and Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

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 in the Davis Library

Studying *How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill.

Contact: Kim Montgomery