

Saint Michael and All Angels

Episcopal Church in Corona del Mar, CA

Gaudete Sunday

Also known as Rose Sunday, Advent III, and “Stir Up” Sunday

December 17, 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

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader Lord God, you inspired your messengers the prophets to speak your word of hope and to prepare for the coming of your Son. As we prepare for his coming, help us to share with those around us the good news of your love.

May we be obedient to your call, ready and watchful to receive your Son, a lamp to our feet and a light on our path.

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.'

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]

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. [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:

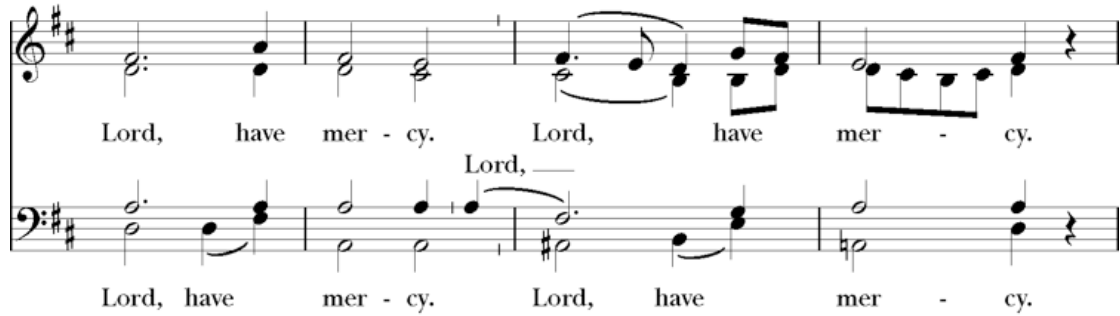
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Hymnal S-96

Lord, have mercy upon us

Schubert, Proulx



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

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



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

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



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

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

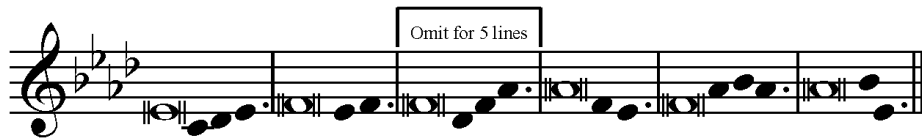
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.
²Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
³Then they said among the nations,
 “The LORD has done great things for them.”

⁴The LORD has done great things for us,
 and we are glad indeed.
⁵Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
⁶Those who sowed with tears
 will reap with songs of joy.

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (*Please be seated.*)

Judy Brady

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²²Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said,

“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’”

as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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 SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

The Rev'd Barbara Stewart, PhD

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.)*

Elizabeth Henry

Celebrant Holy God, you have spoken through your prophets and called us to make straight the way of the Lord: Visit us with your grace to cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations, as we pray: God has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Intercessor O God of peace, you have called your people to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances: Sanctify your Church and her members that our spirit and soul and body may be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has done great things for us,

People **and we are glad indeed.**

Intercessor God of Justice and Mercy, you love justice and hate wrongdoing: Guide our leaders and all in authority, that they may bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, repair the ruined cities and cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

God has done great things for us,

People **and we are glad indeed.**

Intercessor God of Compassion, look upon the needs of the world: Proclaim the year of your favor, and clothe your children with the garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness.

God has done great things for us,

People **and we are glad indeed.**

Intercessor God of Grace, be among us in this community that we may be a people whom you have sanctified to testify to the light and to become oaks of righteousness.

God has done great things for us,

People **and we are glad indeed.**

Intercessor Receive our prayers for those for whom we pray in intercession, especially

_____.

Comfort all who mourn, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit, as we remember before you those who have died, especially _____.

God has done great things for us,

People **and we are glad indeed.**

Intercessor For what else shall we pray?

Congregation is invited to say intentions aloud or in silence.

Celebrant Loving God, your Advent people look expectantly for the coming of Christ: As the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, nurture our prayers and the thoughts of our hearts, that we may receive with joy the goodness of your strength and live in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

"Be Joyful, O Daughter of Sion" by Everett Titcomb



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THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymnal 60

Creator of the stars of night (vs. 5 only)

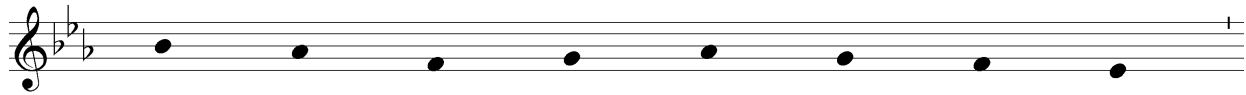
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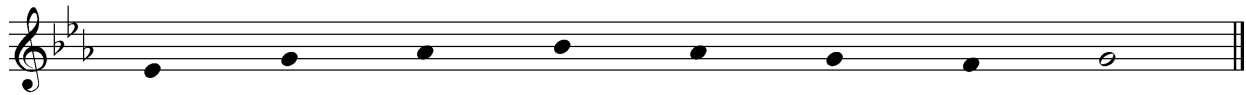
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



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 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.

