



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

September 26, 2021

Please center yourself in reverent silence and allow the offering of music to prepare you for worship. Fellowship after the service is welcomed and encouraged.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Hymn 559

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us;
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering,
to thy passion thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God,
descending,
fill our hearts with
heavenly joy;
love with every passion
blending
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.



THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant
People*

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

BCP 355

THE 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.***

Glory to God

Gloria in Excelsis

***Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
 THE COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

BCP 234

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS
 ABOUT TODAY'S READINGS

Today's readings illustrate how God can choose unexpected people to do God's work. Esther is an unlikely savior for the Jewish people threatened with extinction by the Persians. James suggests practical guidelines for those who wish to do God's work. Today's gospel reading relates how Jesus, like Moses, endorses the work of those who, though not part of his "in-group," still bring healing in God's name.

THE FIRST LESSON

A READING FROM ESTHER

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 124

Recited responsively by whole verse

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

**2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

**6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

THE SECOND LESSON
A READING FROM JAMES

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 609

Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of thy tears.

3 The cup of water given for thee
still holds the freshness of thy grace;

yet long these multitudes to see
the true compassion of thy face.

4 O Master, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

5 till all the world shall learn thy love,
and follow where thy feet have trod;
till glorious from thy heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

THE SERMON

Father Paul

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*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 FORM III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the rebuilding of St. Michael's: that God may abundantly bless our church, that we may bless others.

We pray for all medical personnel as they deal with the resurgence of Covid and its effects upon the healthcare system.

We pray for protection during this current hurricane season.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: Cammie Shaddock, Marilyn Lowe, Monet Brashear, John Daigle, Remola Barton, David Crowe, William, Wendy Pelloquin, Mark Reddin, the Knowels family, Tracy Barbe, and Butch Babineaux.

For our military, especially: Amanda Ake, Trevor Alexander, Ryan Ayres, David Doyle, Emmanuel Ebhoomhan, Edie Abigail Moon, Glenn Richard and Keegan Schuller.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All Canterbury ministries and Chaplains, especially McNeese State University, The Rev. Paul White.

In the Congregation's cycle of prayer, we pray for Mike, Paula and Faith Elise McLean.

We give thanks to those parishioners celebrating their birthday this week: Annette Sole, Beau Barbe, Kay Vanchiere, Sherry Windham, Matthew George, Don Green, Mark Kraus, Pete Steinman, Ashley Lovejoy, Deborah Ledet, Ken Wimberly and Barbara Milford.

THE COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS

BCP 395

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

***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.***

The Priest, stands and says

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

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to all in-person and online visitors! Please email: mail@stmichaelslc.com to be added to our weekly email list and to learn more about St. Michael's.
- Masks are required and physical distance maintained for all in-door gatherings.
- Please "check-in" on Facebook and share the service. Past homilies are recorded on St. Michael's YouTube channel.
- Men's group meets Wednesdays at 8:00 am at The Canterbury House.
- The Eucharist is now available in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the wine by intinction (dipping) only. To intinct, please take your host to the chalice bearer where you will intinct (dip) your host yourself into the chalice being very careful not to allow your fingers to touch the wine or chalice. Intinction is optional. If you wish to only receive communion in one kind (host/bread), this is perfectly acceptable. If your young child wishes to receive in both kinds, please intinct for your child. Please use the hand sanitizer prior to receiving the Holy Eucharist. If you would like to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference. Please pass the peace from a distance.
- We will continue with one 9:30 am service in September.
- St. Michael's is on a mission to wipe out our area's medical debt. More information in the weekly email!
- ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday we have two arrangements, each arrangement is a suggested donation of \$50, up to two families may sign-up per Sunday. Please email or call the office to schedule. The following dates are available: October 17 (1), November 7(1), 14, 21(1), December 5, 12, 19
- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Requested donations for September in OCC box: Toothbrushes (some small) and Floss; Scissors, Erasers, Sharpeners; Caps, Shirts, Shoes; Cars, Trucks; Dolls, Stuffed Animals; Marbles; Combs; Solar Calculators. See Sept. Herald/OCC article for more Info.
- NURSERY WORKERS: We are currently looking for nursery workers; either volunteers or paid nursery workers for our Sunday morning service(s). If you are interested or know someone who would be great for the job please call the church office 337-477-1881.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him 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.

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:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

BCP 364

Celebrant
People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant
People

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia
Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

In Remembrance of Me

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink and
remember, too, that this is My body and
precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me, open the door
and let your brother in, let him in.

In remembrance of Me, search for truth.
In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above, but
In your heart, look in your heart for God.
Do this in remembrance of Me.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***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.***

THE BLESSING

May almighty God make you faithful to His calling, cheerful in His service, and fruitful for His kingdom, and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn 347

Go Forth For God, Go To The World In Peace

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant
People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

The Very Rev. D. Seth Donald, Celebrant

The Rev. Paul White, Preacher

Martha Briley and Jeff Schweitzer, Lay Eucharistic Ministers

A or H Williams, Lector

Susan Arrington, Pianist

Heather Ritchie, Violinist

Lisa Sober, Soloist

David Ritchie, Videographer

Cindy Crowe, Marian Williams, Leda Lofaso and Kathy Tell, Altar Guild

ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In Celebration of Larry and Reagan's Birthday by Larry and Royia Bell

In Memory of Paul's mother Dona Braud White by Paul and Marianne White

*Expenses necessary for hurricane repair and reconstruction make your offering even more critical:
<https://www.stmichaelslc.com/donate.html> The church relies on your generosity.*