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,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

Hymn continues on next page.

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.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5 and F#5, then a half note G5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note G5, followed by quarter notes A5 and B5, then a half note C6. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note D6, followed by quarter notes E6 and F#6, then a half note G6. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line.

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 worshipping 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 ANTHEM

"Magnificat" by C.H.H. Parry

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 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

THE DISMISSAL

Assistant Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Team

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev'd Barbara Stewart, PhD
Assistant Priest	The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD
Organist	The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD
Chalice Bearer	Ann Morris, Elizabeth Henry
Acolyte	Colette Spence
Altar Guild	Cathy Dunlap
Ushers	Jim Headley, Laird Blue
We Serve Coffee Team	Joni Malcom, Jane Woodson

Godly Play (ages 3-11)

9:30 am in the Yellow Room

Advent 3 and 4: Kristy Kiper is storyteller with Jan Cannan.

Youth Group (ages 11-14)

9:30 am in the Conference Room

Third Sunday: the Youth Group members are invited to serve in worship as acolytes, readers, and ushers.

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 saint for Dec. 19: Dorothy L Sayers, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1957.

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:

TODAY: Liturgy Commission Meeting

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

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.

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>.

2024 Pledge Campaign Update

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am your Stewardship Vestry member with an update on the 2024 pledge campaign and next year's budget.

Last year, 2023, we had 61 Pledge Units who pledged \$280,000.

Currently, for the 2024 Pledge Campaign, 47 of the 61 have responded with \$237,600 of Pledges, an average increase of 16.7%. We are encouraged to have 7 new pledge units of \$51,900. We still have 11 non responding pledges from last year(not counting moves and passings), who pledged \$45,706 last year. We should reach our goal of \$300,000.

Our Current Goal for 2024

Renewed Pledges	\$237,600
New Pledges	\$51,900
Pledges to Date	\$289,500
Goal	\$300,000

Despite the increase in pledges, the Finance Committee is still projecting an operating loss of approximately \$137,000 in the 2024 Budget. The loss of \$80,000 in revenue from Harbor Day School will hurt our finances. The Vestry's goal is to achieve a balanced budget. During the past several years, realizing that this deficit was likely to occur, the Vestry wisely set aside reserves from when St. Michael's was operating at a profit. Those reserves are expected to be exhausted towards the end of 2024. The Vestry is actively examining possible new revenue sources in the future, including residential housing on the property.

Thanks to you all for your generosity in helping St. Michaels's provide the services and programs for the parishioners and the community. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Stewardship commissioner.

So for all who haven't pledged yet for 2024, please remember every pledge is important. Please submit your pledges. No pledge is too small...or too big.

Blessings to all,
Keith R Lumpkin, Stewardship

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'Tis the season—the end of the calendar/tax year!

Did you know that you can “avoid” paying taxes on your annual IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) with a qualified charitable deduction (QCD)?

If you are 70½ or older, and required to take an annual distribution from your IRA, you can use those funds to make a gift to St. Michael's (or any other qualified charity) to satisfy that obligation, and not pay income tax on the transfer. You can give any amount up to \$100,000, but it must come directly from your IRA to St. Michael's. We must receive the gift check by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify for this year's RMD.

This is a great option for anyone who does not itemize charitable deductions and/or anyone who does not want to incur that additional RMD income. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can actually reduce your annual income level, which in turn may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax. Be sure to consult with your financial, tax and/or legal advisors before taking any action to ensure you're making the right decision for you.

This Week at St. Michael's

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

Monday, December 18

- 10:30 am Inklings!

Tuesday, December 19

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

Thursday, December 21

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

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

- 9:00 am Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Sunday Conversations
- 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

Weekly Finance Update

As of Sunday, Dec. 10

Weekly Pledge Income	\$4,477
Weekly Other Income	\$9,557
Weekly Budgeted Exp	\$12,147
Net Income	\$1,887

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. 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